

**Somersworth Historic District Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
June 10 2021**

**Members in Attendance:** Laura Barry, Chair; Lindsey Gagnon, Vice-Chair, Richard Brooks, Matthew Gerding- City Council Representative, George Poulin; Charles Murray, Secretary

**Excused Members:** N/A

**Staff in Attendance:** Tim Metivier, Code Enforcement Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

- 1) The Chair read the City's COVID-19 guidelines regarding open public meetings.
- 2) Public comments by visitors.  
No comments were received via mail, email or phone.

3) **OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Two Bits Properties, LLC is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace siding, wood soffits, door and window trim, re-roof porch and entry roofs, and line porch ceilings for a property located at 127-129 High Street, in the Residential/Business with Historic Overlay (R/BH) District, Assessor's Map 10 Lot 147, HDC#05-2021**

No petitioner was present. Mr. Metivier described the original petition was requesting use of vinyl in the siding. The consensus of the Commission was against the use of vinyl in the historic district.

Motion to deny HDC #05-2021 was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Mr. Murray. The vote in favor of the motion to deny was 5-0-1 with the Chair abstaining.

**B) Alton Rollinsford LLC, is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace windows and doors for a property located at 15-17 Grove Street, in the Historic Moderate Density (HMD) District, Assessor's Map 11 Lot 32, HDC#06-2021**

Mr. Bob Flannery was present to represent the petitioner. Mr. Metivier reminded the HDC that it had approved the vinyl replacement windows; however, it had asked the petition to reconsider replacement for the metal doors.

Councilor Gerding expressed concern that there was a change from the pictures of the doors in the original petition to the metal doors requested at present. Mr. Flannery did not have an answer; Mr. Flannery did inform the HDC that the metal doors were now on hand at the site ready to be installed. The Chair noted that the original petition requested two panel backlights.

Mr. Metivier stated that there was very little similarity between the original petition's photos and the subsequent petition currently being considered by the HDC. His

recommendation would be to replace the metal 2 panel doors with the wooden 3 panel doors.

Motion to approve the 9-light far-right for egress, and 9-light for the far-left front, but not for the far-right side door, and approve the 6-light plain panel for the far left front door was made by the Chair (Ms. Barry) and seconded by Mr. Brooks.

Motion was approved 4-2-0 with Mr. Poulin and Mr. Murray voting against.

**C) Joe & Mary Boucher, are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace siding on a property located at 90 Noble Street, in the Residential/Duplex with Historic Overlay (R2) District, Assessor's Map 13 Lot 17, HDC#07-2021**

Mr. Metivier read a letter from Mary Boucher withdrawing her petition offering changes to the original petition discussed at the May HDC meeting. No HDC decision warranted.

**4) WORKSHOP BUSINESS**

A) Any workshop business that may come before the Commission. - No workshop business.

**5) COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

A) Motion to extend the building permit for HDC 26-2020 for one year was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion was adopted unanimously.

B) The Chair announced that Mr. William Poole, the HDC alternative, has submitted his resignation to the Mayor. The Chair asked HDC members to canvas the community for new members; the HDC has one full member and [at least] three alternate member positions open.

C) Councilor Gerding announced that the City Council would discuss under City Ordinance 39.21 for accepting the grant money from the State of New Hampshire for developing educational programs for local citizens regarding building preservation.

**5) Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn made by Mr. Poulin.

The MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Barry the Chair

The MOTION CARRIED by a 6-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary