

**FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 17, 2019

Present at this meeting was Chairman Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, O'Leary, Alternate Commissioners Marchese and Sanford 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 Sanford was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Holden. Alternate Commissioner Marchese was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Haviland.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Miles Andrews – 24 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fence. Mr. Andrews would like to replace existing fence with Cape Cod Eastham style white cedar fencing. He provided a plot plan showing the location of the fence along the side lot line and toward the side of the house. The Commission asked some clarifying questions. Mr. Andrews also used photos to provide clarification of his proposal.

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

VOTE: To approve the Miles Andrews application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fence at 24 Main Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Patrick's Church – 110 Main Street

Ray Giolitto, Northeast Collaborative Architects, presented an alternate pole light as a proposed substitute for the Commission to consider. The substitute light looks very similar and has the same dimmable LEDs. Mr. Giolitto stated the light is full cutoff and that the photometric plan shows zero foot candles at the property line. There was a brief discussion for clarification.

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

VOTED: To grant the request for modification of prior approval to substitute the pole light as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Hill-Stead Museum – 35 Mountain Road

Charles Mueller, Centerbrook Architects and Planners, presented the plans for interior rehabilitation of the Carriage Barn, conversion of the existing Drive Shed, Automobile Garage and Equipment Repair Bay at the Hill-Stead Museum. Minor changes to exterior hardscapes are included in these plans. Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development State Historic Preservation Office has worked with Centerbrook and have made the determination that the project will have no adverse effects to the historic properties of the Hill-Stead. The Commission complimented Mr. Mueller on his presentation and were supportive of the proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

John L. Simpson Co., Inc. – 32 Main Street

Rick DeLuca with John L. Simpson Co., Inc., provided an alternate railing regarding the ramp approved in May 21, 2019. The proposed wrought iron railing will be in keeping with the railing at 28 Main Street also owned by the bank. An ADA grab bar will be installed on the inside of the fence. The existing black pipe style fence installed by the prior bank will be removed as part of this project. There was a brief discussion for clarification purposes. The “S” detail on the fence will be spaced

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

VOTED: To accept the railing design submitted by John L. Simpson Co., Inc. as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

STAFF REPORT

Historic District Expansion

Town Planner DeVoe told the Commission he is working with Lisa Johnson regarding adding properties to the District.

Former Parsons Property – Farmington Avenue

Town Planner DeVoe provided an update on this parcel. Although the Town has hired a consultant to do some testing of the site, the State has not been responsive to the consultant nor granted access to the site. The Town will continue to explore options on how to proceed with the site, is it not currently available for purchase from the State.

Streetscape Improvements

Town Planner DeVoe commented sidewalk improvements along Main Street are in design and he believes they will be concrete.

MINUTES

July 18, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 Farmington Historic District Commission special meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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