



Somersworth Historic District Commission

One Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878

Regular Meeting of the HDC held on Wednesday, 26 September 2018: 1st Draft

<u><i>Present</i></u>	<u><i>In absentia</i></u>
Laura Barry, Chair	Matthew Gerding
Richard Brooks, Vice-Chair	David McNicholas
Edward Levasseur, City Councilor	
George Poulin, Commissioner	
Tim Metivier, Building Inspector	
Pius Charles Murray, Secretary	

Petitioners Present:

<u><i>Name of Petitioner</i></u>	<u><i>HDC #</i></u>
Designee for Anthony Cataldo	HDC #33-2018
Samantha Clark	HDC #43-2018
Mike Creegan	HDC #38-2018

Paul Dyer	HDC #17-2018
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Agenda & Minutes

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Motion to approve the minutes of the HDC meeting of 22 August 2018 as submitted was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Projects of Minimal Impact: Mr. Metivier reported four projects of minimal support had been submitted and approved:

A. Francoeur Reality Trust, 10 Green Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 32, HDC #37-2018. Approved to repair pillars.

B. The Mariene Smith Revocable Trust, 10 Noble Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lotb 133, HDC #39-2018. Approved to re-roof.

C. Chromatic Dragon Games, on behalf of Dalal, LLC, 56-58 Market Street, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 194, HDC #40-2018. Approved to replace the existing wall-mounted sign.

D. Mike Creegan, 79 Noble Street, Assessor's Map 13, Lot 10, HDC #41-2018. Approved to re-roof.

IV. Public Comments by Visitors: There were none.

V. Old Business:

A. Anthony Cataldo is seeking a certificate of appropriateness for a building addition on property located at 105-107 Main Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 186, HDC #33-2018.

A designee for Anthony Cataldo was present to discuss the project. Mr. Metivier described the project as repairing a roof that was damaged by a major fire. The project will also add a third floor by 6' but not higher than its neighboring buildings; the same materials (aluminum with asphalt shingles) will be used; the new addition will remain the same color (white). Mr. Metivier furthermore explained that this petition had come before the HDC in August 2018 but without representation to answer the HDC's questions, the petition was denied.

The ensuing HDC discussion dealt with the proposed height of the new 3rd floor, the use of vinyl siding, and the retention of the eaves.

Motion to approve HDC #33-2018 as submitted with the stipulations that the vinyl match the color of the aluminum already there and that the height of the building with the addition of the 3rd floor would not be higher than the neighboring houses was made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion was adopted unanimously.

B. Any Old Business that comes before the HDC.

VI. New Business:

A. Paul Dyer is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to install a fire escape on property located at 60-64 High Street, in the Business Historic (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 214, HDC #17-2018.

Paul Dyer was present to discuss HDC #17-2018. Mr. Metivier explained that the project planned to add a black metal fire escape under the 3rd floor window with a platform and ladder extending to the ground. Mr. Metivier further explained that the property had submitted three prior petitions (in 1989, 1997, and 1998). All for signs. The Chair inquired the reason for installing this fire escape, was it an egress? Mr. Dyer replied that it was a requirement by the insurance company.

Motion to approve HDC #17-2018 as submitted was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Councilor Levasseur. Motion was adopted unanimously.

B. Mike and Marth Creegan are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace a few windows and reside the barn on property located at 79 Noble Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 13, Lot 10, HDC #38-2018.

Mike Creegan was present to discuss HDC #38-2018. Mr. Metivier reported that the property had submitted several previous petitions: in 1992, 1999, and 2018 (replace the chimney). According to Mr. Metivier's description of the project, the petitioners seek to replace siding on the barn and some windows on the barn.

The HDC discussion centered on the historic preservation of the 9-light and the trim retaining the same dimensions of the previous. Motion to approve HDC #38-2018 as submitted with the stipulations that the 9-light be retained and the trim staging retaining the same dimensions as the previous was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Councilor Levasseur. Motion was adopted unanimously.

C. Ethan and Samantha Clark are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to replace decking on property located at 37 Lincoln Street, in the Residential Single Family-A, with a Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 156, HDC #43-2018.

Samantha Clark was present to discuss HDC #43-2018. Mr. Metivier described the project would provide new support for the porch as well as replace the top floor boards which are rotting and soft. The property has appeared before the HDC in 2000 and 2002. Mr. Brooks asked about any work needed on the work on the front-most porch and its size, Mr. Poulin asked about the color of the metal.

Motion to approve HDC #43-2018 as submitted with the stipulation that it be painted within a year was made by Councilor Levasseur and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion was adopted unanimously.

D. Election of Officers.

Mr. Poulin moved that the current slate of officers (i.e. Laura Barry as Chair; Richard Brooks as Vice-Chair; and Pius Charles Murray as Secretary) be re-elected. Mr. Metivier asked if any officer currently serving had served longer than the concurrent two-year limit.

Motion to suspend the rules regarding length of service for all officers was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to re-elect the current slate of officers was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Councilor Levasseur. Vote by position of officer was adopted as follows:

<u>Candidate's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Results of Vote</u>
Laura Barry	Chair	Majority vote (4-0-1) with Ms. Barry abstaining
Richard Brooks	Vice-Chair	Unanimous
Pius Charles Murray	Secretary	Majority vote (4-0-1) with Mr. Murray abstaining

E. Any New Business that comes before the Commission

VII. Public Comments by Visitors: There were none.

VIII. Workshop Business:

A. New England and Vermont Division of Historic Preservation 2-day workshop

The Chair reported having attended the workshop on Leading Locally: Design Review for Preservation Planning. She furthermore said that she would bring to the next Education & Outreach Subcommittee meeting on 10 October 2018 some of the ideas for educating the public.

B. Input from HDC Presentation before the City Council

Councilor Levasseur expressed his thanks and congratulations to the HDC Ordinance Subcommittee for its presentation before the City Council. The Chair asked if Councilor Levasseur had heard of any amendments being submitted, to which Councilor Levasseur reported that he had not yet heard of any amendments; he would keep the HDC apprised.

C. Outreach and Education Subcommittee

No report. Next meeting on 10 October 2018.

D. Cemetery Subcommittee

No report.

Mr. Poulin announced the Talking Tombstones program at Forest Glade Cemetery on 29 September 2018 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and sold at the door. Walking tours start every 15 minutes and will visit about 20 tombs.

E. Trolley Building

Mr. Metivier reported that the interest of the HDC and Historic Museum contributed to the identification and preservation of historic elements of the building. The construction team wanted to thank the HDC for its interest.

B. Any additional Workshop Business

X. Communications and Miscellaneous:

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XI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Poulin. Motion enthusiastically passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Charles Murray

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

