

FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2023

Present for the hybrid meeting were Chair Bombara, Commissioners Lawson, Mix, Phelan and Alternate Commissioners Gemski and Renehan. Town Planner Rutherford and Clerk Michaud were also present. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present online were Commissioner Mix and Alternate Commissioner Renehan. All others were present in-person in the Council Chambers.

Secretary Phelan read the legal notice into the record.

Alternate Commissioner Gemski was appointed to vote in place of absent Commissioner Calciano.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ken Boudreau – 4 Porter Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install fence. Mr. Boudreau stated he would like to remove the hemlock and shrubs along his front property line and install a white azek picket fence. The fence height proposed is 42". Photos of the picket fence style were provided for clarification. The Commission asked general confirmation questions regarding the material of the fence.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:05 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Ken Boudreau application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install fence at 4 Porter Road, as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Bing Shue – 144 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install shed and expand patio. Mr. Shue presented his request to install a 10' x 16' shed near the northern property line toward the back of the proposed patio and raised garden bed area. The raised garden bed area detail provided shows pea stone between the raised garden beds between the existing pergola/patio area and the proposed shed. The Kloter Farms shed has a dormer and cupola with cedar siding and asphalt shingles. Mr. Shue commented that little of the work proposed would likely be visible from the street due to existing privacy fencing. Commissioners generally agreed with Mr. Shue's comment about the visibility from the street but he was asked to confirm the size of the proposed shed because the dimensions provided on the application detail sheet states 20' x 16' x 11'. Mr. Shue responded the shed size proposed is 10' x 16' and the 20' x 16' is likely the pad area dimension the shed will be placed on.

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

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

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

VOTED: To approve the Bing Shue application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install shed and expand patio at 144 Main Street, as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Adam Warren – 24 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows. Mr. Warren stated in response to testing indicating the existing windows have lead paint, they have young children in the home, and discussion with the health department he is proposing to replace the windows in his home. He would like to install Harvey aluminum clad windows with six over six simulated divided lites. Mr. Warren does not propose changing the look of the existing windows. Existing storm windows will be removed. Commissioners asked if the shutters would remain. Mr. Warren responded yes. The Commission did not express concern with the proposed windows as presented. There was a brief discussion regarding the condition of the trim and if needed to be replaced it should be like for like replacement.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:21 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Adam Warren application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows at 24 Main Street, as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Historic District Expansion

Chair Bombara encouraged Commissioners to continue a dialogue on ways to obtain interest from property owners to join the district.

STAFF REPORT

Historic Site Features

Town Planner Rutherford confirmed an article in the summer Town newsletter reminding property owners within the historic district that if they are considering updating or changing exterior site features to reach out to staff to determine if a Certificate of Appropriateness is required.

Waterville Road Property Addition to District

Town Planner Rutherford explained research has started to add the Waterville Road property to the district and she will provide updates to the Commission as they become available.

MINUTES

May 16, 2023 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the May 16, 2023 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting minutes.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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