

FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2023

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

Present in the Planning Office were Town Planner Rutherford and Clerk Michaud. All others were present online.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Bombara stated, in the absence of Commissioner Calciano, he will appoint an alternate to be seated as a full member for the purposes of participating in the election of each officer position.

Town Planner Rutherford called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Chair

Alternate Commissioner Gemski was appointed to participate for absent Commissioner Calciano for the nomination/election of Chair.

Commissioner Lawson moved and Commissioner Phelan seconded the nomination of Commissioner Bombara for Chair for 2024. No other nominations were made.

The Commission voted unanimously to accept/approve Commissioner Bombara as Chair for 2024.

Town Planner Rutherford called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Vice Chair

Alternate Commissioner Renehan was appointed to participate for absent Commissioner Calciano for the nomination/election of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Phelan moved and Commissioner Lawson seconded the nomination of Commissioner Calciano as Vice Chair for 2024. No other nominations were made.

The Commission voted unanimously to accept/approve Commissioner Calciano as Vice Chair for 2024.

Town Planner Rutherford called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Secretary

Alternate Commissioner Sanford was appointed to participate for absent Commissioner Calciano for the nomination/election of Secretary.

Commissioner Lawson moved and Commissioner Sanford seconded the nomination of Commissioner Phelan as Secretary for 2024. No other nominations were made.

The Commission voted unanimously to accept/approve Commissioner Phelan as Secretary for 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Attorney's Legal Opinion dated October 24, 2023

Chair Bombara explained the process by which determination is made on whether or not a specific project in the historic district requires the submission of a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness. The legal opinion is a result of an inquiry for clarification regarding the installation of an inground pool at 37 Mountain Road. The Commissioners briefly discussed and did not require further clarification.

STAFF REPORT

No Staff Report.

Commissioner Renehan expressed concern over new, large traffic control signs installed along Main St. (Rte 10). It was discussed that the installation of the signs would have been by CT DOT and the town was not necessarily consulted regarding their installation.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the November 14, 2023 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting minutes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

SJM