

FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2024

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

Present in the Council Chambers were Town Planner Rutherford, Clerk Michaud, Chair Bombara, Commissioner Lawson and Alternate Commissioner Sanford. Commissioners Commissioner Mix and Phelan and Alternate Commissioner Renehan were present online.

Commissioner Calciano and Alternate Commissioner Gemski were absent.

Acting Secretary Lawson read the legal notice into the record.

Alternate Commissioner Sanford was appointed in place of absent Commissioner Calciano.

PUBLIC HEARING

Colleen and Mark Gilroy – 141 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing light post with light fixture, front door light fixtures and garage light fixtures at 141 Main Street. Ms. Gilroy, participated on-line, stated the lamp post with light fixture fell over and was damaged during a recent storm. The post was custom made for a previous owner, but she has found a similar post that is a white cedar spindle post. Ms. Gilroy presented a copper colonial small post lantern. In addition, to have consistency with the lighting, she will also replace the light fixtures at the front door and on the garage. Garage lanterns proposed are traditional outdoor wall lanterns with copper finish and the front door lanterns proposed are traditional copper wall lanterns. The Commissioners did not express concerns with the proposed light fixtures or post and felt the request was appropriate for the home.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:09 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Colleen and Mark Gilroy application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing light post with light fixture, front door light fixtures and garage light fixtures at 141 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter’s School – 56 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct canopy for Ward Dorm at 56 Main Street. Jackie Murray, Miss Porter’s School, explained they would like to construct a canopy over a set of exterior stairs that lead to a basement level laundry room. She said that during heavy rainfall the water floods into the laundry room. The proposed canopy plan shows two

columns that will be similar to other columns on the front of the building. Photos of the exterior stairs were provided for clarification of the location of the proposed canopy roof. The Commission asked general clarifying questions regarding the materials proposed and agreed the proposal was appropriate for the building.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:17 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct canopy for Ward Dorm at 56 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School – 69 Garden Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct canopy for the Athletic Complex at 69 Garden Street. Jackie Murray, Miss Porter's School, stated this request is very similar to the 56 Main Street presentation. They have discovered that during heavy rainfall water gets into the mechanical room of the Athletic Complex and close to the mechanical and electrical equipment. Ms. Murray described the canopy roof proposed and stated it will be difficult to see from the road. Although the Commission did not express concern with the proposal, they did comment that a metal roof material would be more consistent with the existing roof material of the building.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:22 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct canopy (GAF architectural shingles) for the Athletic Complex at 69 Garden Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office or the use of metal roof material.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

STAFF REPORT

Winchell-Smith Dam Removal

Town Planner Rutherford stated the Farmington River Watershed Association has contracted with Princeton Hydro regarding the removal of the Winchell-Smith Dam. This project will be permitted through DEEP and the IWC. After reviewing highlights of the project Town Planner Rutherford confirmed she will email the Design Report and Engineering Plans to the Commissioners. (Subsequent to the meeting DEEP has confirmed local permitting with the Farmington IWC is not required.)

Commissioner Mix and Alternate Commissioner Renehan left the meeting at 5:39 pm.

MINUTES

Commissioners voting on the minutes were Bombara, Lawson, Sanford, Phelan.

February 20, 2024 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the February 20, 2024 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting minutes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

SJM