City of Newburyport Planning Board September 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Alden Clark, Bob Koup, Jamie Pennington, Beth Delisle (remote), and Rick Taintor. Planning Director Andy Port was also present.

Absent: Heather Rogers, Charlie Palmisano, Brian Balcom, and Jennifer Bluestein (not sworn in yet)

2. Public Hearings

a) Kim Turner, City of Newburyport 388 High Street a/k/a 447 Merrimac Street/Lower Atkinson Common

Application completeness vote Request for waivers Site Plan Review (SPR-23-2) (continued from 9/6/2023)

The applicant requested a continuance to 11/15/2023. Alden Clark made a motion to continue the hearing to 11/15/2023 and Bob Koup seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion was approved.

3. General Business

a) CPC Representative

Discussion continued to the October 4, 2023 meeting.

b) Approval of minutes

Alden Clark motioned to approve the minutes of 8/16/2023. Bob Koup seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Beth DeLisle abstained from voting on the minutes of 9/6/2023. Alden Clark made a motion to approve the 9/6/2023 minutes and Bob Koup seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

• Other updates from the Chair or Planning Director

Andy Port updated the Board on the \$50,000 Planning Assistance Grant that the City has just received that will allow us to conduct a study for rezoning the Storey Avenue area.

The Board discussed zoning for MBTA Communities. A workshop discussion was scheduled for the 10/4 agenda.

Mr. Port reported that the City Council will meet on 9/21 to discuss the Short-Term Rental Units draft ordinance.

The Board briefly discussed the Boston Globe article about parking on the waterfront.

Mr. Port reported that the Bartlet Mall project didn't receive any bids for construction and will need to be re-bid.

4. Adjournment

Alden Clark made a motion to adjourn. Bob Koup seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted – Dianne Boisvert