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**FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2018

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

Alternate Commissioner Sanford was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Holden.

Alternate Commissioner Marchese was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Haviland.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Miss Porter's School – 75 Garden Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new storm windows on all windows at 75 Garden Street. Katie Bradley represented the applicant and presented the request to install new storm windows on the Cottage dormitory building. Ms. Bradley presented photos of the view of the building from Garden Street. The proposed storm windows (Harvey Tru-Channel) have been previously approved by the Commission for some of their other buildings.

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:05 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new storm windows (Harvey Tru-Channel) on all windows at 75 Garden Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School – 4 Mountain Road

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace all windows, replace siding and reconstruct rear porch at 4 Mountain Road. Ms. Bradley presented photos of the building and provided material samples for the Commission to review. Harvey Majesty wood windows are proposed and will be aluminum clad on the exterior. Boral cement board clapboards are the proposed siding replacements. Ms. Bradley stated the rear side porch will be rebuilt with wood except for the steps and deck. An Azek material sample was provided for review. The footprint and number of steps will remain the same as existing. The railing height will change to code. The windows will look the same as the existing windows.

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/O'Leary) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace all windows, replace siding and reconstruct rear porch at 4 Mountain Road as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School – 47 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new storm windows on all windows at 47 Main Street. Ms. Bradley stated the proposed storm windows are the same as presented for the 75 Garden Street application (Harvey Tru-Channel). All storm windows will be replaced.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:14 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new storm windows on all windows at 47 Main Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School – 87 Garden Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct new retaining wall and walkway, increase awning overhang and add new gutters at 87 Garden Street. Ms. Bradley submitted a photo of the new retaining wall rendering. Wall detail provided was the interior of the wall will be brick with real rock exterior and a slate cap. The wall will be located approximately 14 feet from the building. Also proposed is the extension of an existing awning. The existing awning stops before the walkway causing icing during the winter months. They would like to extend three feet to cover the walkway. Existing posts will be relocated to the outside of the sidewalk for support. Gutters will be installed in front of the posts.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:22 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct new retaining wall and walkway, increase awning overhang and add new gutters at 87 Garden Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter's School – 44 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new walkway, replace an existing walkway and install drainage/catch basins at 44 Main Street. Ms. Bradley presented the request to replace an existing bituminous walkway with white stones along the outer edge. The white stone will be removed, catch basins will be installed to address drainage issues and new bituminous installed of the same width and length as existing. In addition, a new six foot wide bituminous walkway is proposed parallel to Garden Street approximately 200 feet long from the Olin Building to the Theatre. The Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding the catch basins and walkway details.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:28 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new walkway, replace an existing walkway and install drainage/catch basins at 44 Main Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Cliff Mix – 26 High Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add stone wall and blue stone walkway at 26 High Street. Dian Barnes, Landscape Architect, represented the property owner and presented the project to install a stone wall and blue stone walkway. The stone wall proposed is a Drystack Fieldstone wall that will match walls on high street. The wall will be approximately two feet off the sidewalk, one and one half feet high on the street side and two to two and a half feet high on the back side of the wall. Although the plans show an Antique Bluestone walkway, they will install a traditional bluestone walkway instead. Correspondence received from Amy Suffredini, 22 High Street, in support of the application was read into the record.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:41 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant the Cliff Mix application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to add stone wall and blue stone walkway at 26 High Street as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

15 Walnut Street

Chair Bombara informed the Commission he received a letter that a demolition permit application has been submitted for 15 Walnut Street. He shared with the Town Historian and

Historic Society and the general consensus was that this home did not seem to have historic significance. He did not anticipate any objections to the demolition from the historic community.

#### Statewide Historic Preservation Conference

Chair Bombara and Town Planner Warner attended the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in May and provided a brief summary.

### **STAFF REPORT**

#### Main Gate

The owner of Lot 9A1 Main Gate is looking into a subdivision of this property. This parcel is not located in the Farmington Historic District but is located behind 169 Main Street which is located in the District. There will be a plan to rebuild the house that burned at 169 Main Street before the Commission in the future.

#### 25 Hatter's Lane

The renovations at 25 Hatter's Lane are coming along and the property looks very good.

#### State D.O.T. Project - Route 4

The State D.O.T. has finished their project. Some additional/supplemental landscaping will be needed.

#### Goal

The Town Council created a goal for the Town Planner to coordinate the Farmington and Unionville Historic District Commissions and Preservation Now.

#### 820 Farmington Avenue

There is no new information regarding this site.

### **MINUTES**

#### May 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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