

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on February 23, 2016 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Mark Raymond, Clerk
Jennifer Wolf
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Chris Lyons
John Aforismo, Alternate
Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Ovian called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Raymond read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on February 11, 2016.

APPLICATION NO. 4471-16. Joseph Sipala seeks to install two (2) Harvey Majesty aluminum clad wood windows at 257-259 Hartford Avenue.

Joseph Sipala, 257 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. A brochure on the Harvey Majesty windows was submitted. The two windows being replaced are on the 2nd floor on the north and west sides only. All windows on the house will eventually be replaced, one floor at a time. The Harvey Majesty is a wood window with aluminum cladding. The existing windows are all wood with a storm window. They will match the light pattern of 6/1. The existing muntin is less than 3/4". The new muntins will be 5/8". They would like to use 1/2 screens. The muntins are applied to the exterior and made of wood.

Commissioner Ovian asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Raymond, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Ovian, Raymond, Wolf, Bucknam

APPLICATION NO. 4471-16. Joseph Sipala seeks to install two (2) Harvey Majesty aluminum clad wood windows at 257-259 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Wolf and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The window to be replaced on the second floor north side (driveway side) shall retain the existing storm window.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that some of his concerns are offset because there is a successful installation of these windows on Garden Street. The muntin width at 5/8" will likely be enough. He has some concern with the installation of the windows where they look like inserts. It makes a very big difference with how successful the project is depending on the installation. It is a great opportunity to see how this window works in this house.

Commissioner Raymond stated that the windows have been approved in the District before. The storm window gives a similar look until all windows are replaced.

Commissioner Wolf stated that it's important to note that the site line is pretty narrow and it's at the very back of the house so if they are to grant it, it's not to be viewed as something they might do in another circumstance where there is a house and it's on the front of the house close to the road. This is an isolated circumstance where they will give this a shot.

Aye: Ovian, Raymond, Wolf, Bucknam

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2016

Left open until next meeting.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Ovian, Raymond, Bucknam Abstain: Wolf

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

The second meeting in April (April 26, 2016) has been moved to the Police Department Community Room. Kristin will not be at the first meeting in April.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Aye: Ovian, Raymond, Wolf, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond
- Clerk -