

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on August 9, 2011 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Michael Rell, Vice Chairperson
Bette Botticello, Clerk
John Maycock

Members Absent: Cynthia Greenblatt
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate
Susan Gillanders, 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 Botticello, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on July 28, 2011.

APPLICATION NO. 3961-11. John and Jennifer Peleponuk seeking to install fence for an in-ground pool at 30 Center Street.

John Peleponuk, 30 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. He would like to install an in-ground pool. He currently has a 6' tall white cedar fence that was previously approved. The pool will go inside the fence near the corner of the garage and the fence. There will be no changes to the fence except to add locks to the gates.

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. 3962-11. Peter DeNegre and Juan Garcia seeking to install replacement windows at 527 Main Street.

Applicant not present.

APPLICATION NO. 3963-11. Scott Peszko seeking to demolish and reconstruct a two story deck structure at the rear of the property at 170-174 Broad Street.

Bruce Dennis, 174-176 Broad Street, and Steven Farrell, Contractor, appeared before the Commission. They would like to tear down the existing deck and rebuild a new deck using existing footings. The deck will be rebuilt new in the exact same size. The stairway will be in the same direction. Everything will be the same, except new materials. They will use pressure-treated wood stained medium brown. The rail design will change and will be balusters attached to two 2" x 6"s. There will be terminal posts at the ends of the railings, where the railings meet the house, and at the end of the stairs, and the 4" x 4"s are chamfered all the way around. The applicant is willing to change the railing design if necessary.

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. 3964-11. Frank DeLuca seeking to demolish and rebuild the chimney from the roof line up and install a stainless steel chimney cap at 17 Hubbard Place.

Frank DeLuca, 17 Hubbard Place, appeared before the Commission. The existing chimney is falling apart – concrete is falling off and there are gaps in the mortar. The new flashing will be lead. The cap will be an 8" x 8" single flue. It will build from the roofline up, which will include a possible 3" to 6" increase in height since the current chimney is not to code. He will use red brick and will replicate the existing design.

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. 3965-11. Jane Lis seeking to install replacement windows and install a replacement entry door at 72 Nott Street.

Darren Fuller, Fuller Home Improvement, 1841 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace 8 existing windows – 6 on the side and 2 on the rear of the porch. The porch currently has 2/2 storm windows. He would like to use Harvey Majesty 1/1 wood windows with aluminum cladding in the same size. The windows will be white in color. He would also like to replace the existing 15 light wood door on the rear porch. He would like to use a fiberglass door with grids in the glass. The door faces the back 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. 3959-11. Margaret Holt seeking to install replacement windows at 260 Garden Street. (Application left open at the July 26, 2011 meeting. The last date to act is August 23, 2011.)

Margaret Holt, 260 Garden Street, and Herbert Sims, Building Images, 164 Brimfield Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace 6 windows – 3 side windows over the porch and 3 rear upper windows. They would like to use Harvey Majesty wood windows with an aluminum clad exterior. The windows will be white. The current windows have a vertical 2/2 or a 9/9 light pattern. They would like to replace all windows with a vertical 2/2 light pattern. There will be grids on the exterior and interior. They would like to replace all the windows on the house over time.

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 Botticello, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to leave Application #3962-11 open and close the public hearing on all other applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3961-11. John and Jennifer Peleponuk seeking to install fence for an in-ground pool at 30 Center 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.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3963-11. Scott Peszko seeking to demolish and reconstruct a two story deck structure at the rear of the property at 170-174 Broad Street.

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. A rail cap shall be installed throughout.
2. From the lower level landing to the ground, the rail shall be a traditional railing system with a rail cap, square balusters and an open toe kick.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the design submitted is just too modern for the area.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he agrees. Knowing that they are staining the rest of the rail and it is not very visible from the street, the suggested stipulations satisfied his concern.

Commissioner Rell stated that his only desire would be to have it match all the way up, but you really don't see it. There are a lot of balusters without anything to break it up.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3964-11. Frank DeLuca seeking to demolish and rebuild the chimney from the roof line up and install a stainless steel chimney cap at 17 Hubbard Place.

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

1. The chimney shall match the existing in design to show outward fluting with traditional red brick.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a simple chimney rebuild.

Commissioner Rell stated he has a concern about red brick - A perfect 90 degree straight edge, modern looking brick versus a traditional 1930's look. Maybe try to have it match existing.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he wanted to make sure that they were not using the existing brick. They could use reclaimed, but he's not sure from a code standpoint what the requirement is.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3965-11. Jane Lis seeking to install replacement windows and install a replacement entry door at 72 Nott 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. All 8 side and rear porch windows shall be replaced with Harvey Majesty aluminum clad windows with a 1/1 light pattern.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a standard window replacement. It's a window that we're familiar with and it's a very good window. It's actually an improvement here going from a porch storm window to a nice double hung window.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello Maycock

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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 application shall include all windows in the house which shall be replaced with Harvey Majesty aluminum clad windows in a 2/2 vertical SDL light pattern with the muntins permanently affixed to the interior and exterior of the windows.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that he included all windows so the applicant doesn't have to come back. He likes making all of the light patterns the same. It's more fitting with the house.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it will be a nice change.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello Maycock

MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2011

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

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock

Abstain: Botticello

OTHER BUSINESS

Pre-Application Hearings

1. Elizabeth Vinson of 422 Middletown Avenue seeking to construct a two story addition which includes a two car garage and replace the existing siding and windows. She would like to add a garage and fix the leaking roof. She will replace and relocate the current driveway from Middletown Avenue to Mayfield Road. The new driveway will be 30' long. She will remove the laundry room to accommodate the new addition. There will be a small balcony on the 2nd floor. The new roofline will be higher than the existing. The front door will be moved to the side and a porch added to the front.
2. Mark Walsh of 138 Broad Street seeking to replace his garage doors. They have a large garage/small barn. It can be seen from the street. He now has roll-up 1920s/1930s wood doors. He would like to use barn doors, 1" x 8" and 1" x 6" ship lap, 3" strap hinges, two per door, and wrought iron closing hardware, traditional swing-out doors.

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Maycock

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Bette Botticello
Clerk