

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 13, 2016 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Mark Raymond, Clerk
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Chris Lyons

Members Absent: Jennifer Wolf
John Aforismo, Alternate
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate
Damien Cregeau, Alternate

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

Commissioner Garrey 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 September 1, 2016.

APPLICATION NO. 4531-16. Gwen Haley and Maria Dynia seek to construct a 6'x10' wood storage shed in the rear yard at 138 Church Street.

Gwen Haley and Maria Dynia, 138 Church Street, appeared before the Commission. The shed was removed. It was located 6" over the property line. They would like to replace it with a Kloter Farms Poolside design shed in the same location but on their property line. A plot plan and photos were submitted. The shed will have an 18" overhang over the front door and there will be no side door. It will be all one color – a clay color - to match the house and garage. The fronting will be to Garden Street. The door, the windows, and the vent will be white.

Commissioner Garrey 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.

APPLICATION NO. 4532-16. Brian Kilduff seeks to construct two (2) new wood Lincoln windows with dimensions of 31"x69 9/16" on either side of the fireplace at 95 Broad Street.

Brian Kilduff, 895 Town Hill Road, New Hartford, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install a window on each side of the fireplace. The window over the top of the fireplace will be eliminated. The windows will be 6/6 to match the existing windows on the other side of the same room. The windows are wood. The siding will be matched – he hopes to re-use the existing siding.

Commissioner Garrey 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.

APPLICATION NO. 4533-16. Mary Clare Quirk seeks to install a satellite dish on the second story of the west elevation (driveway side) of the house at 44 Robbinswood Drive.

Applicant was not present.

APPLICATION NO. 4534-16. Kerri Abronzino seeks to replace an existing sign on the side of the building with a new sign with the dimensions of 15 ½"x22" and to install a new sign above the front entry with dimensions of 68"x17" at 280 Main Street.

Kerri Abronzino, 186 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. She would like to install a new sign above the front entry door. It will be 68"x17". It will be black with gold metallic paint. She would also like to install a replacement sign on the side in the current dimensions. The current sign will just be refinished.

Commissioner Garrey 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.

APPLICATION NO. 4535-16. Julie Costello seeks to replace nine (9) wood windows with Harvey Majesty clad wood windows and replace three (3) windows on the rear of the home with a pair of fifteen (15) light French doors at 341 Main Street.

Julie Costello, 341 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. Per the pre-application hearing, she will be using Harvey Majesty windows. She would like to replace the three (3) windows on the rear elevation second story with a 6/6 light pattern and the three (3) windows on the first floor will be eliminated and replaced with a pair of 15 light French doors. On the other side, there will be four (4) windows that will be removed and replaced with 12/12 windows. They will not touch the windows on the front of the house at this time. The two bathroom windows will be replaced with 9/9 windows. There is a minimal view to the back of the house. The windows are aluminum clad in the color black. They will have invisible screens.

Commissioner Garrey 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 Ovan, seconded by Commissioner Lyons, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications except Application #4533-16 which is left open, and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovan, Raymond, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4531-16. Gwen Haley and Maria Dynia seek to construct a 6'x10' wood storage shed in the rear yard at 138 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Raymond stated that it's straightforward and it fits into the property appropriately.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's an upgrade to the accessory building in a manner that they've approved at other properties around the District.

Commissioner Garrey stated that there is a lot of visibility. The Kloter Farms building is a nice choice.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4532-16. Brian Kilduff seeks to construct two (2) new wood Lincoln windows with dimensions of 31"x69 9/16" on either side of the fireplace at 95 Broad Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's the back side of the property although it's a corner lot. The changeover is one that makes sense. It's not uncommon to have side light windows to a fireplace and so just like the idea of having the fan light before worked without the side light windows, with the side light windows, it will become superfluous to keep the window over the fireplace, plus nowadays, so many people hang things over their fireplace, that the homeowner's interest in making the change is something that still would work with the building. It's an accessory addition to the house to begin with, so the fenestration, the fact that it matches and is symmetrical, is more than enough to make this an acceptable view from the outside.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4534-16. Kerri Abronzino seeks to replace an existing sign on the side of the building with a new sign with the dimensions of 15 ½"x22" and to install a new sign above the front entry with dimensions of 68"x17" at 280 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a nice building with a lot of street visibility and it seems like the design and color is appropriate.

Commissioner Lyons stated that he thinks it matches well with the new Comstock signs.

Commissioner Ovia stated that it's a significant addition of signage on the building, but it is a commercial building. There have been larger signs on that building in the past.

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Raymond, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4535-16. Julie Costello seeks to replace nine (9) wood windows with Harvey Majesty clad wood windows and replace three (3) windows on the rear of the home with a pair of fifteen (15) light French doors at 341 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovia seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovia stated that he shares an employer in a distant way with the applicant, but they are part of separate offices and managed separately. The applicant came before us for a pre-application hearing. She has done a very good job reconciling the variety of windows that were there. She's doing a very nice job of reconciling the fenestrations so that they are pleasing to the eye. The black window is a lot more forgiving. Even though they are not all wood windows, he thinks it will be a successful installation.

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Raymond, Lyons

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2016

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

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Raymond

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Left open.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond
- Clerk -