

## Farmington Historic District Commission Review

The following FAQs are not meant to be exclusive or exhaustive, and situations will often arise which require discussion with the Commission's Chairman or vice-Chairman to determine whether they need formal review by the Commission. Commissioners hope that the following will lead to greater efficiency and avoid uncertainty regarding the need for review. Please note that if your specific item does not fall under the Historic District Commission's purview, you may still need a building and/or zoning permit. **Please feel free to contact the Planning Office at (860) 675-2325 if you have any questions.**

## FAQS

- **What items DO NEED REVIEW by the Commission for installation or removal?**

1. Fences, prominent or streetside steps, horse hitches
2. Light fixtures
3. Sheds, gazebos and detached garages
4. Driveways and walkways - new or newly paved; parking lots
5. Gutters and downspouts
6. Skylights and solar panels
7. Cosmetic building modifications. Includes altered roofing or siding materials; replacement windows and storm windows; doorway and entry modifications; new, rebuilt or relocated chimneys and stovepipes
8. Additions, including attached garages
9. Commercial signs
10. Demolition of buildings or other structures
11. Flagpoles
12. Satellite dishes wider than 1 meter
13. Heating and condenser units; generators; above-ground tanks
14. Modifications to commercial buildings including the above items

- **What items DO NOT NEED REVIEW by the Commission?**

1. House color
2. Shrubbery and trees
3. Items not attached to the ground. Examples: portable recreation equipment, swing sets, kiddie pools, basketball hoops
4. Mailboxes [if of standard size and design]
5. Construction or other items not visible from a public right of way
6. Satellite dishes 1 meter or less in diameter

- **What items MAY NEED REVIEW by the Commission?**

1. Replacement of existing features with identical items
2. Dog houses, tree houses, bird houses, play houses - if of small dimensions
3. House numbers and owners' names [depending on size]
4. Small roof vents
5. Lawn objects such as small sculptures, flower tubs, planters, small fountains, bird baths