



**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Historic District Commission**

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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

July 14, 2016

Community Church of Durham  
c/o Douglas Bencks  
P. O. Box 310  
Durham, NH 03824

**Re: New freestanding sign at Community Church – 17 Main Street, Map 5, Lot 2-8**

Dear Doug,

The Durham Historic District Commission approved the application for a new freestanding sign for the Durham Community Church at its meeting on July 7, 2016. A variance was issued for the sign separate from this application. The sign was approved by the HDC as submitted subject to the following terms and clarifications:

- This approval includes the main sign shown in black and the sign for the thrift shop shown in blue.
- This approval does not cover the sign shown at the bottom in red, in the sample rendering, as that sign is shown as an example of a temporary sign. Any proposed temporary signs that would be included on the freestanding sign would be subject to specific provisions in the ordinance for temporary signs.
- The version of the sign that included the “cap” – curved black trim piece along the top – was approved.
- The top of the granite posts are slightly lower than the top of the sign, as depicted in the rendering [Some correspondence from you referred to the sign and posts being the same height].
- The colors were approved as stated and presented at the meeting.
- If you do wish to include lighting please submit a separate application depicting the proposed fixtures for another future meeting [You discussed with the HDC prospectively having one ground-mounted light on each side of the light].

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Please contact Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant, at 868-8064 to apply for any necessary building permits.

Doug, thank you for your cooperation in the review process. Please be certain to contact me if any changes are contemplated. I wish you the best of luck with this project.

Sincerely,

Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner

*cc: (all via email)*

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