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Farmington Historic District Commission

July 18, 2017

Present at this meeting was Chairman Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, Cox, Alternate Commissioners Charette and O'Leary and Town Planner and Clerk. Chairman Bombara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary Calciano read the legal notice into the record.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Edmund Sanford – 18 Mountain Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to pave driveway at 18 Mountain Road. Robert Sanford presented the application to replace an existing gravel driveway with asphalt. The driveway footprint will remain the same. No concerns were expressed by the Commission.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:04 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to pave driveway at 18 Mountain Road as per plan submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Hill-Stead Museum – 35 Mountain Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace entrance sign at 35 Mountain Road. David Perbeck, Operations Director, presented the request to replace the existing entrance sign on Mountain Road. The sign was hit by a vehicle and temporarily fixed. The proposed carved double sided sign is proposed to be installed on a 4 x 4 aluminum post with a 3 x 3 cross member. Smaller panel signs will hang below the panel sign for specific events, eliminating the various lawn signs posted at the entrance. The overall height of the new sign will be the same as the old sign and the sign will be moved closer to the wall to improve the sight line. General discussion about the sign followed with the Commission stating a preference that the museum use a 6 x 6 wooden post and cross member. They felt a more substantial post and cross member was more appropriate for this sign.

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

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

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace entrance sign at 35 Mountain Road with the condition that the proposed aluminum post and cross member be replaced with a 6 x 6 wood post and cross member. The proposed panel design is approved as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

William Clark – 39 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to build landscape stone wall for accessory structure and replace six windows on house located at 39 Main Street. Mr. Clark presented his request to replace six windows on the primary residence with Marvin Clad Ultimate Double Hung-Next Generation Series windows. The window sizes and grille patterns will be replicated. In addition, Mr. Clark proposed to install a radiused landscape wall at the southwest corner of the garage. The wall is proposed to be constructed of natural New England Round Fieldstone with a Brownstone Cap. Samples were provided for the Commissioners. Mr. Clark stated although the rendering shows a low tapered wall off the radiused wall, it will not be constructed. His plan is to only construct the radius wall. The height of the wall is six feet. General discussion followed regarding the drawing submitted for the garage which included arches over the garage door openings versus the drawing and photos submitted with the June 2017 application that did not include this feature. After further discussion it was determined this feature is not visible from the street.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:40 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to build landscape stone wall for accessory structure and replace six windows on house located at 39 Main Street as per plan submitted, represented at the public hearing and on file in the Planning Office.

Laurie Cassinari – 2 High Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install sign at 2 High Street. Ms. Cassinari presented her request to install a wooden 25" x 48" sign on the building located at 2 High Street above the stairwell to her space at Brickwalk Shops. Photos of the building and sign were submitted for the Commissioners. Ms. Cassinari also brought the sign to the meeting to show the Commission. During discussion the Commissioners recommended trimming the sign creating an oval sign instead of the rectangular sign presented. The Commission felt the oval sign was more appropriate for the proposed location on the building and would fit the space.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:48 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install sign at 2 High Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office with the condition that instead of a rectangular shaped sign the sign shall be trimmed to the oval design line painted on the sign.

The applicant's next step is to submit a sign application to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Patrick's Church Rectory

Informal presentation of future application regarding siding/trim replacement on the Rectory. Ray Giolitto handed out historical information regarding the original rectory; including renderings. They would like to refurbish the siding and trim and are in the process of exploring what is under the existing material. They hope to submit a formal application for the Commission to consider at the September 19, 2017 meeting.

Lot 2A Mountain Spring Road

Informal discussion with prospective buyer of this parcel and construction of a new house. The prospective buyer of Lot 2A Mountain Spring Road is considering purchasing the lot with the intention of constructing a new single family house. He asked the Commission for feedback on what information they need for this type of construction project. The Commission suggested house plans with design details, list of exterior building materials, including any proposed fencing, stone features, roof material, etc.

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 September agenda.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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