

FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

September 20, 2022

Present for the online web conference was Chair Honeyman, Commissioners Bombara, Calciano, Hatzenbuhler, Phelan and Alternate Commissioners Gemski, Renahan and Sanford. Town Planner Rutherford and Clerk Michaud were also present. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Town Council Liaison Connolly was present.

Present in the Development Wing were Town Planner Rutherford and Clerk Michaud. All others were present online.

Secretary Calciano read the legal notice into the record.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Brickwalk Shops LLC - Siding

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace siding at 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 Brickwalk Lane and 767, 769, 771, 775 Farmington Avenue and 2 High Street. Kathy Marino, Brickwalk Shops LLC, presented the request to replace existing wood clapboard siding with cement fiberboard/clapboard siding at Brickwalk Shops as needed. They had received approval to replace siding about a year ago and were back to clarify the specific addresses (includes the entirety of Brickwalk Shops). Commissioners commented they have approved the same siding material at other locations within the historic district and asked for confirmation the reveal will match existing reveal and asked about trim replacement. Ms. Marino indicated the reveal will match existing and the trim, if damaged, will be replaced with PVC, matching width of the existing trim. The Commission confirmed the siding listed on the application, Allura and/or Hardi cementitious siding products, are what will be used. Ms. Marino confirmed.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:11 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Brickwalk Shops LLC application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace siding at 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 Brickwalk Lane and 767, 769, 771, 775 Farmington Avenue and 2 High Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Robert Mandel – 93 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to remove door and replace with window at 93 Main Street. Mr. Mandel would like to replace an ancillary door on the newer portion of their home with a window. The proposed window will be the same Marvin window previously approved by the Commission. There was a brief discussion to confirm material type and to clarify the location of the existing door to be removed.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:15 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Bombara/Hatzenbuhler) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Robert Mandel application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to remove door and replace with window at 93 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Janice Riemer – 50 West District Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing wood gutters with aluminum gutters at 50 West District Road. Mark Riemer presented the request to replace existing wood gutters on their home with 6” half round powder coated aluminum gutters which will be the same color as the house. The Commissioners confirmed the location, size and material.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:19 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Bombara/Phelan) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Janice Riemer application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing wood gutters with aluminum gutters at 50 West District Road, as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Beverly Howlett – 99 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install shed at 99 Main Street. The applicant has not submitted details on the proposed shed and was not present.

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

VOTED: To continue the Beverly Howlett application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install shed at 99 Main Street to the October 18, 2022 meeting.

Sue Gebo, MOH, RD – 769 Farmington Avenue

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install sign at 769 Farmington Avenue. Ms. Gebo would like to install a wood sign with vinyl letters above her space in Brickwalk Shops. This sign was used at her previous business location. Photos were provided to show the proposed location. Commissioners asked for confirmation the sign will not be illuminated and commented they have approved similar wood signs with vinyl lettering.

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

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

VOTED: To approve the Sue Gebo, MOH, RD, application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install sign at 769 Farmington Avenue as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

STAFF REPORT

Barney Library and Noah Wallace School

Town Planner Rutherford said the Town's I.T. department is looking to upgrade the data connection between the two buildings and need to install a small dish on each building. A detail spec sheet and photo rendering of the proposed dish locations was shared with the Commission. The dish is 16" in diameter and 14" deep. Generally, the Commissioners commented the proposed dishes were unobtrusive. When asked if the Commission would require a formal application or if they were comfortable with an administrative review process, the Commission felt for consistency a formal application should be submitted.

Historic District Expansion Report Update

Town Planner Rutherford provided an update of the Expansion Report to add two properties on Waterville Road to the district. The report will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office next for their review and comments.

Hartford Baking Company – 767 Farmington Avenue

The owner of the Hartford Baking Company has been put on notice that if he does not comply with the historic district requirements he will be fined.

MINUTES

July 19, 2022 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the July 19, 2022 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting minutes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

SJM