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## **Farmington Historic District Commission Special Meeting Minutes June 2, 2015**

Present at this meeting was Chairman Donald, Commissioners Cox and Alternate Commissioners Charette and O'Leary and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. Chair Donald called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### Miss Porter's School – 53 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to remove existing greenhouse and replace with enclosed porch at 53 Main Street. The hearing was continued from May 19, 2015. Katie Bradley represented Miss Porter's School and presented alternate plans explaining their goal is to make the space feel like a sunroom with large windows and a lot of light. The roofline has been adjusted to mimic the height of the existing greenhouse roof. Ms. Bradley reviewed the condition of the existing greenhouse, necessary asbestos abatement regarding glazing on the lower windows and timing of the abatement, which would need to be done while the building is unoccupied for the summer. The Commissioners reviewed photographs and discussed reconstruction versus preservation of the greenhouse and what would be architecturally appropriate for this building. Commissioners expressed a variety of opinions regarding the appropriateness of the revised plans submitted. Ms. Bradley noted while ideally the greenhouse could be preserved, she noted the level of deterioration is too severe and the need for repair and asbestos abatement is too great to assure the safety of students and residents without removal of the structure. Commissioners discussed the balance of the need for historic preservation and the need for safety. Commissioners were uncomfortable finalizing their decision and asked Ms. Bradley to consider additional ideas and to work with Town staff regarding the permit needs for the project.

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

VOTED: To continue the hearing to their next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

SJM