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Farmington Historic District Commission Special Meeting Minutes July 21, 2015

Present at this meeting was Chairman Donald, Commissioners Bombara, Calciano, Cox and Alternate Commissioner Charette and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. Chair Donald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Town Council Liaison Amy Suffredini was also present.

Secretary Bombara read the legal notice into the record.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Miss Porter's School – 53 Main Street

Commissioner Bombara recused himself from this matter.

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild front and side porches, replace shutters and install new storm windows at 53 Main Street. Katie Bradley, Miss Porter's School, presented the request to replace shutters made of a composite material. These shutters were recently approved for another dorm building. Ms. Bradley noted not all windows have shutters but they will be installed on all windows. Additionally, tilt rods will be added to the shutters. She handed out a packet of photos, including old post cards of this building. Also proposed is the installation of Larson Silver Series storm windows. These windows were also recently approved for another dorm building. Ms. Bradley next reviewed the side porch and front porch and explained the rebuilding/repair proposed. She passed around samples of the replacement railing and rail cap made of PV and composite materials. Explaining the new railing will be raised to meet code requirements. Chairman Donald asked for clarification on the railing height. Ms. Bradley responded the existing height is approximately 29 inches and the new height will be 36 inches. The baluster height will change from 20 inches to 24 inches. Ms. Bradley added the lower porch area in front of the building is not part of the proposed rebuild/repair.

There was no public comment in favor or in opposition of this application.

The hearing closed at 4:16 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve Miss Porter's School application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild front and side porches, replace shutters and install new storm windows at 53 Main Street as presented and as per plan on file in the Planning Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

144 Main Street

Chairman Donald asked the Commissioners to ride by and look at the transformation of the former screened porch at 144 Main Street. She is interested in their opinion. Commenting on how some of these changes architecturally don't seem appropriate for the main structure.

STAFF REPORT

Retirement

Assistant Planner Dolphin announced her retirement to the Commission. The Commissioners wished her a happy retirement and thanked her for all her help.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

SJM