

Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission

April 4, 2024

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Present: Lisa Johnson (Chair), Bob Hoffman, Matt Ross, Barbara Marsh, Kelly Schaedler (alternate), Garrett Daigle (Assistant Town Planner), and Amy Palumbo (Town Council Liaison)

Absent: Steve Meyer (alternate) and Rachel Griffin (alternate)

All members 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 and Chalise Ross – Modification of COA approved on November 2, 2023 to add two windows not to exceed 3’x2’ on the side of the home

(Matthew Ross Recused himself) Matthew Ross presented the application. The previous COA had proposed to remove the second window on the east side of the home, Matthew would like to instead add two small windows not to exceed 3’x 2’ on either side of the proposed oven hood. The windows will be Anderson fibrex windows and the trim will be the same as the previously approved COA. Matt is proposing to install stained glass inserts on the interior of the windows, Matt presented a stained-glass window that the inserts will be designed to match, an alternative will be decorative frosted glass.

The commission agreed that the windows were set back from Farmington Avenue and would not alter the home significantly.

No members of the public were present.

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

Approval of Minutes:

March 7th, 2024, Minutes, M/S/A/ Marsh/Ross/ all, 5-0

Other business

1. 2024 walking tour

Barbara Marsh provided an update on the research for the 2024 Main Street Walking Tour. Barbara and Steven Meyer had walked Main Street to inventory the homes and take pictures. There are currently 13 homes proposed for inclusion in the walking tour booklet. The tour will focus on homes within the Unionville Historic District, and homes of architectural or historical significance. Barbara has also found several photos of the former Saint Mary’s Church before it was removed. She has been utilizing the Historic Resource Inventory, the

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Unionville Museum, and online research for the historical background on homes and former residents. More research is required in the Farmington Land Records that are not available online.

2. Clover Piney Park Gazebo

Garrett Daigle and Lisa Johnson presented the draft paintings for the little free libraries that will be built as part of Daniel Germano's Eagle Scout Project. The commission agreed with the design of the paintings and look forward to seeing them installed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm M/S/A Ross/Hoffman/ all (5-0)