



Somersworth Historic District Commission - Minutes of Meeting

Title: Somersworth Historic District Commission	Date: 2014-08-27 Time: 19:00 Location: City Hall, Somersworth, NH 03878 USA
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Participants		
	Attendees:	Recipients:
Chair: George Poulin/Chair Minute Taker: Pius Charles Murray/Secretary	In Attendance: George Poulin/Chair Albert Marotta/Vice-Chair Madeline DeSantis/Commissioner Arthur Hendrickson/Commissioner Pius Charles Murray/Secretary Tim Metivier/Building Code and Health Officer Apologies: Councilor Marcel Hebert/City Council representative/City Council Julie Rowe/Commissioner	Tracy Gora/Administrative Assistant/Planning Department

Agenda 1: Members absent

Discussion Items
1. Councilor Marcel Hebert, and Julie Rowe



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Agenda 2: Petitioners Present

Discussion Items

1. Brian Barrington (HDC #17-2014); Richard Brooks (commenting on HDC #13-2014); Michael Clough (HDC #13-2014); Bill Goldstein (HDC #18-2014); Brandon O'Brien (HDC #17-2014); Dan Vincent (commenting on HDC #13-2014); Doug Watson (HDC #14-2014)

Agenda 3: I. Approval of Minutes of the HDC Workshop and regular meeting of 23 July 2013

Action Items	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	Comments
1. Motion to adopt the HDC workshop minutes of 7/23/2014 as amended and of the regular HDC meeting of 7/23/2014 as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.	Approval Of Minutes	2014-08-27	Open	

Agenda 4: II. Projects of minimal impact

Discussion Items

1. Mr. Metivier reported approval of HDC #16-2014, allowing the replacement of a freestanding sign.

Agenda 5: III. Old Business



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Discussion Items

1. A. Michael Clough is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to build a new home on property located at 26 Linden Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 100A, HDC #13-2014.
2. B. Any Old Business that may come before the Commission.



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<p>1. Motion to approve HDC #13-2014 as submitted with the provision that the tree on the property not be destroyed and that the pruning of the lower limb be kept to a minimum was made by Mr. Marotta and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion was defeated 2-3. Voting in favor were Mr. Marotta and Mr. Murray. Voting against were Ms. DeSantis, Mr. Hendrickson, and Ms. Poulin.</p>	<p>III. Old Business. A. HDC #13-2014</p>	<p>2014-08-27</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>There was considerable discussion that the proposed size/proportions of the house which were incomplete on the application, the underground two car garage, and the plot design/arrangement might not fit in with the atmosphere of the historic nature of the neighborhood. Furthermore there was some question about the continued application of the HDC's approval for a previous owner of the plot; Mr. Metivier was of the opinion that the HDC's previous approval applied to the lot, not just the specific owner, and thus remained valid and in force provided Mr. Clough's new home followed any stipulations in that previous approval. Two neighbors, Richard Brooks and Dan Vincent, spoke out against</p>



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				approval of the petition.

Agenda 6: IV. New Business

Discussion Items

1. A. Doug and Deidre Watson are seeking a certificate of appropriateness for exterior renovations on property located at 48 Grove Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 19, HDC #14-2014
2. B. Go Team, LLC is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace a window on property located at 66-70 High Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 215, HDC #15-2014
3. C. High Hopes Realty Limited Partnership is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to repair a granite wall and replace concrete steps on property located at 98 High Street, in the Residential Business, with a Historic Overlay (RBH) District, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 155, HDC #17-2014.
4. D. ABK Realty Management, LLC is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to re-side three buildings on property located at 17-31 Market Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 93, HDC #18-2014.
5. E. Any other New Business that may come before the Commission.



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1. A. Motion to approve HDC #14-2 #14-2014 as submitted was made by Ms. DeSantis and seconded by Mr. Marotta. Motion passed unanimously.	IV. New Business. A. HDC #14-2014	2014-08-27	Open	
2. Motion to approve HDC #15-2014 as submitted was made by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.	IV. New Business B. HDC #15-2014	2014-08-27	Open	
3. Motion to approve HDC #17-2014 as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously.	IV. New Business. C. HDC #17-2014	2014-08-28	Open	
4. Motion by Mr. Murray asking the petitioner to obtain a comparison price between vinyl siding and clapboard siding for HDC #18-2014 did not receive a second.	IV. New Business. D. HDC #18-2014	2014-08-27	Open	



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5. Motion to deny HDC #18-2014 because of the planned use of vinyl siding was made by Ms. DeSantis and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously.	IV. New Business. D. HDC #18-2014	2014-08-27	Open	There was considerable discussion of the use of vinyl siding on the three buildings in question. Mr. Goldstein said that there were 30 other buildings in the nearby vicinity of his three buildings that had vinyl siding so it would be appropriate, would constitute a longer lasting replacement, and would be more cost effective to re-side using vinyl. Mr. Hendrickson said that 25 years ago those same three buildings had been re-sided using the more historically accurate clapboard siding which had been paid for by a federal grant; Mr. Hendrickson further argued that lack of maintenance by the present owner had led to the bad deterioration of the buildings' exteriors. Ms. DeSantis said that these three buildings



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				are among the most historically significant in downtown Somersworth and that it was therefore important to maintain their integrity by refusing to allow vinyl siding.

Agenda 7: V. Workshop Business

Discussion Items
1. A. Mr. Metivier brought 300 HDC decals donated by Labor Tech. He believes that the Commission needs 500 so he has asked Labor Tech for an 200 additional decals.
2. B. The Chair passed around a Thank-You note to be sent to Labor Tech for donating labor and materials to make the decals. The Chair asked all Commissioners to sign the Thank-You card.
3. C. The Chair announced that Ms. DeSantis and Mr. Murray would be attending the CAMP Preservation training in Keene, NH on 19 September 2014. As all state HDCs are limited to two participants, the Chair reported that he has been added to a Waiting List as he too is interested in attending the training.

Agenda 8: VI. Communications and Miscellaneous

Agenda 9: VII. Adjournment



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1. Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm was made by Mr. Marotta and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously.	VII. Adjournment	2014-08-27	Open	

