

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on October 11, 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
Cynthia Greenblatt
Susan Gillanders, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: John Maycock
Bette Botticello, Clerk

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 Rell, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on September 29, 2011.

APPLICATION NO. 3979-11. Eileen Lasky seeking to complete application number 3708-09 to install replacement windows and James Hardie siding and to change the size of the kitchen window at 7 Howard Avenue.

Roger Lasky, 7 Howard Avenue, appeared before the Commission. The work approved on the last application has not been completed. They will use Hardie plank siding with a 4" exposure, with a smooth finish. They will use Azek trim to match existing. They already completed 12 replacement windows, and now they would like to complete the remaining 12 windows using the same windows as were previously approved. The only change to the windows is that the kitchen window will be 27" high x 36" wide. They do not plan to enclose the porch.

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. 3980-11. Barbara Crane seeking to remove the four (4) existing solar panels and install two (2) new solar panels in the same location and to install replacement windows at 180 Middletown Avenue.

Barbara Crane, 180 Middletown Avenue, and David Graham, Contractor, appeared before the Commission. They would like to remove the four existing solar panels and refurbish and put back up two of the panels. They will shingle the section of the roof where the panels are located. They will use the same shingles as the rest of the roof. They will use Renewal by Andersen Fibrex windows with the muntins applied to the exterior of the glass. They will be double hung with a 6/6 light pattern. They will remove storm windows and replace with full 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. 3982-11. Key Property Management LLC seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding, install new doors, install replacement windows, install new shutters, remove the metal awnings, and construct a 6'x 8' second story dormer on the rear of the property at 44 Main Street.

Tom Chodorosky, P.O. Box 497, Newington, and Matt Normandin, 25 Tupelo Place, Middletown, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding, Mastic, 4" exposure, with an exposed J channel. The siding color will be Wicker. The cornerposts would be 4" vinyl and slightly textured to match the siding. The cornerposts will be white in color. They would like to install Guardian black louver style shutters on the front two windows. The two side doors are only storm doors and they will be replacing them with standard steel nine light entry doors. For the roof, they will be using architectural shingles that are the color Weathered Wood by the manufacturer IKO. They will be installing replacement windows on the side porch. They would like to close up the existing storm windows except for three and replace the remaining three storm windows with three new construction windows that match the flat style grids that are currently on the home in the same color, white. The awnings will be removed and not re-installed, including the front. There is currently no upstairs bathroom, so they would like to install a full bath dormer to match the dormer on the house to the left side of the property. The window will be vinyl to match the existing with grids between the glass. They would like to replace the basement windows with awning style, single pane windows. The basement windows will look the same as the existing windows but be made of vinyl and not wood.

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

Holly Caruso, 48 Main Street, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Corrine Cloutier, 46 Main Street, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Roseanne Gorski, 43 Main Street, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Penny Duluth, 49 Main Street, 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. 3983-11. James Ritter seeking to retain the existing above ground pool at 459 Main Street.

James Ritter, 459 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. The pool is already installed and it is a 24' wide x 54" high above ground pool in the back of the house. Photos were submitted. There is an existing fence.

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. 3984-11. George Burgess seeking to install replacement windows at 316-318 Middletown Avenue.

George Burgess, 316-318 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. The windows are currently horizontal 2/2 wood windows. The property suffered fire damage on the second floor and he must replace the windows. He would like to replace all the windows on the property (25 in total) with Harvey Classic vinyl double-hung windows with grids between the glass. He will match the existing light pattern. He will remove the existing storm windows.

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. 3989-11. Doug and Amy Clark seeking to amend application number 3924-11 to insert plain wood brackets where the wagon wheel design brackets had been and to eliminate the two proposed windows on the south elevation of the garage at 108 Hartford Avenue.

Doug Clark, 108 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. They removed the wagon wheel design brackets and when they did, they realized that they were supporting the gutters. They installed plain wood brackets in the same location as the wheels. They originally requested four windows in the barn, but now they would only like to have two windows facing 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.

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

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3979-11. Eileen Lasky seeking to complete application number 3708-09 to install replacement windows and James Hardie siding and to change the size of the kitchen window at 7 Howard Avenue.

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

1. The windows shall be Harvey Majesty clad wood to match the existing light patterns with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.
2. The kitchen windows shall change in dimension from 54" x 27" to 27" x 36".
3. The siding shall be smooth in a 4" reveal.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that they've already basically approved this property.

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that the windows are exactly the same as the 12 they already did.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3980-11. Barbara Crane seeking to remove the four (4) existing solar panels and install two (2) new solar panels in the same location and to install replacement windows at 180 Middletown Avenue.

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

1. The windows shall be Renewal by Andersen Fibrex material and shall match the existing light patterns with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is minimal impact. There is no change in light pattern or style and there are two less solar panels.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3982-11. Key Property Management LLC seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding, install new doors, install replacement windows, install new shutters, remove the metal awnings, and construct a 6'x 8' second story dormer on the rear of the property at 44 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that they are adding shutters in the front. This is aluminum siding being changed to vinyl siding. The changes to the property will enhance it.

Commssioner Greenblatt stated that she loves that they are removing the metal awnings and it will be a big improvement.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3983-11. James Ritter seeking to retain the existing above ground pool at 459 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a standard pool and fence.

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that it already exists and the fence screens it nicely.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Gillanders

ABSTAIN: Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3984-11. George Burgess seeking to install replacement windows at 316-318 Middletown Avenue.

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

1. The windows shall be Harvey Classic vinyl windows with a 1/1 light pattern.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the Commission just recently approved a single family house on Middletown Avenue and it was vinyl siding and replacement windows. The existing windows were 2/2 and the Commission approved a 1/1. He prefers to see a 1/1 window on this house. This will lend itself well to the house.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3989-11. Doug and Amy Clark seeking to amend application number 3924-11 to insert plain wood brackets where the wagon wheel design brackets had been and to eliminate the two proposed windows on the south elevation of the garage at 108 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the changes have been made so we know what it's going to look like. The house looks amazing.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that this was a good solution to all of the issues.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3880-11. Paula Rubinow of 271 Main Street seeking an extension for application number 3880-10 seeking to demolish the existing two (2) car garage and construct a 20' x 40' three (3) car detached garage and a 24' x 24' single story addition. The current certificate expires on November 10, 2011.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Gillanders and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to extend the expiration date of Certificate of Appropriateness number 3880-10 by one year making the new expiration date November 10, 2012.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

MEETING DATES FOR 2012

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Wurzer and a poll of the Commission, the regular meeting dates for the Historic District Commission were APPROVED without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Upon motion by Commissioner Rell, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Gillanders ABSTAIN: Wurzer

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

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Gillanders

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Michael Rell
Acting Clerk