Present at this meeting was Chair Bombara, Commissioner Calciano, Alternate Commissioner Gemski, Renehan and Sanford and Town Planner. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Secretary Calciano read the legal notice into the record.

Alternate Commissioner Sanford was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Holden.
Alternate Commissioner Gemski was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Haviland.
Alternate Commissioner Renehan was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner O’Leary.

Jason Levesque – 169 Main Street

Mr. Levesque provided additional information requested by the Commission. The proposed garage doors are Wayne Dalton Bellview 6600 Carriage Style Doors with Bean Hardware door kits. Decking material proposed is Timbertech Pro Reserve composite decking (Antique leather) with Timbertech Trademark colonial style railing retaining wall veneer proposed is O & G Industries Gettysberg Ledge Stone thin sliced veneer. Fencing information provided was a cedar picket fence with colonial posts. Mr. Levesque proposed an Eclipse Millennium Copper Gutter System.

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

Upon a motion made and seconded (Renehan/Sanford) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness for the new house at 169 Main Street with the following modifications:

1. Garage door to be composite or wood and of a similar design; lites are not necessary; and
2. Deck railings and spindles to be wood.

Jane Scholl – 38 Colton Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct stone wall at 38 Colton Street. Mr. Scholl provided photos of similar stone walls in the neighborhood he would like to install along the front property line just outside the street right-of-way.

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

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to construct stone wall at 38 Colton Street, as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.
Miss Porter’s School – 36 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install four lamp posts at 36 Main Street and the corner of Porter Road. Katie Bradley presented an alternative to the lighting approved at the November 19, 2019 because those lights did not come with a dimmable feature. The posts are the same as approved, but the new light fixture proposed is dark sky compliant and can be dimmed if needed.

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

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to Miss Porter’s School to install four lamp posts at 36 Main Street and the corner of Porter Road as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter’s School – 75 & 79 Garden Street and 36 & 54 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to install new gas meters and generators. Ms. Bradley presented the request stating they would like to install gas meters and generators at 75 & 79 Garden Street. She provided an aerial map showing the proposed locations. They would also like to install generators at 36 & 54 Main Street as shown. Detailed photos were provided for clarification on the location and appearance of the structures.

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

Upon a motion made and seconded (Sanford/Gemski) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to Miss Porter’s School to install new gas meters and generators at 75 & 79 Garden Street and new generators at 36 & 54 Main Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Miss Porter’s School – 54 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof at 54 Main Street. Ms. Bradley stated they would like to replace the existing slate roof material on the Jones building with Timberline architectural shingles (charcoal). The same architectural shingle they have used on other buildings throughout campus.

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

Upon a motion made and seconded (Sanford/Renehan) it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof at 54 Main Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.
Miss Porter’s School – 60 Main Street

Application for Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows and doors, make site improvements, install new generator and construct two-story addition at 60 Main Street. Details provided regarding site improvements included: the site around 60 Main Street will be improved to provide accessible entries in the front of 60 Main and at the new dining hall extension to the west. A new loading dock on the north side requires minor reconfigurations of the existing drive pavement. A new generator will replace the existing and be relocated to the north of the addition enclosed by a fence. New underground utility services will be brought to the building from Garden Street and Main Street. Existing stone steps between Ward and 60 Main will be renovated. Existing stone steps will be moved from the Kate Lewis Gym terrace north, adjacent to the 60 Main building extension. The stone wall surrounding the Kate Lewis Gym terrace will be extended northwest. The topography to the west of the building addition will be regraded for accessibility with two new granite stairs matching other existing stairs. In addition, new site finishes will all match existing: brick pavers at terraces and ramps, solid granite at steps, grass and plantings, and bituminous surface on the service drive to the north. New fencing around a new generator will be dark narrow horizontal louvers like residential shutters. A new graded gentle brick ramp without rails from the north will create an inconspicuous accessible access to the front door along Main Street, replacing the current metal ramp to the south. The existing front steps to the colonnade will have new handrails and will be re-proportioned to meet code. The terrace under the front porch will be gently sloped to provide direct on grade access through the front door. One existing lamp post will be moved to the west of the new dining hall extension. Replacement windows and doors will match existing openings in style, proportion, and materials (wood, aluminum clad, painted steel). Muntin patterns will match adjacent windows. The following description of the two-story addition was presented: This is a two-story (plus mechanical attic) addition to the existing dining hall and kitchen at Miss Porter’s School. The addition extends the current building to the west towards the center of campus. The new kitchen addition replaces the current wood structure for improved safety and service. It will match the rest of the building in material and detailing for a more unified structure. The west end of the addition is a large window wall styled as traditional windows with a colonnade below, reminiscent of the front porch of 60 Main. All the new windows and doors are replicas of existing windows in the building. The roof of the addition continues the existing hipped form with identical shingles. The walls of the addition will continue the existing brick and white trim of the current building. Two new gabled dormers for access and mechanical ventilation straddle the roof in inconspicuous locations. They will be clad in white trim board and shingles matching the existing building frieze and roof. A new pair of swinging loading dock doors will be residential in scale (4'-0" x 6'-8" each). Existing exterior stair will remain from the second floor to grade. New additions will be installed from the rear of the second and third floors near the center of the roof. Commissioner Calciano noted that the screening for the generator should be softened if at all possible.

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

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows and doors, make site improvements, install new generator and construct two-story addition at 60 Main Street as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.
OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

STAFF REPORT

None

MINUTES

January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Farmington Historic District
Commission meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

SJM