

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on May 24, 2011 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: John Maycock, Vice Chairperson  
Gary McLeod, Clerk  
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
Michael Rell  
Bette Botticello  
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate  
Susan Gillanders, Alternate

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

Commissioner Maycock called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on May 12, 2011.

**APPLICATION NO. 3930-11.** Town of Wethersfield seeking to install replacement windows at Firehouse #1, 171 Main Street.

Mike Turner, Public Works Director and Town Engineer, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace the windows at Firehouse #1 with wood clad replacement windows. He will be using Harvey Majesty windows which will be custom made to fit in the existing openings. He would like to change the white trim to black trim. He would like ½ screens. The wide model mullion matches the existing windows, so he would like to use them on the exterior. He will only be replacing windows, no doors. The windows are currently 12/8 and he will be keeping the same light pattern.

Commissioner Maycock 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. 3931-11.** James Butler seeking to construct a handicap ramp at 185 Middletown Avenue.

James Butler, 130 Coleman Road, appeared before the Commission. He would like to install a handicap ramp behind his house. He will follow all state/town codes for the ramp. The ramp will go behind the existing deck and will be pressure treated lumber. It will have 1½ by 1½ ballasts for the railing. There will be two landings – one off the porch itself and then another landing at the back side of the deck.

Commissioner Maycock 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. 3932-11.** Wethersfield Construction Company, Inc. seeking to install a 2000 gallon ConVault above ground storage tank at 1 Wells Road.

David C. Ambrose, President, Wethersfield Construction Company, and David D. Ambrose, Owner, One Wells Road, and Gregory Job, United Concrete Products, appeared before the Commission. They would like to place a 2000 gallon ConVault for diesel fuel on property. It will not be visible to the public. The ConVault would be placed behind the existing storage container. Photos of proposed location were submitted. The ConVault will be 8' wide x 11' 3" long x 5' 6" high. The ConVault is under warranty for 20 years. After 20 years it can be recertified. It will sit in a concrete pad. It is a neutral concrete color.

Commissioner Maycock 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. 3933-11.** Donna and Joseph Duffy seeking to install replacement windows at 27 Lincoln Road.

Applicant was not present and requested the application remain open.

**APPLICATION NO. 3934-11.** Salvatore Urso seeking to install replacement windows and vinyl siding at 425 Middletown Avenue.

Salvatore and Kelly Urso, 425 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. They currently have vinyl replacement windows that they want to replace. They would like to use Window World 4000 Series DH All Weld. They are currently 1/1 and they will keep the light pattern the same. All windows will be replaced. They will use the same shutters, but a different color. The shutters will now be black.

They would like to replace the existing wood shake with vinyl siding on both the house and garage. No doors will be changed. They would like to use 4" double lap Napco siding in the color Gray Stone. The corner boards and all trim will be white. They will install new "K" style gutters with downspouts. The louvers for the attic will be replaced. The siding on the garage will match the house in style and color. The windows on the garage will stay as is.

Commissioner Maycock 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.)

Douglas and Virginia Buck, 431 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. They would like to use granite curbing instead of posts on the south side of the parking area since the posts that they wanted to use are not tall enough. They would like to change a portion of the sidewalk from brick to asphalt so they can have access to the building. They would like to use crushed stone in place of cobblestone so they can have access to the building. They would like to use a steel post for the handicapped parking. They would like to extend the sidewalk up to the building. They would like to make groupings of the same plants/shrubs instead of a continuous line. A plan was submitted to show the revised plantings.

Commissioner Maycock 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. (Tabled from the May 10, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is June 14, 2011.)

Brendan Dougherty, 27 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. He would like to use Harvey Tribute all vinyl replacement windows and change from a 6/6 light pattern to 6/1. He would also like to replace the wood gutters with aluminum "K" style gutters. Similar window products were approved by the Commission at 27 Nott Street, 480-482 Hartford Avenue, 267 Middletown Avenue, and 242 Garden Street.

Commissioner Maycock 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 McLeod seconded by Commissioner Raymond, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to leave application number 3933-11 open and close the public hearing on all other applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**APPLICATION NO. 3930-11.** Town of Wethersfield seeking to install replacement windows at Firehouse #1, 171 Main Street.

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

1. All light patterns shall match existing.
2. The color shall be white.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that the product is fine, but the windows should be white. Not everything is getting replaced, so they would have a mix of black and white.

Commissioner Raymond stated that white will be classic and match well with the brick.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**APPLICATION NO. 3931-11.** James Butler seeking to construct a handicap ramp at 185 Middletown Avenue.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a standard ramp. It is a necessity and it meets code.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**APPLICATION NO. 3932-11.** Wethersfield Construction Company, Inc. seeking to install a 2000 gallon ConVault above ground storage tank at 1 Wells Road.

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 this is a straightforward above ground tank. It's not visible from the public way.

Commissioner Raymond stated that it's on a business plot. He likes the color of it. It can be moved if necessary.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**APPLICATION NO. 3934-11.** Salvatore Urso seeking to install replacement windows and vinyl siding at 425 Middletown Avenue.

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

1. The windows shall be Window World 4000 DH All Weld with a 1/1 light pattern.
2. The three (3) individual windows on the front shall be replaced with one (1) picture window which shall simulate the original double hung window with a 1/1 light pattern.
3. The siding shall be Napco 4" double lap vinyl siding in the color gray stone with white trim and corner boards.
4. The gutters and downspouts shall be white aluminum "K" style.
5. The garage shall match the house in color and trim.
6. The shutters shall be black vinyl in a louver style to match the existing.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that the windows are already vinyl. The siding change has been done before with this type of siding, and he doesn't have a problem with it.

Commissioner Raymond stated that there are a number of like properties that have been approved in the District. They picked a nice color and it will have a nice clean look to it.

Commissioner McLeod stated that it will enhance the beauty of the house.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**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.)

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

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a wonderful project and there are only a few minor changes. The changes are just making it easier for future work on the property. They are just scaling back the shrubs.

Commissioner McLeod stated that he got the impression that these are only temporary fixes and when construction is completed, he's going to go back to the original plan.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**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. (Tabled from the May 10, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is June 14, 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 stipulation:

1. The light pattern shall be 6/1.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that he has no problem with the gutters. Changing the light pattern in the windows has been done many times with this style house. He doesn't like solid vinyl windows and he wishes that they would use something else.

Commissioner Raymond stated that he doesn't like vinyl windows, especially on Center Street.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod

ABSTAIN: Raymond

**MINUTES OF MAY 10, 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 May 10, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

**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 Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Aye: Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod  
Clerk