

TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING

December 15, 2020

Present for the online web conference meeting was Chair Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, Holden, Honeyman, O’Leary and Alternate Commissioners Gemski, Renehan and Sanford. The Interim Town Planner and Clerk were also present. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Secretary Calciano read the legal notice into the record.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Sign Pro Inc. – 3 Mountain Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace sign at 3 Mountain Road. Tracy Becker, Sign Pro Inc., presented a replacement monument sign for Saint James Episcopal Church. The double-faced sign panel is a 1.5” high density urethane with knock out cross and carved letters. Dimensions proposed are 40” x 54” and 6’ overall height. Existing dimensions are 46” x 54” and 6’ overall height. The sign will be placed in the same location as the existing sign with two possible choices; a “V” shaped monument sign or a single double-faced monument sign. The Commissioners asked for clarification on the components of the proposed sign panel and posts. Ms. Becker restated the sign panel information and stated the posts proposed are hollow PVC. It was suggested PVC boards cut to frame the sign post provide a better appearance. A brief discussion ensued about visibility of the sign and the two options presented.

There was no public comment in favor or in opposition to the application.

The public hearing closed at 4:20 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Calciano/O’Leary) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant Sign Pro Inc. a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace monument sign at 3 Mountain Road with the following conditions:

1. Single panel monument sign as presented and on file in the Planning Office; and
2. The 4x4 posts shall be wrapped with PVC trim boards.

Erik Baldovi – 113 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace six (6) windows at 113 Main Street. AJ Cherenzia, Window World, presented the request. The specific windows were shown and numbered in a photograph submitted with the application. Mr. Cherenzia presented the application to replace windows; replacing six (6) double hung windows with Window World 4000 Series windows. All are white inside and out, all will have new exterior aluminum capping. Window Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 will have a white aluminum capping and no grids in the glass. Window Nos. 5, 6 will have a black aluminum capping and a 2/2 grid pattern. The Commissioners asked for clarification on the location of the windows, the material of the

existing windows and the proposed replacements. The Commission expressed concern with aluminum capped vinyl windows for this home. Mr. Cherenzia responded to questions raised and provided clarification using the application materials.

There was no public comment in favor or in opposition to the application.

The public hearing closed at 5:09 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Calciano/O'Leary) it was

VOTED: 0 in favor to 5 opposed to approve the Erik Baldovi application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace six (6) windows as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

The motion failed and the application was denied, citing the material of the windows as incompatible with the historic district requirements for replacement windows.

## **PLANNER'S REPORT**

### **Study Report**

Interim Town Planner provided an update on the Study Report; she has received a letter of approval from the State and the process of the public hearing can move forward. There was some discussion about timing as the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission is also proceeding with an expansion of their Lovely-Main District. After some discussion it was the consensus of the membership present to schedule the public hearing for the February 16, 2021 meeting.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Interim Town Planner Rutherford called for nominations for Chair.

Commission O'Leary moved and Commissioner Holden seconded to nominate Commissioner Honeyman as Chairman.

Commissioner Calciano moved and Commissioner Bombara seconded to nominate Commissioner Bombara as Chairman. No other nominations for Chair were made.

The Commission voted 4 in favor to 1 opposed (Calciano) to accept/approve Commissioner Honeyman as Chairman for 2021. Commissioner Bombara withdrew his nomination for Chairman.

Interim Town Planner Rutherford called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Honeyman moved and Commissioner Bombara seconded to nominate Commissioner O'Leary as Vice-Chair. No other nominations for Vice-Chair were made. The Commission voted unanimously to accept/approve Commissioner O'Leary as Vice-Chair for 2021.

Interim Town Planner Rutherford called for nominations for Secretary.

Commissioner Bombara moved and Commissioner O’Leary seconded to nominate Commissioner Calciano as Secretary. No other nominations for Secretary were made. The Commission voted unanimously to accept/approve Commissioner Calciano as Secretary for 2021.

**MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2020

Upon a motion made and seconded (Honeyman/Calciano) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the December 1, 2020 Farmington Historic District Commission special meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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