

# **Farmington Historic District Commission**

## **Public and Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **March 24, 2015**

Present at this meeting was Chairman Donald, Commissioners Calciano and Cox and Alternate Commissioner Charette and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. Chair Donald called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### Brickwalk Shops – 767-771 Farmington Avenue and 2 High Street

##### Bollard and Mailboxes

Patrick Downend presented photographs of the proposed granite bollard as well as finials and bases for the three mailbox units that have been installed. There was some discussion on whether it should be recommended that the mailbox unit color should be black instead of the existing off-white color.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to Brickwalk Shops LLC for the granite bollard and mailboxes with finials and bases for three mailbox units as presented, located at 767-771 Farmington Avenue and 2 High Street.

##### Frosted Light Panels

The Commissioners visited the site at night and commented the glare from the light posts was still quite bright. A lengthy discussion ensued for possible solutions including blacking out side panels on the light posts along the property line and applying a heavier frost to other panels. Patrick Downend commented he took advice from the lighting company regarding appropriate lighting and brightness. Mr. Downend said he would continue to incrementally darken the level of opaqueness on the panels until the appropriate level of lighting is achieved. He stressed the need to not darken too much as that would create a safety issue for people that reside on site. Going forward he said the positive is everyone is a little more educated on LED fixtures and brightness. The Commissioners discussed how to ensure this matter is resolved in a timely manner, including possible inclusion of this matter in a pending settlement agreement being considered by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

No Staff Report.

#### **MINUTES**

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

SJM