

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on May 10, 2011 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson (Arrived at 7:35 PM)
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson
Gary McLeod, Clerk
Michael Rell
Bette Botticello (Arrived at 7:40 PM and left at 8:15 PM)

Members Absent: Lisa Wurzer, Alternate
Susan Gillanders, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

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

Commissioner Maycock called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on April 14, 2011.

APPLICATION NO. 3925-11. Gary Griswold seeking to install a wall vent for a gas fireplace at 315 Garden Street.

Gary Griswold, 81 Parker Road, Marlborough, appeared before the Commission. He would like to install a vent for a gas fireplace. The shield for the vent will be painted red to match the house. A photo of the mock-up was submitted.

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. 3926-11. Wieslaw Wlazniak seeking to install replacement windows, remove one window, construct an 11' x 19' deck and construct a 10' x 10' shed at 66 Northbrick Lane.

Wieslaw Wiazniak, 154 Charter Oak Road, appeared before the Commission. For the shed, a photo/catalog was submitted. The deck will be 11' x 19' and will have a standard rail with a toe kick, 1½" square balusters – all wood. The base of the deck will be open. All windows will be Andersen double-hung 1/1. They are now horizontal 2/2. He doesn't want to replace any of the windows on the sun porch yet. He would like to remove the window on the front right near the fireplace. He will use standard aluminum siding with a 5" reveal to match the rest of the house.

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. 3927-11. Brendan Dougherty seeking to install replacement windows with a light pattern change and replace the wood gutters with aluminum K style gutters at 27 Center Street.

Brendan Dougherty, 27 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace all windows including the picture window. He will use Harvey Tribute vinyl windows in a 6/6 light pattern. The current windows are all double-hung 2/2 wood. All window sizes will be the same. He would like to replace the existing wood gutters with standard K style aluminum gutters, white in color.

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. 3928-11. Jill Swoverland seeking to construct a 12' x 22' single story addition, install replacement windows, and construct an 11' x 22' deck at 29 Belmont Street.

Jill and Don Swoverland, 29 Belmont Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to add an 11' x 22' deck to the pool. It will be standard wood with 1½" balusters, toe kick, square handrail, and standard rail design. There will be a standard wood lattice frame on the bottom of deck. The addition will be 12' x 22' and will have siding and windows to match the existing house. There will be the same reveal on the eaves. They will use Harvey Majesty aluminum clad windows. They currently have 1/1 windows on the house. The windows will be dark brown to match existing windows. The addition will be on posts and enclosed in lattice. The door will be fiberglass.

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. 3929-11. Lucky Lou's Bar and Grill seeking to amend application number 3788-10 to change the size and location of the patio at 222 Main Street.

Cindy Hughes, 14 Meggat Park, and Lukas Kyriakos of 57 Windy Hill Drive, South Windsor appeared before the Commission. The patio will be 30' deep x 34' wide. There will be no fire pit, no bar, and no additional entrance. They will match all existing materials.

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. 3910-11. Jeffery and Megan Collins seeking to enlarge two (2) front windows for egress at 22 Harmund Court. (Tabled from the March 22, 2011 and April 12, 2011 meetings. The last date to act is May 10, 2011.)

Megan Collins, 22 Harmund Court, appeared before the Commission. She would like to use Kohltech Heritage windows. She will eventually do the whole house. The windows are wood clad and she will keep the same light pattern – 2/2. The windows will be white in color and will have grids on the exterior. All windows will be the same size as existing. She will use ½ 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.

APPLICATION NO. 3916-11. Douglas and Virginia Buck seeking to amend application number 3629-08 to 1) use granite curbing instead of posts on south side of parking area; 2) change a portion of sidewalk from brick to asphalt; 3) use crushed stone in place of cobblestone in patio area; 4) use a steel post instead of granite for handicapped parking; 5) extend a portion of the brick sidewalk; 6) modify the planting schedule at 431 Hartford Avenue. (Left open at the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

Applicant was not present.

APPLICATION NO. 3919-11. Dr. Bernard Shapiro seeking to construct new front steps with a landing at 65 Garden Street. (Tabled from the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

Dr. Bernard Shapiro, 65 Garden Street, appeared before the Commission. The distance from the building to the end of the stairs is 6'. He will use the same materials (brick with blue stone caps), but a different design. He will add pillars. The rail will be on the inside of the pillars.

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. 3922-11. Laura Collagan seeking to construct a 24' above ground pool with a wood picket fence at 64 Harmund Place. (Tabled from the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

Tom and Laura Collagan, 64 Harmund Place, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. They will plant arborvitaes in open areas in the fence.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Penelope E. Wilder, Harmund Place, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence dated May 1, 2011.

Marge Pretter, 51 Harmund Court, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence dated May 5, 2011.

Sharon E. Armstrong, 50 Harmund Place, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence dated May 10, 2011.

