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## **Farmington Historic District Commission**

### **May 16, 2017**

Present at this meeting was Chairman Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, Cox, Haviland (in at 4:08 p.m.), Holden (in at 4:09 p.m.) and Alternate Commissioners Charette and Sanford and Town Planner and Clerk. Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Secretary Calciano read the legal notice into the record.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **Bruce Edgren – 116 Main Street**

Alternate Commissioner Charette was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Holden for this matter. Alternate Commissioner Sanford was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Haviland for this matter.

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fencing at 116 Main Street. Mr. Edgren submitted and reviewed photos of the existing and proposed fence. The existing fence is in need of replacement and will be removed. A new cedar fence painted to match the color of the existing fence will be installed in the same location. After some discussion about the gate latch the Commission came to consensus that Mr. Edgren could either re-use the existing gate latch or use the antique twisted latch on the new gate.

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

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

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fencing at 116 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

##### **Aimee Stokes – 14 High Street**

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material and chimney at 14 High Street. Ms. Stokes stated the roof needs replacing as well as the chimney. She proposes to replace the existing roof material with GAF Timberline Architectural charcoal colored shingles. The chimney will be rebuilt to the original dimensions and a four inch thick concrete cap will be installed. Ms. Stokes stated new flashing will also be installed. There was some discussion about the proposed chimney cap.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:15 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material and chimney with condition the four inch concrete cap has a two to three inch cantilever at 14 High Street as discussed and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 7 Mountain Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to build materials storage unit at 7 Mountain Road. Katie Bradley, Miss Porter's School, presented the request to install concrete material storage bins with an overall size of 12'D x 4'H x 60'L. The concrete material can be painted a brownstone or brick color. The storage bins are proposed for material they store; stone dust, gravel, soil and mulch. Rich Higley, Miss Porter's School, was also present to clarify layout of the proposed storage units. A discussion ensued regarding the appearance and location of the units. After further discussion it was determined that although the application lists the address of the units at 7 Mountain Road, they will physically be located at 47 Main Street. The Chair recommended continuing the public hearing so abutters of 47 Main Street could be notified of the proposed project.

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

The hearing closed at 4:31 p.m.

At 4:29 p.m. a motion made and seconded (Calciano/Cox) it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the public hearing to the June 20, 2017 meeting.

Miss Porter's School Inc. –53 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to widen driveway behind New Place Dorm and install new curb at 53 Main Street. Katie Bradley stated they would like to widen the driveway behind New Place Dorm by four feet. Ms. Bradley said they have discussed it with the church and they are in support of the project. The widening will allow a vehicle to park and wait for a child without blocking the driveway for other cars to pass. The Commission did not express concern with the application.

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

The hearing closed at 4:33 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to widen driveway behind New Place Dorm and install new curb at 53 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 87 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add four parking spaces at 87 Main Street. Katie Bradley stated they would like to add four parking spaces for staff parking, adding 32 feet of asphalt. This addition will eliminate the need for staff to park in the roadway. The Commission did not express concern with the application.

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

The hearing closed at 4:34 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add four parking spaces at 87 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 54 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material with architectural shingles at 54 Main Street. Katie Bradley reviewed a photo of the existing building clarifying the portion of the building with an existing slate roof. This portion of the roof will remain slate. The portion of the building with an asphalt shingled roof will be replaced with GAF Timberline high definition shingles.

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

The hearing closed at 4:37 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material with architectural shingles at 54 Main Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

**STAFF REPORT**

St. Patrick's Church

Town Planner Warner informed the Commission the State would like to take down two large sycamores in front of St. Patrick's Church. One is diseased and the other appears to be healthy. He explained the church is in support of them being removed for safety reasons. This portion of Main Street has a State Scenic Road designation and he will contact the State Forester to make sure they are aware of the designation.

39 Main Street

A stop work order has been given to the contractor for starting work on the carriage house at 39 Main Street without permits. The property is in the Farmington Historic District. They propose to replace siding, windows and garage doors. A determination needs to be made as to whether or not the structure is visible from a roadway and if so, an application for review by the Commission will be required.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Temporary Certificates of Appropriateness

Commissioner Holden asked if the Commission had discussed the possibility of setting an expiration date on Temporary Certificates of Appropriateness. Chair Bombara commented it had been discussed at the March 28, 2017 meeting but that there was no clear consensus between the Commissioners and that more information and time for consideration was needed. Commissioner Holden said she would provide information from other historic districts in Town that set expiration dates on approvals.

**MINUTES**

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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