



Somersworth Historic District Commission

One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878

Regular HDC Meeting of Tuesday, 21 November 2017: Adopted as submitted REVISED

Present:

Laura Barry, Chair	Edward Levasseur
Richard Brooks, Vice-Chair	George Poulin
Tim Metivier, Code Enforcement Officer	Pius Charles Murray, Secretary

Absent:

Martin P. Dumont, Sr., City Council Rep	Beth Poulin
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Petitioners Present:

John Jackman, on behalf of HDC #33-2017	Charles Knight, on behalf of HDC #22-2017
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Agenda and Minutes

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve as amended the HDC regular meeting minutes of 25 October 2017 was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Projects of Minimal Impact: Mr. Metivier reported seven projects of minimal impact approved during the previous two months as follows:

1. Walter Unger, 20 Highland Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 42, HDC #23-2017. Approved to replace the garage roof.
2. Dan DeSantis, 43 Mt. Vernon Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 14, HDC # 26-2017. Approved to replace clapboards.

3. David Baker, 11-13 Highland Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 57, HDC #27-2017. Approved for vegetation removal.
4. Shelly Klare, 169 High Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 117, HDC #28-2017. Approved for roof replacement.
5. Dean & Cindy French, 29 Highland Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 5429 Highland Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 54, HDC #30-2017. Approved for roof replacement.
6. Ronald & Cecilia Dubois, 105-107 Main Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 186, HDC #31-2017. Approved to replace exterior stairs.
7. Melanie Amarosa, 12 Mt. Vernon Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 150, HDC #32-2017. Approved for roof replacement.

IV. Public Comment by Visitors: There were none.

V. Old Business:

- (a.) Mr. Metivier asked the Chair to recognize Charles Knight who wanted to discuss some difficulties he had encountered in his deck replacement project (cf. HDC #22-2017). According to Mr. Knight, the sun porch is not separate from the house; to complete the project, he wants to pour concrete into 3x3 tubes to support the porch. The Chair asked if this was only a substructure change; Mr. Brooks asked if this correction was in the back of the house out of public view to which Mr. Knight said yes. Mr. Metivier explained that Mr. Knight did not know the extent of the problem (the house being built on top of the deck) when he came before the HDC on 27 September 2017. Motion to accept Mr. Knight's description as discussed was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.
- (b.) Any other Old Business that may come before the HDC.

VI. New Business:

- (a.) John Jackman is seeking a certificate of appropriateness for window replacement on property located at 7 Prospect Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 88, HDC #33-2017.

Mr. Jackman was present to discuss the project, HDC #33-2017. Mr. Metivier provided a brief synopsis of the project as follows: the project seeks to "replac[e] 13 first story windows with Anderson series windows; 1/1 grid which is the same as what is presently there. In the spring, Mr. Jackman would like to remove the storm windows and paint the rim." Mr. Metivier also provided a history of the property's appearances before the HDC: (a) 1988, front door; (b) 1997, patio; (c) 1998; (d) 2000, sun roof; (d) 2009, roof; and (e) 2010 new roof.

Mr. Jackman explained that there was mold and dampness necessitating this project. The Chair inquired what grid would be used, since downstairs was 1/1 and upstairs was 6/6, to which Mr. Jackman explained that this year he was only replacing the 1/1 downstairs windows. Mr. Jackman also confirmed that the side he was installing is aluminum; furthermore he confirmed that there is no rotor wood damage in the windows,

Motion to approve HDC #33-2017 as submitted with the stipulation that the aluminum sides be added was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.

(b.) Any further 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.) The Chair reported that she had received input from the State of NH regarding the HDC's proposals to update the historic district city ordinances. The State recommends changing some language to make it more precise. The HDC Ordinance Subcommittee will work with Shanna Saunders to address the issues mentioned by the State.
- (b.) The Chair asked for an update on the Cemetery Subcommittee's work. Mr. Levasseur responded that he was coordinating with the Sustainability Committee to clean up Horn Cemetery; he was awaiting a date.
- (c.) The Chair congratulated Mr. Levasseur on his recent election as an at-large City Councilor.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pius Charles Murray
(Mr.) Pius Charles Murray, Secretary



