

## **Ipswich Historical Commission Minutes**

Special Meeting

April 20, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

***Re: Statement to news media and Town Boards on IHC's position on recent proposed development of multi-family residences within the APD and Central Street***

**Present:** Members Bill Effner, Lee Hathaway, Linda Grimes, Gordon Harris, Laura Gresh, Steve Miles, Jamie Novak. Tess Schutte, Tom Schutte; Nancy Carlisle and Chris Morse of APDC; Kristen Grubbs of the Planning Department

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Lee moved to accept the April 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Linda seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

### **Discussion of IHC Statement Prepared by Lee Hathaway**

Lee prepared a statement on behalf of the IHC addressing the expansion of multi-family structures in rear areas of long lots within the APD. Lee sent this to all IHC members for their review and comments.

Laura Gresh, Gordon Harris, and Tess Schutte made edits to the statement. The edited version was sent to all members to be reviewed at this meeting.

One additional edit was suggested at the meeting – changing “Demolition Delay” to “Demolition Review” to reflect the language used in the by-law.

The paragraph referring to the proposed condos behind the Spa Tech complex should be included in the statement.

Gordon will post the statement to the Historic Ipswich website and Historic Ipswich Facebook page.

Kristen said sending to Town Boards was originally discussed. She said the IHC should feel welcome to give comments to fellow boards and committees. By sending, the Planning Board will be made aware of the negative impact these projects will have on the historic integrity of the Town. It was agreed to send this in letter form to the Planning Board, Zoning Board, APD, Select Board and Planning Department.

Linda said the purpose of this document is to let the public and boards know our stance on this recently proposed development in historic neighborhoods. Nancy Carlisle said the APD would welcome a letter expressing the IHC's view on this development as well. Lee agreed to make the final edits and send the revised document to IHC members, Town Boards, and media outlets including The Ipswich Chronicle, Local News, and Salem News.

Next APD meeting is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. On the agenda are strengthening the APD by-law and expanding the APD to include Central Street.

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gordon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Laura Gresh  
Secretary, Ipswich Historical Commission

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