



## **Somersworth Historic District Commission**

One Government Way  
Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of Boundary Subcommittee Meeting on 12 April 2017: Adopted as Submitted

### **Praesens:**

Laura Barry  
Jenna Dunham  
Richard Brooks

### **Agenda & Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:** At 6:00 P.M. by Mr. Brooks

### **II. Sub-Committee Business:**

This sub-committee of the Somersworth Historic District Commission was formed to address errors in the current district boundaries, and to discuss potential changes to the current district boundaries. Mr. Brooks brought a copy of the current district boundaries as they appear in the City Ordinances (19.3.D.6 and 19.3.D.7). Mr. Brooks also brought copies of the district map for the Sub-Committee to use.

The Sub-Committee decided to follow the district boundaries as written in the ordinances, make edits and correction to the text, and re-write the ordinances so that they were accurate. Ms. Dunham offered to re-write the ordinances using the Track Changes option in Word, so that other committee members may see the changes that are recommended. Highlighted text within the revised district boundaries are areas that appear to be in error, or that need further discussion among the HDC.

The following issues were brought up during the Sub-Committee meeting:

- Lot 109A no longer exists, or appears to have been split. If this is the case, how should the HDC approach this lot and others that no longer exist? Are these lots still

considered within the district? The list of lots that appear to no longer exist are:

Lot 109A  
Lot 154  
Lot 96  
Lot 54-3  
Lot 24

Another issue is the reference to the former GE property, and the district boundary that begins 10' SE of Building 44 (also referred to as Building C). Other GE Buildings of historic age are Building L, Building J-1, Building J-2, Building J-3, and Building B. As portions of the entire GE property are within the district, the HDC should consider expanding the district boundaries in this area to include all historic age buildings.

The walkway over the canal, across from the library, is not included in the district boundary text, but is certainly included in the district map. The text should be revised to include this parcel.

Finally, the Sub-Committee discussed the issues found with describing the district boundary by Lot boundaries. Ms. Barry and Ms. Dunham stated that Lots change over time, and it is not an accurate way to describe district boundaries. They both suggested re-writing the boundaries by Street, which would be easier for a cold reader to follow, and would hopefully avoid future issues. Mr. Brooks agreed, and it will be presented to the HDC. Mr. Brooks brought up potential new buildings added as a result of re-drawing the district boundaries by street. Ms. Barry suggested that any new buildings added may automatically be considered non-contributing to the district, since they would not have been part of the original survey. The idea will have to be discussed by the HDC.

### **III. Next Meeting:**

The Sub-Committee agreed to bring forward the revised boundaries and present the issues discovered by the Sub-Committee to the HDC before scheduling another meeting or workshop.

### **IV. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

(Ms.) Jenna Dunham  
Secretary

Attached (1)