



Somersworth historic District Commission

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of Meeting on 26 October 2016: Adopted as amended

Present:

Laura Barry, Chair
Arthur Hendrickson, Vice-Chair
Martin Dumont, City Councilor and Representative to the HDC
Tim Metivier, Code Inspector
Richard Brooks, Commissioner
George Poulin, Commissioner
Pius Charles Murray, Commissioner and Secretary

In absentia:

Beth Poulin, Commissioner
Jenna Higgins, Alternate

Members of the Public Present:

Roger Carter (on behalf of HDC #17-2016)
Al Marotta, HDC Chair Emeritus
Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning and Community Development (on behalf of HDC #25-2016)
David Smith (on behalf of HDC #19-2016)

I. Call to Order: At 7:00 P.M. by the Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the HDC meeting of 28 September 2016 as amended was made by Mr Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Projects of Minimal Impact Report

Mr. Metivier reported three projects of minimal impact as follows:

1. Albert Marotta, 17 Cliff Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 175, HDC #18-2016. Approved to erect a fence around the rear deck.
2. Gary Boisee, 21 Highland Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 52, HDC #20-2016. Approved to erect a fence.
3. Andrew Binger, 30 Page Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 148A, HDC #21-2016. Approved to re-roof the garage.

IV. Comments by Visitors

There were none.

V. Old Business

A. HDC #25-2016.

Ms. Shanna Saunders was present to discuss a last minute addition for approval as a Project of Minimal Impact. Because of the necessity to get this project approved and finished within a short time limitation, Ms. Saunders herself appeared before the Commission seeking permission on behalf of HDC #25-2016 which is classified as a minimal impact project. The owner wishes to replace some windows with Azek because they were rotted, and the front door. The work on the

windows would do everything possible to keep them as authentic as possible.

Mr. Hendrickson stated that he thought the front door was very historical. Ms. Saunders stated that no door was being removed. The Chair asked about the trim on the windows; Ms. Saunders responded that the work would be as authentic as possible. Mr. Hendrickson asked if there was any timeline to fix the front porch; no answer was given. Ms. Saunders said that the owners were getting the front abated due to lead paint.

Motion to approve HDC #25-2016 as described by Ms. Saunders as a project of minimal impact was made by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Councilor Dumont. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 2nd Green Property Management, LLC is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for window replacement on property at 19 High Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 68, HDC #17-2016.

Mr. Roger Carter was present to discuss HDC #17-2016. Mr. Carter described his project as replacing some windows with vinyl windows and a 6/6 grid. When asked what color the trim would be, Mr. Carter replied cream to white. Mr. Metivier inquired which contractors Mr. Carter had asked about this project; when Mr. Metivier asked if Mr. Carter had contacted Peller the answer from Mr. Carter was no. Mr. Metivier further added that there could be wood clip-ons to hide the vinyl.

Motion to approve HDC #17-2016 as submitted was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Any other old business that may come before the Commission.

VI. New Business:

A. Andrew and Karen Goldstein are seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior repairs on property located at 21 Grove Street, in the Historic Moderate Density (HMD) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 31, HDC #19-2016.

Mr. David Smith was present to discuss HDC #19-2016. The Commission was very concerned about the lack of a specific timeline to complete not only the repair of the front porch and roof but also a lack of a timeline to painting schedule to paint what needed to be painted on the building.

Motion to approve HDC #19-2016 with the stipulations that the repair of the front porch and roof be completed by 30 November 2016 and that painting schedule (including all railings) be completed by 30 June 2017 was made by Councilor Dumont and seconded by Mr. Poulin. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Any other new business that may come before the Commission.

VII. Closing Comments by Visitors:

There were none.

VIII. Workshop Business:

There was none.

IX. Communications and Miscellaneous:

A, Councilor Dumont reported on the city's move to re-possess 1 Winter Street for a tax lien.

B. Mr. Metivier reported having provided a walk-through the former Hilltop High School to a potential investor, prior to submission of an RFP to the city. Councilor Dumont informed the Commission that a large boulder on which the plaque indicating its listing on the Historic Register has been moved there; in addition, the Cultural Commission is coordinating a ceremony (or ceremonies) for plaques to be placed on several locations throughout the city.

C. Mr. Poulin expressed his displeasure that the historic Horn Cemetery has been virtually overlooked with the application of Forest Glade Cemetery to the National Historic Register; Mr. Poulin believes that Horn Cemetery should receive at least equal attention to Forest Glade. Councilor Dumont made a motion that Mr. Brooks write a statement/recommendation by the HDC to the City Council asking the Council to apply for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places for Horn Cemetery. Mr. Brooks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

D. The Commission warmly welcomed Mr. Marotta, HDC Chair Emeritus, who was visiting Somersworth as he finishes up paperwork in advance of his move to Portsmouth.

X Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm was made by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Mr. Poulin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Charles Murray

(Mr.) Pius Charles Murray
Secretary

