



Somersworth Historic District Commission

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of Regular Meeting on 24 May 2017: Adopted as submitted

Praesens:

Laura Barry, Chair
Martin Dumont, City Councilor and Representative to the HDC
Tim Metivier, Building Inspector
Richard Brooks, Commissioner
Jenna Dunham, Alternate Commissioner
George Poulin, Commissioner
Pius Charles Murray, Commissioner and Secretary

In absentia:

Arthur Hendrickson, Vice-Chair
Beth Poulin, Commissioner

Members of the Public Present:

Mark Davenport (cf. HDC #16-2016)

Agenda & Minutes

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

II. Approval of Minutes: :

1. Motion to approve the HDC Ordinance Workshop Meeting minutes of 10 May 2017 as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to table the Regular Meeting Minutes of 26 April 2017, the full HDC Workshop

minutes of 26 April 2017, and the Ordinance Workshop minutes of 16 May 2017 was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Projects of Minimal Impact Report

Mr. Metivier reported that there was one project of minimal impact during the month as follows:

Jitendra Patel, Borderline Properties, 20 Market Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 183, HDC #04-2017 was approved for re-roofing.

IV. Comments by Visitors

There were none.

V. Old Business

A. Breitling Holdings, LLC is seeking a certificate of appropriateness for a building renovation for apartments and commercial space on property located at 67 Elm Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 174, HDC #03-2017.

At the request of the applicant, HDC #03-2017 was tabled.

B. Mr. Mark Davenport (cf. HDC #16-2016; August 2016) appeared before the HDC to explain what he was planning to do to his garage given the HDC's denial of his application HDC #16-2016. In his new plan, Mr. Davenport would re-install garage doors but there would be no windows and fewer panels. The Chair and Mr. Brooks thought that Mr. Davenport could install faux doors but they would need to be as close to the original garage doors as possible. Discussion then turned to whether or not Mr. Davenport's plans could be considered a project of minimal impact. Because of the two changes (no windows, different number of panels), Mr. Metivier did not think the revised plans could be considered minimal impact but the HDC could ask him to re-evaluate the application as such.

Motion to remand Mr. Davenport's revised application to Mr. Metivier for consideration as a project of minimal impact, with Councilor Dumont's friendly amendment stipulation that if it was not found to be minimal impact the full HDC would hold a Special Meeting as soon after as feasible, was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Dunham. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Any other old business that may come before the Commission.

VI. New Business:

A. Election of Officers

The HDC then held election for the Officers of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

1. Motion to nominate Laura Barry as Chair was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Poulin. Motion to close nominations was made by Councilor Dumont and seconded by Ms. Dunham; motion passed unanimously. Ms. Barry accepted the nomination. The motion to elect Ms. Barry as Chair passed unanimously.

2. Motion to nominate Jenna Dunham as Vice-Chair was made by Ms. Barry and seconded by Mr. Poulin. Motion to close nominations was made by Councilor Dumont and seconded by Mr. Murray; motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dunham accepted the nomination. Motion to elect Ms. Dunham as Vice-Chair passed unanimously.

3. Motion to suspend the rules limiting the election of officers to two terms was made by Councilor Dumont and seconded by Mr. Brooks; motion passed by a 5-1 majority vote with Mr. Murray opposed. Motion to nominate Mr. Murray as Secretary was made by Ms. Barry and seconded by Ms. Dunham. Motion to close the nominations was made by Councilor Dumont and seconded by Ms. Barry; motion passed by a majority 5-1 vote with Mr. Murray opposed. Mr. Murray accepted the nomination. Motion to elect Mr. Murray as Secretary passed by a majority 5-0-1 vote with Mr. Murray abstaining.

B. Mr. Metivier reported that the applicant who had purchased the house on Linden Lane and which subsequently he discovered a hole in his shed has received a Notice of Violation. He has informed Mr. Metivier wants to repair the hole and bring the shed back.

C. Mr. Brooks reported that some UNH students made a presentation at the recent City Council meeting on First Impressions of Somersworth. According to Mr. Brooks, the presentation was very favorable to Somersworth's historical appearances.

D. Mr. Murray inquired where the applicant for the alternate spot on the HDC stood. Councilor Dumont replied that the application should be forthcoming for confirmation at the next city council meeting.

E. Any other new business that may come before the Commission.

VII. Closing Comments by Visitors:

There were none.

VIII. Workshop Business:

A. The Chair requested reports from the subcommittees.

1. Ms. Dunham stated that the Boundary Committee should have a report at the next regular HDC meeting in June.

2. Mr. Murray reported on the three meetings of the Ordinance Subcommittee will schedule a meeting next week to incorporate the suggestions made by the HDC today.

B. Any other Workshop Business that may come before the Commission.

IX. Communications and Miscellaneous:

A. No communications

B. Any other Communications and Miscellaneous that may come before the Commission.

X Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Councilor Dumont.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Charles Murray

(Mr.) Pius Charles Murray, MLS, MPA
Secretary

Attachment (1)