



SOMERSWORTH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: 22 July 2015

Place: City Hall, Somersworth, NH

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Adopted as
Submitted on 10/28/2015

Present:

Madeline DeSantis, Chair
Albert Marotta, Vice-Chair
Martin Dumont, City Councilor
Laura Barry, Alternate
Madeline DeSantis, Commissioner
Beth Poulin, Commissioner
George Poulin, Commissioner
Pius Charles Murray, Commissioner/Secretary

Members Absent:

Arthur Hendrickson, Commissioner
Julie Rowe, Alternate
Tim Metivier, Building Inspector

Petitioners Present:

Dave Haney (on behalf of HDC #13-2015)

Agenda

I. Call to Order by the Chair at 7:00 P.M.

II. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion to accept the following minutes of 12 May 2015 Special Meeting minutes as submitted, 27 May 2015 Workshop Meeting minutes as corrected, 27 May 2015 HDC Regular Meeting minutes as corrected, 3 June 2015 Special Meeting minutes as submitted, and 24 June 2015 HDC Regular Meeting minutes as submitted made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Marotta. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Report of Minimal Impact Projects

Mr. Metivier sent a written report that indicated there had been no projects of minimal impact approved during July 2015.

IV. Old Business

- A. There were no additional items of Old Business.

V. New Business

- A. Brian Barrington is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for window replacement on property located at 39 Noble Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 01, HDC #13-2015.

Mr. Dave Haney represented the petitioner for the presentation of HDC #13-2015.

Mr. Haney described that the project would replace one non-historic window in the front and one in the rear of the building. The wooden windows would be replaced with vinyl. The grids would remain the same 1/1. The double insulated glass would be identical in size and shape to the screen. The shutters would remain. Part of the kitchen would be rebuilt. There would be no change to the exterior of the building.

Ms. Barry inquired why the windows needed replacement. Mr. Haney replied that they were old and were allowing air into the building. Mr. Murray asked why vinyl was selected. Mr. Haney replied that the windows being replaced were non-historic, and that not only would vinyl cost less, but would last longer, and be more effective for insulation.

Motion to approve HDC #13-2015 as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Poulin. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. There was no additional New Business.

VI. Workshop Business

- A. The Chair asked for recommendations for workshop business. The Chair reported that she had discussed a slight change in procedure in the application process with Tracy Gora and Tim Metivier. According to the Chair, Mr. Metivier believed that the Planning Department staff did a sufficiently thorough job in the pre-presentation stage to the HDC. The Chair asked for input from the Commissioners.

- B. Ms. Barry recommended a workshop on the guidelines for windows (and their materials) appropriate for the historic district.
- C. Councilor Dumont in response to the Chair's inquiry suggested the development of a checklist of HDC requirements that reflect city ordinances, planning department rules and regulations, and HDC regulations.
- D. Councilor Dumont also recommended a joint meeting between the City Council and the HDC to discuss various historic district issues, which input could lead to clarifying city ordinances and HDC guidelines.
- E. Councilor Dumont reported that the City Council thought that televising HDC meetings would be very advantageous.
- F. Mr. Poulin suggested that a follow-up workshop to a previous workshop on fences be held to complete discussion and recommendations on HDC guidelines.
- G. The Chair decided to schedule the next HDC workshop at 6:00 PM before the next regularly scheduled HDC meeting on Wednesday, 26 August 2015. The agenda would discuss the HDC application process and develop guidelines and a checklist.

VII. Communications and Miscellaneous

There were no communications or miscellaneous items.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:34 P.M. was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Councilor Dumont. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Charles Murray

(Mr.) Pius Charles Murray, M.L.S., M.P.A.
Commissioner/Secretary

N.B. An audio recording of this HDC Workshop is available. Please note that when microphones are used, voices are much clearer. Please remember to use your microphone for best recording. == PCM