

FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2024

Present for the hybrid meeting were Chair Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, Lawson, Phelan and Alternate Commissioner Gemski (at 5:03p.m.). Town Planner Rutherford and Clerk Michaud were also present. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Secretary Phelan read the legal notice into the record.

Alternate Commissioner Gemski was appointed to participate in place of absent Commissioner Mix.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dynamic Mechanical Heating & AC – 15 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install two heat pumps with ducting at 15 Main Street. Matthew Cleaver, property owner, presented the request explaining the two heat pumps will be installed to the left of the home adjacent to the one-story enclosed porch. The ducting will run up the side of the house behind the chimney. Mr. Cleaver added shrubs will be planted for additional screening. The Commissioners asked general clarifying questions on location and screening.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:10 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Dynamic Mechanical Heating & AC application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install two heat pumps with ducting at 15 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Matthew Cleaver – 15 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows and remove storm windows at 15 Main Street. Mr. Cleaver stated he would like to replace most of the windows on the main house. The existing windows are single pane and will be replaced with Harvey Majesty wood frame aluminum clad exterior window frame. The new windows will have the same grid pattern as the existing windows and will be double-pane, double-hung windows. The storm windows will be permanently removed. Photos of the existing home were used to clarify which windows will be replaced.

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

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

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

VOTED: To approve the Matthew Cleaver application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows and remove storm windows at 15 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Renewal by Andersen of Southern New England – 96 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows at 96 Main Street. David McLellan, Renewal by Andersen of Southern New England, presented the application explaining the existing windows have no grid pattern and that they are proposing to replace the existing windows with fiberex composite windows. The interior and exterior trim will remain. Mr. McLellan provided details on the process of removing the existing windows and sash weights, insulating the sash cavity and inserting the replacement window. The existing window frame will not change. A technical discussion ensued with the Commission.

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

At 5:31 p.m. a motion was made and seconded (Lawson/Phelan) and unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Renewal by Andersen of Southern New England application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows at 96 Main Street to the June 18, 2024 meeting.

The Commission asked Mr. McLellan for a local address where the same composite windows have been installed so they can better understand what is being proposed.

First Church of Christ 1652 – 75 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fence around playground at 75 Main Street. Biff Schechinger presented the request explaining he was previously before the Commission with a different fence material. After further investigation they are now requesting to replace the existing fence with a Montage Plus ornamental steel fence from Ameristar. The three-rail fence will be black and is a galvanized steel that has a layered protection process to protect against corrosion. The product material sheets were provided for clarification. Mr. Schechinger added the top of fence will be a flat rail. The fence will be four feet tall, eight-foot sections with a four-foot gate for access and a double gate for maintenance access to the playground. The Commission asked if there will also be a center brace for the bottom rail. Mr. Schechinger was not sure but he would see if one is offered by the manufacturer.

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

The public hearing closed at 5:46 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the First Church of Christ 1952 application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fence around playground at 75 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

STAFF REPORT

No Staff Report.

MINUTES

March 19, 2024 Minutes

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

VOTED: 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Gemski) to approve the March 19, 2024 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting minutes.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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