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Farmington Historic District Commission

April 18, 2017

Present at this meeting was Chairman Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, Cox, Holden and Alternate Commissioner O'Leary and Clerk. Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Town Council Liaison Amy Suffredini was also present.

Alternate Commissioner O'Leary was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Haviland.

PUBLIC HEARING

Erik Baldovi & Nicole Falciano – 113 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace driveway, add pavers, install ductless heating/cooling system and replace rotted wood steps, siding and portion of columns at 113 Main Street. Ms. Falciano presented each proposed project beginning with replacing the existing asphalt driveway with asphalt. Belgium cast stone pavers were proposed along the driveway as it turns toward the house and an area where they park vehicles on the eastern side of the driveway that extends toward the house. The gate on the front porch was installed for safety purposes for their children and will be painted to match the existing railing on the porch. The gate will likely be removed when the children are older. Ms. Falciano then reviewed the proposed ductless heating/cooling system to be installed on the side of the house stating it will not be visible from the road. Wood rot will be repaired/replaced on the porch steps, siding and columns. The Commissioners had some clarifying questions about the proposed work.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:08 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Holden/O'Leary) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add gate to porch, replace driveway, add pavers, install ductless heating/cooling system and replace rotted wood steps, siding and portion of columns at 113 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

This hearing covered four separate applications concerning the same property, all of which were approved in one motion.

Brickwalk Shops LLC – 12-14 Brickwalk Lane

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add shed dormer to rear of building at 12 Brickwalk Lane. Patrick Downend presented the proposed 8' x 24' dormer. The windows will be the same type and manufacturer as previously approved, Lincoln Wood Window with Aluminum Clad exterior. Exterior building materials for the dormer will match the existing building. The Commissioners asked for clarification/confirmation on materials and design.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:12 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add shed dormer to rear of building at 12 Brickwalk Lane as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Brickwalk Shops LLC – 2 High Street and 767 Farmington Avenue

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace brownstone curbing with granite at 2 High Street and 767 Farmington Avenue. Patrick Downend explained the existing brownstone curbing is soft and has decayed and do not hold up well during the winter months to snowplowing. He would like to replace the brownstone with granite commenting granite is being installed along the backage road. There was some discussion about using brownstone vs. granite and timing of the project. Mr. Downend said the transition will be done one section at a time over the summer.

Lisa Johnson stated brownstone defines the Farmington Village and granite defines Unionville. She asked the applicant to consider giving the brownstone to the Town for uses elsewhere in Town citing future projects that could use the stone. Mr. Downend responded he would gladly donate the brownstone to the Town.

The public hearing closed at 4:23 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (O’Leary/Cox) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace brownstone curbing with granite at 2 High Street and 767 Farmington Avenue as presented and on file in the Planning Office with the recommendation that the applicant donate the brownstone to the Town.

Miss Porter’s School Inc. - 44 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing concrete ramp with wood composite material at 44 Main Street. Katie Bradley, Miss Porter’s School, handed out a rendering of the proposed composite deck, railings and ramp. The existing stone walkway leading up to the ramp will remain. During discussion of the project a commissioner commented their preference for wood decking instead of composite material. Others noted composite material has been approved at other Miss Porter’s School locations. There was further discussion of concrete piers and screening.

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

The hearing closed at 4:27 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Holden/Cox) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing concrete ramp with wood composite material at 44 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 90 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows at 90 Main Street. Katie Bradley stated they would like to replace the old windows with aluminum clad Lincoln Wood windows. The new windows will have the same number of divided lights and the grids will be on the outside of the glass.

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

The hearing closed at 4:31 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows at 90 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 92 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows on first floor at 92 Main Street. Katie Bradley said at this address they would like to replace windows on the first floor, southwest corner that can be seen from Main Street and Maiden Lane. The new windows will be aluminum clad wood windows. They will be custom made to look the same as the existing windows.

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

The hearing closed at 4:32 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (O'Leary/Cox) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows on first floor at 92 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 47 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace storm windows at 47 Main Street. Katie Bradley said at the Keep Dorm they would like to replace storm windows with the same Harvey storm windows previously approved for other dorm buildings. She provided a sample for the Commission to review.

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

The hearing closed at 4:35 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Holden/Cox) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace storm windows at 47 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 44-48 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace bluestone walkway with asphalt at 44-48 Main Street. Katie Bradley provided photographs of the blue stone walk. The walkway is a connector walkway between 44 and 48 Main Street and is old and in disrepair. They would like to replace it with asphalt for safety and ease of maintenance. The walkway is not visible from Main Street. The Commission reviewed the photographs and asked some clarifying questions.

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

The hearing closed at 4:41 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (O'Leary/Cox) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace bluestone walkway with asphalt at 44-48 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 63 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add two additional paved parking spaces at 63 Main Street. Katie Bradley provided photographs of the parking area at 63 Main Street and said they would like to extend the asphalt parking area two more spaces where vehicles currently park on dirt. This would take place when they replace the existing asphalt.

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

The hearing closed at 4:42 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add two additional paved parking spaces at 63 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

STAFF REPORT

No Staff Report

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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