

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

II. Approval of Minutes: HDC minutes of 08/27/2014: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Marotta. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Barry abstained.

III. Projects of Minimal Impact:

Mr. Metivier reported that the following projects of minimal impact had been approved:

(1.) Albert LaVallee, on behalf of Norman Rouleau, 2-6 Main Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 202, was approved to replace an existing sign (HDC #23-2014);

(2.) Thomas Arque, 17-19 Broad Street Assessor's Map 10, Lot 11, was approved to re-roof (HDC #24-2014);

(3.) Solange Turgeon, 32 Mt. Vernon Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 05 was approved to re-roof (HDC #26-2014); and

(4.) Lisa Locke, on behalf of Norman Rouleau, 2-6 Main Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 202, was approved to install a wall-mounted sign (HDC #28-2014).

IV. Old Business: There was no Old Business

V. New Business

A. House of Hope, on behalf of Shawn Richardson, is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to repair the rear porch on property located at 47 Maple Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 173, HDC #22-2014.

Mr. Mike Hennessey was the petitioner present to describe the project (HDC #22-2024). According to Mr. Hennessey, the back porch was rotten and needed to be replaced; since it could not be seen from the front, he proposed replacing it with plastic. Mr. Metivier stated that the railing could be made of composite material but not plastic. The Chair inquired if the replacement work would be painted, to which Mr. Hennessey replied that it would match the existing material it would be replacing in color and texture, if the HDC so desired. Mr. Hendrickson asked if a railing would be installed; Mr. Metivier said that a railing was required. Furthermore, the railing would have to meet code height and width, or be as close as possible to existing code regulations.

Motion to approve HDC #22-2014 with the stipulations that there be three railings (added by Mr. Marotta), and that the material not be made of composite materials, but shall be

made of wood (added by Ms. DeSantis) was made by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.

B. David Burgess is seeking a certificate of appropriateness for window 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.

~~Motion to table HDC #27-2014 because the petitioner did not show was made by Mr. Marotta and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.~~

C. Any additional New Business

VI. Workshop Business:

A. Mr. Metivier recommended that the members of the HDC re-read the HDC rules of procedure and city ordinances (19.14.e.3.b). It may be time to tweak and recommend tightening up some of the ordinances to the City Council.

VII. Communications and Miscellaneous:

A. The Chair warmly welcomed Laura Barry as a new Alternate Member to the Somersworth Historic District Commission.

B. Mr. Metivier again inquired about Ms. Rowe's status on the Commission. Mr. Hendrickson believed that she had moved out of town, and thus would be ineligible to continue serving on the Somersworth HDC. Her status shall have to be clarified as she is still listed as an Alternate Member of the HDC.

C. Mr. Hendrickson inquired what the city of Somersworth's responsibility was to its buildings in the city's Historic District. He felt that the city should at least inform the HDC of its work, if not seek prior approval. Mr. Hendrickson was concerned about what he saw as the serious lack of communication between the city and the HDC. The Chair replied that he would take the matter up with the Mayor and the City Manager, perhaps even trying to set up a meeting between the City Council and the HDC.

D. Mr. Metivier reported that a penalty of fines has been added to the NH RSAs effective 01/01/2015 for absentee landlords.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 pm by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Ms. DeSantis. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary
