

Newburyport Historical Commission

June 23, 2022

Online Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Glenn Richards called an online meeting of the Newburyport Historical Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. General Business

a) 344 Merrimac Street

Preservation Restriction Review

Clause 29 of the preservation restriction for 342 Merrimac Street was not included in the preservation restriction for 344 Merrimac Street. MHC has indicated that similar language for the 344 Merrimac Street preservation restriction is acceptable and it has now been inserted into the document. The clause states that the preservation restriction would not be subordinate to any other liens. The existing loans are to be extinguished and the preservation restriction will be signed before new mortgage documents are issued.

Joe Morgan moved to accept the current preservation restriction for 344 Merrimac Street as amended. Andrew Bernhardt seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Andrew Bernhardt, yes; Marc Cendron, yes).

b) 30 Carter Street

The Commission imposed the Demolition Delay at the May 26 meeting. The applicant subsequently revised the plan for the dormer proposed for the south side of the structure. Both dormers would now meet the guidelines and are exempt from NHC review. The Zoning Administrator has issued a new determination. The Commission members determined that no vote on the matter was necessary. Glenn Richards will send a letter to the Building Commissioner stating the Commission has been notified that a by-right set of plans have been submitted and the new plans do not trigger the Demolition Delay.

c) Correspondence

Peter Mackin requested in an email dated June 17, 2022, that the Commission members submit their comments on the plans for the Institution for Savings to the Planning Board.

d) 10 Auburn Street

Glenn Richards said he is working with Joe Morgan to finalize the preservation restriction for the Old Gaol.

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4. Minutes

Christopher Fay moved to approve the minutes of the June 9 meeting. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Andrew Bernhardt, yes; Marc Cendron, abstain).

5. Adjournment

Marc Cendron moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Andrew Bernhardt seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Andrew Bernhardt, yes; Marc Cendron, yes).