



**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**  
**Town Hall — Fairfield, Conn.**  
**FAIRFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Date February 8, 2018

**Hearings were held in the Second Floor Conference Room, Old Town Hall beginning at 4:15 p.m.**

Notice of this Hearing was published in the Friday, January 26, 2018 edition of the *Fairfield Citizen*

Designation of voting alternates: Gravanis, Kaylor, Clark

Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Gravanis, Klyver, Negron, Shea, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Clark, Kaylor, Kufferman

**Call to order:** At 4:15 PM Chairman Shea called the meeting to order.

Public Hearings:

1. Neil Hauck, a local architect presented on behalf of **The First Church Congregational of Fairfield, located at 636 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824**
  - a. **Add two Type A exterior lights at SW façade**
  - b. **Add five Type C exterior lights at SE façade**
  - c. **Add two Type B exterior lights at SE façade**
  - d. **Add four Type A exterior lights at SE façade**
  - e. **Add three Type A exterior lights at NE facade**

Mr. Hauck said that First Church would like to have a little more presence at night and be more visible to outside non-profits that meet there at night. He presented a display that had renderings made by a lighting consultant to illustrate the lights they would like to install. The intended lights would be on dimmers for control. He cited Trinity Episcopal Church of Southport as a precedent of a significant building having a lighted steeple.

Commissioner Smith asked what the wattage of the lights would be and what the designation of “Type A, Type B” etc. indicated. Mr. Hauck said that the Type indicated the spread of light, not the intensity. The lights would be a warmer LED and dimmable.

Commissioner Klyver commented that lighting would normally be discouraged, but it may be different for a public building. Mr. Hauck replied that yes, that was the point. He also said that the fixtures would be above ground but hidden by plantings.

Commissioner Shea asked specifically about where the lights intended for clock illumination on the tower would be located. Mr. Hauck replied that they would be just above the lower two former vents on the structure.

Commissioner Smith commented that the precedence of the Trinity Church lighting may have been a replacement for something that was in place before the forming of the Historical Commission.

There were no comments from the public.

The hearing closed at 4:32pm.

### **Consideration of Public Hearing 1.**

#### **1. The First Church Congregational of Fairfield, located at 636 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824**

Commissioner Gravanis **moved to approve a) b) c) d) and e) as presented.** There was no second. Commissioner Klyver then made a **motion to deny without prejudice a), b) c) d) and e).** Commissioner Gravanis seconded the motion. Commissioner Klyver asked what other public buildings in Historic Districts had lighting. Commissioner Shea said that the Old Town Hall and Greenfield Hill Congregational Church had lighting. Commissioner Gravanis referred back to the Trinity Church lighting. He said that they had given historical background and that there has been a long tradition of lighting towers, spiers. We may not be bound by tradition, but it is appropriate. Commissioner Shea said that item **c)** is not clear and that he would vote against the motion on that ground. The motion was denied. Commissioner Smith then **moved to approve items a), b), d) and e) and deny item c) without prejudice.** Commissioner Gravanis **seconded** the motion, which **carried unanimously with five in favor** (Gravanis, Klyver, Negron, Shea, Smith)

Approve minutes from 1-11-18 (Shea, Gravanis, Smith, Negron)

Commissioner Smith moved to **approve the minutes** with minor spelling corrections, Commissioner Gavanis **seconded** the motion which carried unanimously **with all in favor.**

Chairman's Report

#### **Repairs:**

135 Old Post Road – Replace third floor window sash.

271 Westway Road, Southport – repair existing landscape lighting

**Violations : None**

**Old Business: None**

#### **New Business:**

- Commissioner Shea has received a packet of information and a request from Timothy St. Michaels, 554 Tunxis Hill Road to have their building designated as an Historic Property. Commissioner Negron has agreed to chair a study committee to get the appropriate paper work to the town and then on to the State. She will invite other commissioners to form the committee.
- Commissioner Klyver said that a house on Old South which had received a repair order for a new roof, siding and shutters still had no shutters. The repair order did not grant permission to remove the shutters.
- Commissioner Smith said that the house on the corner of Willow and Old South (now owned by Mark Smith) took the shutters down and they are still down.

#### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Klyver **moved** to adjourn. Commissioner Smith **seconded** the motion, which **carried unanimously.** The meeting stood adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Noyes

Recording Secretary