

**FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

November 19, 2019

Present at this meeting was Chairman Bombara, Commissioners Calciano, Haviland, O'Leary, Alternate Commissioner Gemski 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Miss Porter's School – 36 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new lamp posts at 36 Main Street. Katie Bradley, Miss Porter's School, presented the request to install five new lamp posts along Main Street portion of 36 Main Street and at the corner of Main and Porter Road. She explained the area is too dark and that this would provide better visibility for pedestrians and motorists. The Commissioners asked for clarification on the proposed locations and suggested one post would be sufficient at the beginning of the walkway to the dorm. The walkway is in close proximity to the driveway into the site where they propose to install another light post. The Commission also recommended the lights be dimmable and dark sky compliant.

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

The public hearing was closed at 4:10 p.m.

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

VOTE: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install four light posts at 36 Main Street as discussed and on file in the Planning Office with the condition the lights are dimmable and night sky compliant.

Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. – 2 High Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install sign at 2 High Street. Rich Jones, Children's Dyslexia Centers, stated this center is the third location in Connecticut; they train and tutor children with dyslexia. They occupy space above the bank and would like to install a sign. The 18" x 24" sign as proposed will hang on a black scroll bracket matching other sign brackets within the Brickwalk Shop development. Town Planner DeVoe stated the application was reviewed by the Architectural Design Review Committee and the only recommendation the Committee had was that the hardware that holds the sign panel to the bracket also be black.

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

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

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

VOTED: To approve the Children’s Dyslexia Centers, Inc. 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 the hardware that holds the sign panel to the bracket is also black to match the bracket.

Contempo Restoration – 40 Colton Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install sky light at 40 Colton Street. This application was withdrawn and will be resubmitted for an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Informal Discussion – 169 Main Street

Jason Levesque, owner of 169 Main Street, would like to build a new house at 169 Main Street. He stated he would like to build a house similar to the former house that burned down. The only feature of the former house that remains is a patio. Mr. Levesque provided a photo of the former and a similar style house. In addition, he discussed siding material type, roofing material and windows. The siding material was a pressed board with a thirty-year warranty that does not absorb water/moisture. Windows would likely be Anderson 400 or A series windows with true divided lights. Roof material will be an asphalt material.

Informal Discussion – 60 Main Street

Katie Bradley presented a rendering of a proposed expansion to the rear of the dining/student hall at 60 Main Street. The addition approximately thirty-two feet off the back of the building will expand the kitchen/dining hall. Ms. Bradley used the elevation to explain the rear addition will be designed with imagery to resemble the front of the building; windows will be wood to replicate existing windows; shutters will also be windows; brick will be similar to the existing brick; the existing flat roof will be continued through the new addition.

2020 Meeting Schedule

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

VOTED: To adopt the 2020 meeting schedule as submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

STAFF REPORT

Historic District Expansion

Chair Bombara and Town Planner DeVoe provided an update for the Commission that Lisa Johnson continues to work with the Chair and staff regarding adding properties to the District.

Midpoint Development District Text Amendment

The Town Plan and Zoning Commission approved the Midpoint Development District text amendment to the zoning regulations and staff expects to see an application in the near future.

Former Parsons Property – Farmington Avenue

Town Planner DeVoe stated he has completed the RFP/RFQ regarding this property to keep things moving along. Future updates will be provided as they become available.

MINUTES

September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Farmington Historic District Commission meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

SJM