

Somersworth Historic District Commission

Somersworth, New Hampshire

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 July 2013

Final Draft

Members present: George Poulin, Chair; Madeline DeSantis; Coty Donohue, City Councilor; Arthur Hendrickson; Albert Marotta; Tim Metivier, City Code and Health Office; Julie Rowe, Alternate; Pius Charles Murray, Alternate

Members absent: Sherie Dinger; Beth Poulin

Petitioners present: Julie Rowe for erecting a shed at 49 Mt. Vernon Street

Call to order: At 7:04 P.M. by the Chair

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Motion to table approval of minutes of the May 2013 and June 2013 meetings made by Mr. Murray, and seconded by Mr. Marotta. Motion passed by majority vote; Julie Rowe abstained.

Projects of Minimal Impact: Mr. Metivier reported that Emmett Soldati's request on behalf of Gunwale Properties, LLC, to erect a sign at 44 Market Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 187, HDC #11-2013, was approved.

Old Business:

- A. The Chair reported no additional Old Business.

New Business:

- A. Ms. Rowe, an HDC alternate member, stepped down from the Commission to present her request seeking a certificate of appropriateness to erect a shed on property located at 49 Mt. Vernon Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 12, HDC#12-2013.

Mr. Metivier inquired whether the proposed ramps were to be made of concrete and at the same level as the house. Ms. Rowe explained that yes the ramps would be made of concrete and that the structure would be at the same level as the house. Furthermore, Ms. Rowe explained the ramps would enable her to put items into storage more easily in the shed. In addition, she explained that with this structure she would have both a garage and a shed but each would serve a different purpose and house different items. Councilor Donohue asked if the windows on the house were vinyl as Ms. Rowe was proposing vinyl for the shed windows; Ms. Rowe explained that the windows on the house already did have vinyl and that she sought to make the shed match as closely as possible to the structures already on her property. Mr. Metivier asked if the shed would include a wood trim to make its color

blend in better with the other buildings on the property to which Ms. Rowe responded that that could be done. Ms. Rowe indicated that the estimate cost would be about \$12,000.00

Mr. Marotta moved and Mr. Murray seconded a motion to grant Ms. Rowe's request for a certificate of appropriateness for the proposed shed as submitted with the additional stipulations that the shed be the same dimensions as the garage already on site, that it include 2/2 windows, and that there be a wood trim color. Motion passed by majority vote; Ms. Rowe did not vote.

B) The Chair reported no additional New Business

Workshop Business

A) The Chair reported no Workshop Business. Ms. Rowe rejoined the Commission.

Communications and Miscellaneous

A) Mr. Metivier reported two items of communications. First, a section of the building at 25 High Street has come off exposing underneath it some dark wood that does not match the hand carved overlay. Mr. Metivier does not know what the replacement cost would be. This property owner, LBC Properties, LLC, also has other violations on this property including replacing doors on the back of the property. There was a brief discussion involving the Chair, Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Marotta, and Mr. Metivier concerning how to enforce HDC decisions.

The second item that Mr. Metivier presented was an apparent draft questionnaire from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources which none of the commissioners had seen before or had been notified about.

As an informational matter, Mr. Metivier advised the HDC that the owner, Nancy Smith on 30 Page Street has not yet completed the work required to meet code and the HDC stipulations. Mr. Metivier said he is keeping his eye on developments.

The Chair reported no further communications or miscellaneous business.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Charles Murray

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Recording Secretary

Please be advised that I neglected to save the audio recording of this meeting (again).