

SOMERSWORTH Historic District Commission
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 27th, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Gerding-City Council Rep., Laura Barry-Chair, Richard Brooks-Vice-Chair, George Poulin, Lindsey Gagnon-Secretary

Excused Members: NA

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Metivier, Code Enforcement Officer

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

1. Approval of September 22nd, 2021 meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion: Mr. Brooks MOVED to accept the minutes
 - b. The MOTION is SECONDED by Mr. Gerding
 - c. The MOTION CARRIED by a 5-0-0 vote
2. Projects of Minimal Impact Report.
 - a. None to report
3. Public comments by visitors.
 - a. No comments were received via mail, email or phone. None were in person.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. None
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Debra Klein, is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace burned structure, repair existing structure from fire damage, demo the main building, replace brick foundations for a property located at 9 Linden Street, in the Residential Single Family/A with Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11 Lot 177, HDC#18-2021

Mr. Metivier described that the applicant had come before us previously and that they are here to update their project to replace and/or repair more of the burnt structure that was not in the original proposal. This property consists of 3 buildings/sections: the barn, the main building/ L shaped building and the cape portion.

Debra Klein, the applicant, was present. She described the progress thus far. The barn has been demolished (per approval of the August HDC meeting and the planning office) and a new foundation is being poured within the original foundation walls. The L shaped portion of the building was assessed for repair but was determined by several contractors that it was not feasible to repair and would have to be rebuilt.

During discussions the barn was described as having a gable end that the applicant is looking to add windows on to mimic the look of the gable end of the cape section. The chimney was also brought up as it was approved to be demolished during the August HDC meeting. The chimney is still going to be rebuilt as a faux structure as proposed at the last meeting. The roof will still have the gable style/shape to it with architectural shingles. The gable flush rake board will be AZEK material. Dimensions of the building will be the same as it was. The porch on the barn will be the same layout as it was and being rebuilt with AZEK railing material and Trex deck style floor material. and so forth and then the same on the cape. The new gable end windows will be the same size as the other windows on that side (other than the bathroom one that will be smaller).

The L shape will not have a chimney replaced or replicated as the slope to the roof doesn't allow for it to be done well and it can't be seen from the street. architectural shingles The porch on the back side of L the applicant would like to have as just a landing with stairs and no roof. Utilized as an egress not a deck/porch so it will be shorter. AZEK railing material and Trex deck style floor material. The L demo will not affect the cape structure.

The work on the cape is to include: one (1) window being added to the gable end to balance it to match the other gable end of the barn. The stairs out of the front door will still be an entry from the driveway but replaced the backside going to the unit on the lower back end will be removed. The back entrance of the lower unit will have AZEK post and railings to hold the small roof overhang. Trim will be added to the gable end and the front of the cape if the window trim is not already present. If there is wood trim on the front of the cape under the old siding, we ask that the applicant use AZEK with a notch to cover the J channel.

Each structure will have:

- Siding will be vinyl, which is the same as before.
- Corner boards will be a 6in vinyl outside corner/rake board and will not need J Channel as the siding will go under it.
- AZEK railing material and Trex deck style floor material on all porches/decks.
- No shutters are needed on the building since the trim will be the wider style (3in).
- New window grids will be 2 over 2 to match the existing.
- Trim/Rake boards along the roof line replaced with AZEK

- i. Motion: Mrs. Barry MOVED to accept the application as presented with the stipulations that were discussed at the meeting
- ii. The MOTION is SECONDED by Mr. Poulin
- iii. The MOTION CARRIED by a 5-0-0 vote

b. No other new business.

6. WORKSHOP BUSINESS

- a. CLG grant workshop is tentatively set for January or February.
- b. Michelle Mears, Director Development Services, is looking for suggestions on historic buildings that can be part of a drone footage workshop.
- c. We are in need of a new spotlight property on the website.
- d. Mr. Brooks suggested the historic district street signs be made to match forest glade signs; he offered to work on making a list of street signs needed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- a. 45 Market Street alarm bell was removed by the property owner without notifying the planning office and asking for a permit. The shell of the alarm is still somewhat intact but the inside was too heavy to continue to stay up and started to fall through the bottom of the shell. The contractor is working on getting us the alarm housing and brackets back to see if some of it can be put back up. Mr. Gerding suggested it be put in the museum if they cannot put it back up.
- b. Tuesday November 2nd is election day
- c. There were two new HDC member applications for the board that were submitted; 1 as a full member and 1 as an alternate member. They were presented at the City Council meeting for a first reading and need a second reading before voting them in.

8. Adjournment

- a. MOTION: To adjourn made by Mr. Poulin
- b. The MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brooks
- c. The MOTION CARRIED by a 5-0 vote.
- d. The meeting adjourned at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Lindsey Gagnon