



Somersworth Historic District Commission

One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878

Minutes of Regular Meeting on 7 November 2019 at 5:30pm

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Role</u>
Laura Barry	Chair
Lindsey Gagnon	Vice-Chair
Edward Levasseur	City Councilor
Matt Gerding	Commissioner
George Poulin	Commissioner
Tim Metivier	Building Inspector
Pius Charles Murray	Secretary

Petitioners Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>HDC Petition #</u>
Frederick & Susan Love	HDC # 41-2019

Member of the Public in attendance:

Richard Brooks

Agenda & Minutes

I. Call to Order: At 5:30pm by the Chair.

IV. Comments by Visitors:

No comments by visitors.

V. Old Business:

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

VI. New Business:

A. Frederick & Susan Love are seeking a certificate of appropriateness to repair sections of gutters and cornice and repair siding shingles on a property located at 47 Maple Street in the Residential Single Family/A with Historic Overlay (R1AH) District, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 173, HDC \$41-2019.

Petitioners Present: Frederick and Susan Love.

Discussion: Mr. Metivier reported that this petition was accidentally misplaced for the regular October meeting. In order that the petitioners, be able to meet weather related deadlines, the petition is being heard in November, prior to the regular November meeting.

The Chair asked Mr. Metivier to describe the project under consideration. Mr. Metivier said that the project proposes to dismantle and reconstruct damaged and deteriorated sections of gutters/cornice – please see attached drawing. Between animal damage and rot, the petitioner estimates about one-third of existing will be replaced. Existing moldings and trim to be re-used as much as possible. The second phase removes shingles to allow blown-in insulation to be installed in outer wall stud cavities. After which new wood shingles will be installed over house-wrap to match the original pattern and size. Painting to follow – see attached.

Mr. Love reported that the nails are rusting and cornice is rotting. Mr. Love said that the new materials are to match the original materials as closely as possible. As exhibits, Mr. Love brought examples of gutters and cornices to show the extent of the problem. To demonstrate the complexity of the project. Mr. Love said that there are four different spacing sets which are to be replicated. There may also be two layers of shingles, one of which will be replaced by original materials. In the future, the front porch and windows will also be replaced.

Mr. Metivier interjected concerning the windows. He stated that with the odd course layout of the windows, there is no need to cut in a notch in the coarse at top or bottom of the windows as this spacing will allow a full coarse on top of the windows.

The Chair said that there is much helpful information in the survey form in the application packet. The Chair also stated that the HDC had taken a walking tour of the property in the past. The Chair asked Mr. Love what materials he proposed be use as it is not specifically mentioned in the application. To which Mr. Love replied wood.

Mr. Metivier asked if the gutters were cedar because he could not smell anything. Mr. Gerding wanted to know what color would this renovation be painted. Mr. Love said a final decision had no yet been made but probably not pink. The Chair recommended a multi-layered color even though the HDC does

not mandate colors. Councilor Levasseur congratulated the Loves of their due diligence in repairing their property.

The Chair then asked Mr. Love to speak about his background as he seemed so knowledgeable about historic preservation. It turns out that his profession is in Historic Architecture and he spent some time illuminating his various projects.

Decision: Motion to accept HDC #41-2019 as submitted with the stipulation that the replacement be wood was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Councilor Levasseur. Motion was adopted unanimously.

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

VII. Closing Comments by Visitors:

There were none.

VIII. Communications & Miscellaneous:

A. The Chair passed out copies of the newly revised city historic district ordinances and she let them know that this went into effect on 30 September 2019.

B. The Chair also passed out the Standards for Review. Several edits have been suggested and the Chair asked the HDC to examine them.

C. The Chair also suggested that HDC members actively consider what type of educational grants for which the HDC is eligible because of our CLG. The question was whether to send a letter of intent in 2019 or 2020.

The Chair recommended a goal-setting session at the beginning of the November 2019 HDC meeting.

D. An appeal was filed against the HDC decision of the Linden Street house. The hearing will go before the ZBA probably in December 2020; the Chair will let HDC members know when that is scheduled.

E. The HDC extends its congratulations to two members based on their recent elections; (1.) Councilor Levasseur to the School Board; and (2.) Mr. Gerding to the City Council.

X Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:18pm was made by Mr. Poulin and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pius Charles Murray
(Mr.) Pius Charles Murray
Secretary