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Farmington Historic District Commission

June 20, 2017

Present at this meeting was Acting Chair Holden and Alternate Commissioners Charette, O'Leary and Sanford and Town Planner and Clerk. The Acting Chair Holden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Acting secretary O'Leary read the legal notice into the record.

Alternate Commissioner Charette was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Cox. Alternate Commissioner Sanford was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Bombara. Alternate Commissioner O'Leary was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Calciano.

PUBLIC HEARING

Edmund Sanford – 18 Mountain Road

Alternate Commissioner Sanford recuses himself from this matter.

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to pave driveway at 18 Mountain Road. A quorum was not present to hear this matter. The hearing is tabled to the July 18, 2017 meeting.

Miss Porter's School Inc. – 47 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to build materials storage unit at 47 Main Street. Katie Bradley, Miss Porter's School, reviewed her previously presented 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 and she offered to plant around the exterior for additional screening. Although this is not within the purview of the Commission there was no objection. The storage bins will provide a neater more organized storage area for materials they store; stone dust, gravel, soil and mulch. Commissioner Sanford asked if the storage bins will be capped. Ms. Bradley responded no. There was discussion on painting and screening of the units.

Ann Mullen, 40 High Street, commented material has been stored at this location for years and she is ok with the existing amount of material stored. However, she does not want the storage use to become more than it is today. Ms. Bradley responded they have no intention of making the use more than it is today. The material stored at this location is for minor uses throughout campus. A landscape company does all the major landscaping on campus and they have no need to store large amounts of material at this location.

The hearing closed at 4:10 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded (Charette/O'Leary) and unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to build materials storage unit at 47 Main Street as per plan presented and on file in the Planning Office.

William Clark – 39 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows, siding and doors (garage and passageway) on accessory structure located at 39 Main Street. Mr. Clark was present. Commissioner Charette asked the applicant to explain the project. Mr. Clark submitted photos of the accessory structure; existing cedar clapboard siding and trim will be replaced with the same material, three existing garage doors will be replaced with steel doors with Woodgrain Texture (Richards-Wilcox-Echo Ridge Model X Buck-3 Panel Style); existing exterior doors will be replaced with fiberglass doors (Masonite Belleville Smooth Fiberglass Doors); existing windows will be replaced with Marvin Clad Ultimate Double Hung Next Generation Series windows. Commissioner Sanford commented the structure is not very visible from the road. Town Planner Warner stated per the State Statute the Commission has to assume there is no vegetation screening the structure. When asked for clarification on whether or not the roof material will be replaced Mr. Clark responded the roof was replaced about six years ago.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:20 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows, siding and exterior doors (garage and passageway) on accessory structure located at 39 Main Street as per plan submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

STAFF REPORT

No Staff Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Bombara has asked that the discussion regarding whether or not to establish an expiration date for approvals be moved to the July agenda.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

SJM