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Farmington Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

Present at this meeting was Acting Chair Bombara, Commissioners Calciano and Haviland, Alternate Commissioner Charette and Town Planner and Clerk. Acting Chair Bombara called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m and read the legal notice into the record.

Alternate Commissioner Charette was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Cox.

PUBLIC HEARING

Miss Porter's School - 75 Garden Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material at 75 Garden Street. Katie Bradley, Director of Campus Planning and Design at Miss Porter's School, presented the request to change the roof material to GAF architectural shingles (charcoal). She handed out a sample of the material for review. This is the same previously approved material used on other buildings at Miss Porter's School.

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:07 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Haviland/Charette) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing roof material at 75 Garden Street with GAF architectural shingles (charcoal) as per plan submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School – 87 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material for the house and garage and install new gas meter on the north side of the house at 87 Main Street. Katie Bradley presented the request to install the same roof material as presented for 75 Garden Street, GAF architectural shingles (charcoal). Also, gas service will be extended to the house and a standard single gas meter is proposed to be installed on the north side of the house facing Church Street.

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:09 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material on the house and garage with GAF architectural shingles (charcoal) and to install a new single

gas meter on the north side of the house at 87 Main Street as per plan submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Jane Scholl – 38 Colton Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to remove and relocate existing asphalt driveway at 38 Colton Street. Glenn Scholl presented the request to replace and relocate the existing driveway. The existing driveway is partially located on the adjacent property 36 Colton Street. This project proposed to move the driveway onto his property. Mr. Scholl also proposed to create a border on the left and right side of the driveway leading up to the house with Belgian block. There were some clarification questions regarding the property line and the impact to the existing walkway to the house.

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:14 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Haviland/Charette) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the existing driveway and relocate it as per plan submitted and on file with the Planning Office at 38 Colton Street.

Linda Coates – 36 Colton Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to expand driveway at 36 Colton Street. Jim Ryan, 36 Colton Street, presented the request to make a parking space on the left side of their home in the area of the existing driveway to be relocated by the Scholls at 38 Colton Street. The parking space will be asphalt and large enough to park one vehicle. Mr. Ryan commented the additional space is needed because the driveway on the right side of their house is narrow and limited. The parking space will be separated by the new driveway at 38 Colton Street with Belgian block. The Commission asked for clarification on the location and size of the proposed parking area.

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:19 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Haviland/Charette) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to expand driveway (creating a single parking space) on the west side of 36 Colton Street as per plan presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Farmington Bank – 32 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to modify sidewalk for ADA compliance for front entrance at 32 Main Street. Steve Gemme explained the proposal to create an ADA access ramp to the front entrance of the bank. The sidewalk on the left side of the building from the handicap parking area will be modified to meet the floor level of the bank. The walkway

from Main Street will be modified with a step up to the bank entrance. There was some discussion on the railing in the rendering and using marble as the “bullnose” for the new step. Mr. Gemme stated he will check with the Building Official and install code appropriate railing(s).

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:31 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to modify the sidewalk for ADA compliance and that granite be used as the “bullnose” for the new step at 32 Main Street as pre plan submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Allison Reilly-Bombara – 13 Mountain Road

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace six windows on the side of the house located at 13 Mountain Road. Acting Chair Bombara recused himself from this matter so a quorum did not exist. The matter is tabled to the December 13, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Meeting Schedule

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

VOTED: To adopt the 2017 Meeting Schedule with the requested revisions to the deadline meeting dates.

STAFF REPORT

Town Planner Warner asked for feedback on the possible replacement of the existing cedar picket fence with a vinyl fence (same size and style fence) around the play area at the First Church of Christ at 75 Main Street. The Commission was not in favor of vinyl but said they may possibly consider an application to replace with an Azek material.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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