

**SOMERSWORTH Historic District Commission**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**June 23, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Gerding-City Council Rep., Laura Barry-Chair, Richard Brooks, George Poulin, Lindsey Gagnon-Vice-Chair**

**Excused Members: Charles Murray-Secretary**

**STAFF PRESENT: Tim Metivier, Code Enforcement Officer**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Approval of May 26, 2021 & June 10, 2021 meeting minutes.
  - a. Discussion: Mr. Metivier noted that the project's minimal impact report was not listed on the minutes and should have been added.
  - b. Motion: Brooks MOVED to accept the minutes of May 26 & June 10 with the revision
  - c. The MOTION is SECONDED by Gerding
  - d. The MOTION CARRIED by a 5-0-0 vote
2. Projects of Minimal Impact Report.
  - a. None to report for May.
3. Public comments by visitors.
  - a. No comments were received via mail, email or phone. None were in person.
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. None
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. **45 Market Street Bakery & Café Inc. is seeking a certificate of appropriateness to install a new sign on a property located at 45 Market Street, in the Business with Historic Overlay (BH) District, Assessor's Map 11 Lot 90, HDC#09-2021**

Mr. Metivier described the project as submitted and the history of the property.

Celeste Gingras was present as the petitioner. Gingras described that the logo is based on a wood carving. The first sign they had purchased was wood and looked bad over time and did not hold up well. They would like to use the product presented as it will last longer.

Mr. Metivier said this project did not fall under minimal impact because of the foam board material.

Gerding asked if the brackets would be left in place and Gingras noted they are staying.

Brooks asked if the sign would have raised details to the sign to give the carved look.

Gingras said yes that it has raised portions to give it depth.

- b. Motion: Brooks MOVED to accept the application as presented
  - c. The MOTION is SECONDED by Gerding
  - d. The MOTION CARRIED by a 5-0-0 vote
6. WORKSHOP BUSINESS
- a. Any workshop business that may come before the Commission. - None
7. COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS
- a. Poulin asked Mr.Metivier if we can get advertising signs and other signs can better conform with the district.
  - b. Barry also asked if Mr.Metivier can check on business keeping lite signs on at night. He offered to ask a police officer to note any signs past their business hours to be reported to him during their patrol.
  - c. Gering said the City Council adopted resolution 2931 for the grant of historical education workshops and will ask what next steps are for this.
8. Adjournment
- a. MOTION: To adjourn made by Poulin.
  - b. The MOTION SECONDED by Brooks
  - c. The MOTION CARRIED by a 5-0 vote.
  - d. The meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lindsey Gagnon