



Somersworth Historic District Commission - Minutes of Meeting



Title: Somersworth Historic District Commission	Date: 2014-12-18 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 Councilor Marcel Hebert/City Council representative/City Council Beth Poulin/Commissioner Laura Barry/Commissioner Alternate Pius Charles Murray/Secretary Tim Metivier/Building Code and Health Officer Apologies: Arthur Hendrickson/Commissioner Julie Rowe/Commissioner Alternate	Tracy Gora/Administrative Assistant/Planning Department

Agenda 1: Petitioners present: David Burgess for HDC #27-2014; and Chad Barker for HDC #25-2014.



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Agenda 2: I. Call to Order

Discussion Items

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda 3: II. Approval of Minutes

Action Items	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	Comments
1. Motion to table approval of the minutes of the HDC of 10.22.2014 as amended and 11.25.2014 as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms.DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.		2014-12-18	Closed	

Agenda 4: III. Projects of Minimal Impact

Discussion Items

1. Mr. Metivier reported that Dumais & Ferland Realty, L.L.C., 99 High Street, was approved to re-roof (HDC #29-2014).

Agenda 5: IV. Old Business

Discussion Items

1. IV. A. ABK Realty Management, L.L.C., is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to re-side three buildings located at 17-31 Market Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 93, HDC #18-2014.
2. IV. B. Any additional Old Business. There was no additional Old Business.



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1. I386IV. A. Motion to table HDC #18-2014 because the petitioner was not present was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Poulin. Motion passed unanimously.		2014-12-18	Closed	

Agenda 6: V. New Business

Discussion Items
<p>1. V.A. David Burgess is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for wi judo replacement on property located at 5 Prospect Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 89, HDC #27-2014.</p> <p>2. V.B. The VFW is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior renovation on property located at 43 High Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 64, HDC #25-2014.</p> <p>3. V.C. No.Two Mill, L.L.C., is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish a section of the building on property located at 22 Canal Street, in the Millyard (MY) District, Assessor's map 11, Lot 190, HDC #31-2014.</p> <p>4. V.D. Any other New Business that may come before the commission. No New Business was introduced.</p>



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1. V.A. Motion to approve HDC #27-2014 as submitted was made by Mr. Marotta and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion was passed unanimously.		2014-12-18	Closed	Mr. Burgess described his proposed project of replacing four windows because the wooden material is starting to warp and come apart; eventually he said all 8 windows will have to be replaced but for now he can do four. The replacements will be the same size and color but made of composite materials. Ms. Barry asked what was holding them in place, to which Mr. Burgess responded "thumbtacks."



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2. V.B. Motion to approve HDC #25-2014 with the added stipulation that a metal handrail that meets code be installed was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.		2014-12-18	Closed	Mr. Barker informed the HDC that the VFW had removed the original handrail during a renovation. Since the slope is less than 6" a new handrail is not required, a question about which Mr. Marotta directed to Mr. Metivier who confirmed that due to small slope a handrail for handicapped access purposes is not required. However, Mr. Metivier added that if a handrail were to be installed it would have to meet code. Mr. Metivier asked Mr. Barker what needed to be done. Mr. Barker replied that a door (either 32" or 36") which would be painted the same color and remain the same material would be installed. Mr. Metivier then asked about the size of the handrail, to which Mr. Barker replied that it would be 1.75",



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				and made of either metal (steel) or plastic as the HDC preferred. Ms. Barry inquired what, if anything, would happen to the stain glass windows, to which Mr. Barker replied that they would not be touched.
3. V.C. Motion to table HDC #31-2014 because the petitioner was not present was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.		2014-12-18	Closed	The petitioner arrived after the meeting had already adjourned. He explained that he thought the preceding agenda items would have taken more time than they actually did. Mr. Metivier explained that one reason the agenda moved so quickly was that another petitioner [for HDC #18-2014] also did not show.

Agenda 7: VI. Workshop Business

Discussion Items

- VI. At the next regularly scheduled HDC meeting, the Chair would like to schedule another Workshop date and was open to suggestions for any workshop agenda items.



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Agenda 8: VII. Communications and Micellaneous

Discussion Items

1. VII. Mr. Marotta wanted to know what guidance ABK Realty had received from the HDC on its first proposal because he thought the second application did not differ significantly from the original. Mr. Metivier recommended a review of the printed minutes and, if available, the audio recording of the minutes.

Agenda 9: VIII. Adjournment

Action Items	Assigned To	Due Date	Status	Comments
1. VIII. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:28 pm by Councilor Hebert and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.		2014-12-18	Closed	

Attachments

HDC 12.18.2014.mp3

