Newburyport Historical Commission

March 10, 2022 Online Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Glenn Richards called an online meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Joe Morgan, Glenn Richards, Peter McNamee and Christopher Fay. Marc Cendron and Malcolm Carnwath were absent. Also in attendance were Planner Katelyn Sullivan and note taker Gretchen Joy.

3. Demolition Delay Public Hearings

9 Barton Street

The applicant requested a continuance. Christopher Fay moved to continue the public hearing to the March 24 meeting. Peter McNamee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Peter McNamee, yes; Christopher Fay, yes).

4. DOD/DCOD Advisory Review

24 Center Street

Joe Morgan moved to approve the draft Advisory Report for 24 Center Street. Peter McNamee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Peter McNamee, yes; Christopher Fay, yes).

East Row Condos

Joe Morgan said the parapets are very prominent and are an iconic element in Market Square. He said close attention should be paid in the field to ensure the parapets are consist with those immediately adjacent to them. He is not convinced that the proposed aluminum would be the appropriate match. Peter McNamee agreed that the proposed materials should be viewed from the ground in order for it to be determined that they would match those of the adjacent parapets.

Joe Morgan moved to approve the draft Advisory Report for the East Row Condos with the amendment that the report shall include the recommendation that the Planning Board should review the materials and color selection for the brick veneer and coping in situ. Peter McNamee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Peter McNamee, yes; Christopher Fay, yes).

5. General Business

30 Winter Street - Request for Minor Modification

Eric Primack described the proposed modification to the demolition plans that were approved at the October 14, 2021, meeting. The sizes and configurations of some windows would be changed. The height of the first-floor windows on the left side of the structure would be reduced from 54" to 46" to accommodate the kitchen counter. The windows in the bathroom on the second story at the rear of the structure would be

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changed from nine-over-six to six-over-six. Three windows on the second story of the rear façade would be changed from six-over-six to nine-over-six to allow for egress from the bedroom. The modification would result in 7.5 square feet of increased demolition. Mr. Primack also said the plans of the front façade incorrectly showed crown molding above the second floor windows. He said photographs show that there was no room for the molding and the windows ran into the fascia.

Christopher Fay moved to approve the Minor Modification for 30 Winter Street. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Peter McNamee, yes; Christopher Fay, yes).

6. Minutes

Christopher Fay moved to approve the minutes of the February 24 meeting. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Peter McNamee, yes; Christopher Fay, yes).

7. Adjournment

Peter McNamee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Peter McNamee, yes; Christopher Fay, yes).