Newburyport Historical Commission

September 9, 2021 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 Patricia Peknik, Joe Morgan, Glenn Richards, Christopher Fay and Marc Cendron. Malcolm Carnwath and Peter McNamee were absent. Also in attendance were Planner Katelyn Sullivan and note taker Gretchen Joy.

3. Demolition Delay

a) 22 Olive Street

The applicant requested a continuance. Patricia Peknik moved to continue the application to the September 23 meeting. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Patricia Peknik, yes; Marc Cendron, absent).

4. General Business

342 Merrimac Street Final Preservation Restriction

Ben Taylor described the changes that have been made to the preservation restriction since the Commission initially approved the draft document in October 2020. He said no changes have been made to the plans that were presented at that time. Comments made by MHC were incorporated into the document. The restriction was changed to a perpetual one. More detail on the property was added. MHC has approved the final language of the document.

Christopher Fay moved to authorize the Chair to sign the preservation restriction for 342 Merrimac Street. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Patricia Peknik, yes; Marc Cendron, yes).

5. Updates from the Chair

Glenn Richards clarified that a request for a continuance is not required in a situation such as 22 Olive Street. The Demolition Delay was imposed and the applicant may choose to submit revised plans at any time within the year. The revised plans would be considered a new matter. An NHC member would who had not been present at the original hearing not be disqualified from participating in the discussion.

6. Minutes

Marc Cendron moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021, meeting. Christopher Fay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Patricia Peknik, yes; Marc Cendron, yes).

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7. AdjournmentJoe Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Patricia Peknik seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote (Glenn Richards, yes; Joe Morgan, yes; Christopher Fay, yes; Patricia Peknik, yes; Marc Cendron, yes).