



Somersworth Historic District Commission

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of Regular Meeting on 26 November 2019 at 7:00pm: First Draft

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Role</u>
Laura Barry	Chair
Lindsey Gagnon	Vice-Chair
Edward Levasseur	City Councilor
Matt Gerding	Commissioner
George Poulin	Commissioner
Tim Metivier	Building Inspector
Pius Charles Murray	Secretary

Petitioners Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>HDC Petition #</u>
Darren Desjarlais	HDC #42-2019
René Bisson	HDC #45-2019
Maggie Larsen	HDC #43-2019

Members of the Public in attendance:

Richard Brooks
William Poole

Agenda & Minutes

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

II. Approval of previous minutes:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Approve minutes of 10/23/2019	Pius Charles Murray	George Poulin	Approved unanimously
Approve minutes of 11/07/2019	Pius Charles Murray	Matt Gerding	Approved unanimously

III. Projects of Minimal Impact:

Mr. Metivier reported that no projects of minimal impact had been approved.

IV. Comments by Visitors: There were none.

V. Old Business:

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

VI. New Business:

A. Darren Desjarlais is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace four windows on property located at 18 Grove Street, in the Historic Moderate Density (HMD) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 29, HDC #42-2019.

Petitioners Present: Darren Desjarlais.

Discussion: Mr. Metivier described the project replacing four old original windows in Apt C with double-hung, white, American Craftsman windows.

Mr. Desjarlais reported his proposal is to replace four very old windows.

Chair Barry clarified that the windows to be replaced were 6/6 and would be replaced in kind. Desjarlais stated yes. Chair Barry clarified that the existing windows were wood and had storms. Desjarlais stated yes. Chair Barry asked if the storms would be replaced as well. Desjarlais stated he would not be installing new storms.

The Chair wanted to ensure that no interior casings would be affected; to which Mr. Desjarlais said that none would be. Councilor Levasseur thanked the applicant for such a complete application with many helpful photographs.

Decision: Motion to approve HDC #42-2019 as submitted was made by Councilor Levasseur and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion was adopted unanimously.

B. Maggie Larsen is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace three windows on a property located at 16 Hamilton Street, in the Residential Multi-Family with Historic Overlay (R3H) District, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 123, HDC #43-2019.

Petitioners present: Maggie Larsen

Discussion: Mr. Metivier described the project as replacing 1980s windows that now have major drafts with more consistent windows that would match those of the deck and kitchen windows.

Ms. Larsen reported that she had extra photographs, to which Mr. Gerding said that he would like to see.

The Chair remarked that the house had many different types of windows, some with casements, others double-hung. Ms. Larsen stated that her intention was to mimic what was already there. Mr. Gerding noted that the great variety of windows is due in part to the addition.

Decision: Motion to approve HDC #43-2019 as submitted was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Mr. Gerding. Motion was adopted unanimously.

C. Matt & Amanda Hamilton are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace two doors and one window on a property located at 22 Page Street, in the Residential Single Family/A with Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 148, HDC # 45-2019.

Petitioner present: René Bisson

Discussion: Mr. Metivier described the project as swap out two doors and to replace one double-hung window with a casement using a divider bar to imitate a double-hung window.

Mr. Bisson stated that the new door would be fiberglass. To concerns that the window being replaced is not double-hung, Mr. Bisson replied that the replacement window would mimic a double-hung window.

Decision: Motion to approve HDC #45-2019 as submitted was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Ms. Gagnon. Motion was adopted unanimously.

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

VII. Closing Comments by Visitors:

There were none.

VIII. Workshop Business:

A. The Chair had handed out at the previous meeting copies of the Standards for Review which would now be reviewed. Edits as brief comments were accepted on 19.14.b.5 on pp. 4, 5, 8,12, and 16. On page 11, the HDC recommended deleting # 1 and #2 and keep #3; give petitioners six months to paint with no rules on specific colors.

B. The Chair stated that she would seek to have a full one-hour Workshop prior to the December meeting to complete the review of the *Standards for Review*.

C. Any other Workshop Business.

VIII. Communications & Miscellaneous:

A. The Chair presented for the Commission's consideration obtaining membership in the Preservation Alliance. The Chair passed around a brochure that detailed the Preservation Alliance's mission and different organizational memberships. The Chair would consult with the City's management how to be reimbursed for the membership fee.

<u>Motion</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Decision</u>
To obtain a \$60 "organization plus" Preservation Alliance membership	Councilor Levasseur	Pius Charles Murray	Approved unanimously

B. The Chair announced that she had investigated Councilor Levasseur's inquiry concerning his unexpired term as a Commissioner on the HDC prior to his appointment as a City Councilor. The Chair discovered that with his election to the City Council his previous term expired. In order for Councilor Levasseur to continue on the HDC after 1 January 2020 he would have to re-apply.

C. The Chair announced that Councilor-elect Gerding has requested to serve as the City Council representative on the HDC and that his request has been approved.

D. The Chair wished everyone a very Happy and safe Thanksgiving!



E. Any other Communications and Miscellaneous.

X Adjournment:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Decision</u>
To adjourn at 7:57pm	Pius Charles Murray	George Poulin	Approved unanimously.

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