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BOROUGH OF LITCHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2187 Litchfield, Connecticut 06759

The Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission held a special meeting for **Public Hearings** on **Friday, June 5, 2026** at the Pilgrim House, First Congregational Church, 21 Torrington Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. The hearings were called to order by Chairman, Wendy Simoncelli, at 6:00 pm.

Present were Commissioners: Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, Norman Ambrose Sauer, Bob Whelan (Alt) and Jarett Monterio (Alt).
Commissioners Absent: Tony Cecchinato and Julia Metcalf.

Also present were: Patricia Peiffer, David Peiffer and Robyn Ryle.

The Chair explained the procedure for conduct of the hearings. Mr. Hillman, Clerk read the legal advertisement of each hearing as published.

1. The hearing published May 31, 2026 in the Litchfield BZ, Application #2650, Chabad Lubavitch of Litchfield County LLC, 85 West St, to replace 7 windows with impact windows, install fence with gates, install security lights and cameras, and replace 2 doors convened at 6:01 pm.

Chairman Simoncelli stated that Application #2650 has been withdrawn by the applicant. The HDC received the notification via email from Rabbi Eisenbach and Ms. Simoncelli read the email into the record as provided below.

Dear Members of the Historic District Commission,

Thank you for your thoughtful response and for your willingness to work toward a solution that accommodates both the Commission's statutory obligations and the religious observance of the Jewish Sabbath.

I appreciate the Commission's recognition that a Friday evening hearing would prevent me and other interested members of the Jewish community from participating meaningfully in the process.

The approach you have outlined appears to provide a practical path forward. Accordingly, I am agreeable to withdrawing the current application and submitting the revised application as a new application, provided that the revised application can be accepted and scheduled for consideration at a meeting that does not conflict with the Sabbath.

My objective has always been to work cooperatively with the Commission, provide the requested revisions and clarifications, and ensure that the application receives a full and fair review with the opportunity for meaningful public participation.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and professionalism. I look forward to working with the Commission to move this matter forward.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Joseph I. Eisenbach

The public hearing was closed.

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Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk

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I. Call To Order

Chairman Wendy Simoncelli called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. Recording of Attendance:

Present were Commissioners: Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, Norman Ambrose Sauer, Bob Whelan (Alt) and Jarett Monterio (Alt).

Commissioners Absent: Julia Metcalf and Tony Cecchinato.

Also present were: David Peiffer, Patricia Peiffer and Robyn Ryle.

III. Business Pertaining To Certificates of Appropriateness.

1. Application #2650, Chabad Lubavitch of Litchfield County LLC, 85 West St, to replace 7 windows with impact windows, install fence with gates, install security lights and cameras, and replace 2 doors. Application has been withdrawn.

II. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Ambrose Sauer made a motion to adjourn at 6:04 pm, seconded by Mr. Whelan and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk