

# **Farmington Historic District Commission**

## **Public and Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **April 21, 2015**

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **Frances Brown Holmes – 126 Main Street**

Commissioner Charette recused himself from this matter.

Tim Lyman, 126 Main Street, explained they had significant ice damage this winter and would like to replace the roof on the house and porch. The existing roof material is cedar shake and the porch roof is traditional asphalt shingle. The proposed replacement roof material is Timberline High Definition shingles, color Weathered Wood. The house across the street has the same roof material but he has chosen a smaller shingle width. The Commissioners had no objections to the proposed roof material.

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

The hearing closed at 4:04 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Bombara/Holden) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof material at 126 Main Street as per plan presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

##### **Frosted Light Panels**

Since the last meeting Patrick Downend reduced the lighting and Commissioners visited the site at night to assess the change. Although the lighting is less bright some members expressed concern that there was still too much lighting on neighboring property coming from the parking lot island. Mr. Downend stated that upon recommendation from the manufacturer and meeting with a representative at the site he was able to reduce the lighting 90%. His concern in reducing any further would create a safety concern with his tenants. After further discussion the membership agreed to have Assistant Planner Dolphin check with the manufacturer to see if an additional fixture is available for these light fixtures that could be added to force light downward. Additionally, staff will check with the Building Official regarding whether there is a building code regarding safe lighting levels. A question was raised as to when the lights are shut off. Mr. Downend was asked to check the timers to make sure they shut off at 10 p.m.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Heather Grahling – 775 Farmington Avenue

Ms. Grahling informally requested whether the replacement of window boxes requires a formal application. Existing window boxes are wood and the proposed are a polyethylene material. It was the determination of the Commissioners that a formal application be made for their formal review.

**STAFF REPORT**

71 Main Street

Follow-up on a request to check on a possible window replacement at a Miss Porter's building reported as 71 Main Street to Chairman Donald. Assistant Planner Dolphin has visited 71 Main Street but it is not a Miss Porter's building and asked if the Chair could double-check the street address with the person that reported it and let her know so she can investigate further.

**MINUTES**

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

SJM