



## ***Somersworth Historic District Commission***

One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878

HDC Workshop held on Thursday, 22 March 2018 – Second Draft

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>In absentia</u></b>
Laura Barry, Chair	Beth Poulin, Commissioner
Richard Brooks, Vice-Chair	
Matthew Gerding, Alternate	
Edward Levasseur, City Councilor	
David McNicholas, Alternate	
George Poulin, Commissioner	
Pius Charles Murray, Secretary	

### **Agenda & Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:** At 7:01 pm by the Chair

**II. Workshop Business**

The Chair announced the business agenda of the workshop as evaluating compliance with its 2017 goals and identifying its 2018 goals.

After some discussion, the workshop concluded the following about its 2017 goals:

<u>2017 Goal</u>	<u>Evaluation whether achieved or not</u>
1. Accomplishment of City Staff goals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. More professional conduct of HDC business/televised proceedings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Re-sizing the Historic District	➔
4. For HDC to meet with Mayor and City Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. For HDC to more actively use channels 22 and 95	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

After considerable discussion, the Commissioners came up with the following unranked goals for 2018:

Maintenance of city cemeteries (esp. Horn)	More and better public education about HDC and the Historic District
Signs identifying the Historic District	Keep passing out Historic District stickers
More precise rulings by the Chair	Better communication
More interaction with other city land use boards	Better follow through with property owners after receiving an HDC decision
Review proposed new Historic District ordinance and boundaries with the State of NH	Provide monthly update for broadcast on Ch 22

The Chair then asked the HDC to come to a consensus ranking the top five goals for 2018, which consensus is seen in the chart below:

<b>1. Maintenance of city cemeteries (especially Horn Cemetery)</b>
<b>2. Education (eg, better use of city website and channels 22/95, Facebook page, attendance at workshops, etc.)</b>
<b>3. Better post-HDC appearance follow through on approved projects</b>
<b>4. More precise rulings by Chair, motions formulated by Chair</b>
<b>5. More and better outreach (eg work with other city land use boards, work with S Berwick ME, etc.)</b>

The Chair stated that she would ask Shanna Saunders about the status of the new city website. The HDC will work to flesh out what criteria would be used in evaluating each goal.

**III. Adjournment:** The Chair adjourned the workshop at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pius Charles Murray*

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Secretary