



***SOMERSWORTH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION***  
**One Government Way**  
**Somersworth, NH 03878**

**Minutes of 23 July 2014 Meeting**  
**Adopted as submitted on 08/27/2014**

Members present: George Poulin, Chair; Madeline DeSantis; Arthur Hendrickson; Al Marotta; Tim Metivier, City Code and Health Officer; Charlie Murray, Recording Secretary.

Members absent: Councilor Marcel Hebert, Beth Poulin, Julie Rowe

Petitioners present: Michael Clough (HDC #13-2014); Dan Vincent and Richard Brooks (commenting on HDC #13-2014)

Meeting Called to Order: At 7:01 P.M. by the Chair

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the 28 May 2014 minutes as amended made by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.

Projects of Minimal Impact: Mr. Metivier reported that following projects of minimal

impact have been approved by his office:

A. For 25 June 1014 HDC Meeting::

1. Randolph Vachon, 74 Noble Street, Assessor's Map 13, Lot 15, HDC #08-2014. Approved to replace garage door.
2. Richard Jutras, 31 Lincoln Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 158, HDC #09-2014. Approved to re-roof.
3. Pico Holdings, 59 Maple Street, Assessor's Map 12, Loy 32, HDC #10-2014. Approved to install a shed.

B. For 23 July 2014 HDC Meeting:

1. Queensbury Mill Limited Partnership, 1 Market Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 96, HDC #12-2014. Approved to repair retaining wall.

Old Business:

- A. The Chair reported no further Old Business.

New Business:

- A. Michael Clough is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to build a new home on property located at 26 Linden Lane, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Map 100A, HDC #13-2014.

Mr. Clough represented himself before the Commission. A couple of neighbors (Dan Vincent and Richard Brooks) attended in order to make comments.

Mr. Clough explained that he wanted to construct a new Cape style house in the historic district. Extensive discussion ensued as the Commission wrangled with the necessity of preserving the historic nature and atmosphere of the neighborhood while recognizing that the proposal was for a new home, for which not all of the requirements for buildings in the historic district might apply.

The Chair asked if the windows would have 6/6 grids as shown in the photographs submitted, to which Mr. Clough responded that the windows would actually have a 6/0 grid. Mr. Hendrickson asked if a building permit had been issued yet, and if everything would be vinyl as described in the application (e.g. vinyl windows, vinyl siding, vinyl soffit, raised panel vinyl shutters, etc.); Mr. Hendrickson explained that traditionally vinyl has not been allowed. Mr. Metivier said that provisions for new construction is different from other construction; Mr. Hendrickson responded that nevertheless new construction must fit in with the tone of the existing neighborhood.

While Mr. Vincent agreed that a Cape-style house fits the neighborhood, both he and Mr. Brooks wanted to ensure that it complemented the look and feel of the neighborhood. Mr. Brooks wondered about its potential effect on home values in the neighborhood.

The Chair, Mr. Hendrickson, and Mr. Murray sought more specificity about the size of the proposed home, the plot's layout, and the elevations of the garage to ensure that they reflected what other homes in the area were like. Mr. Hendrickson did not particularly like the idea of an underground garage.

Motion by Mr. Marotta to table HDC #13-2014 and to send Mr. Clough a letter asking for more information and/or changes to his application especially concerning increasing the overhang, what to do about the tree on the property, investigating use of a wooden rather than fiberglass door, landscaping proposals, plan of the plot, and dimensions of the building was seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.

B. The Chair reported no additional New Business.

Workshop Business:

A. The Chair stated that at the next HDC meeting the Commission would consider themes and times for future workshops.

B. The Chair reported no additional Workshop Business.

Communications and Miscellaneous:

A. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Somersworth Historic District Commission is set for Wednesday, 27 August 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

B. The Chair reported no additional Communications or Miscellaneous Business.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. DeSantis.. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Somersworth Historic District Commission