

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission was held at the Newbury Town Hall on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. The meeting convened at 6:44 PM.

Members present: Chris Drelich, Channing Howard, and Nancy Thurlow.

Members absent: Lon Hachmeister, Sue Nagle.

Associate members present: Jan Forrest, Eva Jackman.

Associate members absent: None

Additional attendees: Selectman Geoff Walker; Martha Taylor, Town Planner

Approval of Minutes Postponed

The draft minutes of the 12/11/13 meeting were presented but we did not have a quorum, so we were unable to vote for their approval.

Old Business

Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw

We reviewed comments on the Proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw from Building Commissioner Sam Joslin, the Planning Board, and Town Counsel Ginny Kremer. A slate of alterations was noted and Chris will revise the Proposed DDB again for us to look at a clean copy at our March meeting. A brief discussion was held on the proposed public introduction of the Proposed DDB, including distribution of copies, copies available on the web, two hearings at two different times in two different locations (e.g. Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in Town Hall and Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the Library), and the idea of televising one of the hearings.

New Business

Possible Moratorium on LED Signage

Channing briefly discussed large LED gas station pricing signs that have been showing up in area towns such as Hamilton and wondered if the Town has any means of preventing their appearance at our local gas stations. The LED light is extremely bright and would potentially be a source of light pollution and aesthetically questionable. Martha Taylor consulted the current Zoning Bylaw which currently bans “animated signs.” We tabled the discussion for a future meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm. We will try to get a space in Town Hall for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Christopher Drelich,
Clerk/Treasurer

Date of approval