Lisa Nield, 8 Harmund Court, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

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. 3923-11. Daniel Sehl seeking to construct a 34' x 25' two (2) story addition and install vinyl siding at 293 Middletown Avenue. (Left open at the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

Daniel and Debra Sehl, 293 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. The addition will have a full foundation and it will have Pacific Blue siding to match the whole house. It currently is vinyl with a 4" reveal. They still have the original wood windows. The new windows will be 6/1 double-hung windows to match existing. They will use replacement windows on existing house and new construction windows on the addition. The trim around the windows and all cornerboards will be white. They will use architectural shingles on the roof. The door will be a Thermatrue fiberglass door with 4 panels and two lights. There will be standard lighting outside the door. There will be a shed roof over the existing door. The closed in porch will be turned into a closet. They will keep the front window, but remove all other windows. The shutters on the front are black now, but they will be changed to white. They will use white K style gutters with white downspouts. The light for the side door will be a white lantern style. They will replace any black light fixtures with 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.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Rell, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to leave application number 3916-11 open and close the public hearing on all other applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3925-11. Gary Griswold seeking to install a wall vent for a gas fireplace at 315 Garden Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is the least offensive vent he has ever seen.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3926-11. Wieslaw Wlazniak seeking to install replacement windows, remove one window, construct an 11' x 19' deck and construct a 10' x 10' shed at 66 Northbrick Lane.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The siding used for the removal of the window shall match the existing in color and exposure.
2. The shed shall be a Heartland Backyard Storage shed in the Stratford style.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a standard deck and standard shed.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3927-11. Brendan Dougherty seeking to install replacement windows with a light pattern change and replace the wood gutters with aluminum K style gutters at 27 Center Street.

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

1. The grid pattern shall be 6/6.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that he doesn't think the 6/6 light pattern will look good.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he has concerns about the window and the light pattern change.

Nay: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that they need a sample of the proposed window or maybe the applicant will reconsider the light pattern/brand of window.

APPLICATION NO. 3928-11. Jill Swoverland seeking to construct a 12' x 22' single story addition, install replacement windows, and construct an 11' x 22' deck at 29 Belmont Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. Standard framed wood lattice shall be used for the deck.
2. The rail for the deck shall be a standard framed rail with square balusters.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a very nice addition.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a nice addition and deck design.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3929-11. Lucky Lou's Bar and Grill seeking to amend application number 3788-10 to change the size and location of the patio at 222 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that there aren't many changes.

Commissioner Garrey stated that there are different dimensions, but it is smaller overall than what was originally approved.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3910-11. Jeffery and Megan Collins seeking to enlarge two (2) front windows for egress at 22 Harmund Court. (Tabled from the March 22, 2011 and April 12, 2011 meetings. The last date to act is May 10, 2011.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The light pattern shall be 2/2 to match the existing.
2. The screens shall be ½ screens.
3. The application shall apply to all windows in the house and shall be replaced with the same windows in a 2/2 light pattern to match the existing.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a nice window option to replace all windows.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a very nice window.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3919-11. Dr. Bernard Shapiro seeking to construct new front steps with a landing at 65 Garden Street. (Tabled from the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a very classic standard style in keeping with the style of the building.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3922-11. Laura Collagan seeking to construct a 24' above ground pool with a wood picket fence at 64 Harmund Place. (Tabled from the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

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

1. 7' arborvitaes shall be planted in all open spaces to the north and west of the pool.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that there are a lot of pools in Old Wethersfield and, as long as they are screened, it is okay.

Commissioner Garrey stated that as long as pools are not overly visible, they are fine.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3923-11. Daniel Sehl seeking to construct a 34' x 25' two (2) story addition and install vinyl siding at 293 Middletown Avenue. (Left open at the April 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is May 24, 2011.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The vinyl siding shall be Pacific Blue Certainteed with a 4" exposure.
2. All trim shall be white vinyl with 4" cornerboards.
3. The side door shall be a 4 panel 2 light in either fiberglass or steel.
4. The side door landing shall be made of pavers.
5. The windows shall be removed from the porches to both sides of the main house with the front windows remaining which shall match existing windows in light pattern.
6. The shutters shall be replaced with the same style and design as currently exists and in the color white.
7. The windows shall be Andersen 400 Series with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior and shall match the existing 6/1 light pattern.
8. The lighting shall be a standard lantern or coach style in the color white.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a huge addition. The massing is very big, but they have a deep lot. There are a lot of two families and duplexes on this street that are probably the same square footage.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to extend the expiration date of Certificate of Appropriateness number 3797-10 until August 13, 2011.

This application is for 12 Kenwood Road. The application expired on April 14, 2011. The applicant wants to start in a couple of months.

Aye: Garrey, McLeod, Rell

Abstain: Maycock

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2011

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Abstain: Garrey

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod
Clerk