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Farmington Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Present at this meeting was Chairman Donald, Commissioners Bombara, Calciano, Cox and Alternate Commissioners Charette, Haviland and O'Leary and 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

Joe Skaret – 127 Main Street

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar array on roof of house at 127 Main Street. Peter Stevenson, All Green It, LLC, explained the proposed solar array will be located on the rear portion of the roof. Mr. Stevenson commented this will have little impact to the historic neighborhood due to the height of the house. The Commissioners reviewed the application packet, clarified the location of the solar array and had no other questions.

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

The hearing closed at 4:04 p.m.

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

VOTED: To approve the application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar array on roof of house at 127 Main Street, as per plan presented.

Rose Inc. – 18 Diamond Glen Road

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to re-roof house at 18 Diamond Glen Road. Jim Rose explained the owners of 18 Diamond Glen Road would like to replace their existing three-tab shingles with Timberline Weathered Wood architectural shingles. The Commissioners asked for confirmation that there would be no changes to the trim on the roof.

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

The hearing closed at 4:07 p.m.

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to re-roof house at 18 Diamond Glen Road as per plan presented.

Brickwalk Shops LLC – 14 Brickwalk Lane

Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install through the wall air conditioner units at 14 Brickwalk Lane. Patrick Downend presented his application to add four wall air conditioning units. The tenants currently use window units but over time he is concerned this may damage the windows. The wall units he is proposing will protrude approximately twelve inches. Mr. Downend added he could paint the wall sleeves the same color as the siding. He stated he looked into central air conditioning but because the building is so old there is no room in the attic or the walls for a condenser unit or duct work to support it. Mini-splits were also considered but are cost prohibitive and there would still be condenser units outside with tubing running up the wall units. Discussions ensued regarding location and appearance of the proposed units. Some members preferred mini-split units. Other members felt the proposed location was best for this building and least visible to the general Brickwalk Shop area. Mr. Downend stated no units will be installed on the front of the building and that there may not be a need for the fourth unit.

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

The public hearing closed at 4:27 p.m.

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

VOTED: 3 in favor to 2 opposed (Calciano/Charette) to grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install through the wall air conditioner units at 14 Brickwalk Lane, as per plan presented. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

High Street

Commissioner Bombara told the Commissioners that there is a petition circulating regarding making High Street a cul-de-sac and that the topic will be discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting held at the Police Department, Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The Traffic Committee will also look at alternatives to improve traffic on High Street. Discussion ensued about traffic in the Historic District and that making such a change will have an impact on the character of the District. The Commissioners were encouraged to inform residents in the District that may be interested in this issue about this meeting.

STAFF REPORT

No staff report.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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