

Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission

November 2, 2023

DRAFT: Minutes

Present: Lisa Johnson (Chair), Barbara Marsh, Matt Ross, Kelley Schaedler (alternate), Steve Meyer (alternate), and Garrett Daigle (Assistant Town Planner)

Absent: Bob Hoffman, Rachel Griffin (alternate), and Edward Giannaros (Town Council Liaison)

The following members were present on-line: Steven Meyer. All other representatives were present in person in the Town Council Chambers.

Lisa Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Public Hearing

1774 Farmington Avenue – Matthew & Chalise Ross – Removal of one chimney, replacement of two doors with windows to match existing and replacement of one window and removal of one window on the side of the home.

(Matthew Ross Recused) Matthew Ross presented the application. Matthew is looking to renovate the existing kitchen and small dining room into one larger kitchen. As part of this project, he is proposing to remove one of the three chimneys which currently run through the center of the dividing wall, remove the window above the existing kitchen sink along the side of the house. He is also looking to replace two of the side doors facing Farmington Avenue with windows that match the existing windows. The remaining window on the side of the home will be replaced to match the existing windows. Matthew Ross showed photos of the home from multiple angles, to display that the removal of the chimney will not be noticeable from most viewing angles from Farmington Avenue. The new windows will be Anderson 400 series Fibrex windows, and the trim will be wood or wood composite to replace the existing aluminum trim.

Matthew Ross also provided some information regarding the history of the home, from its original construction, to a conversion to a two family, and back to a single family home, and the additions that have been made through the years.

No members of the public were present.

Upon a motion made (Marsh) and seconded (Schaedler) the application was voted on (4-0-1) approved the application as presented.

Matthew Ross Abstains

Approval of Minutes:

October 5, 2023, Minutes – M/S/A Schaedler / Marsh / all, 5-0

Other business

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1. 2024 walking tour

The commission discussed possible areas for formal walking tours in 2024, after some discussion, the commission decided the walking tour will be of Main Street in Unionville.

2. 2024 Education Session

Lisa Johnson asked commission members to think of topics for educational sessions for homeowners for the commission to host in 2024. Steven Meyer suggested combining the 2024 walking tour and an education session.

3. Farmington Historic District Expansion:

The State Office of Historic Preservation has approved the report, and the Farmington Historic District Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm M/S/A Ross/ Hoffman/ all (5-0)