

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 28, 2010 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson (Arrived at 7:34PM)
Gary McLeod, Clerk
Michael Rell
Bette Botticello
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: 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 McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on September 17, 2010.

APPLICATION NO. 3859-10. Richard and Kathleen Geltzer seeking to install replacement windows at 242 Garden Street.

Richard and Kathleen of 242 Garden Street, and Jason Leavitt, Vice President, Magee Company, 7 Cody Street, West Hartford, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install 23 replacement windows. The windows to be replaced are the 10 porch windows and 13 windows on the sides/front of the house. They would like to use Harvey Tribute Simulated Divided Light windows which will have the same style, size and light pattern as the existing 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. 3860-10. Crown Colony Construction seeking to install replacement windows and construct a wood fence at 45 Deerfield Road.

John Romitis of Crown Colony Construction, 376 Silas Deane Highway, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace all double-hung windows in the house. The existing windows wood. He would like to use Andersen Woodwright windows with the fine light option (grill between the glass) in the color white. He will remove existing windows and storms.

He would also like to install a fence from the front corner of the house to the existing fence. It will be a 42" high pointed spaced picket fence with a 3" slat width and a ½ round profile. It will be painted white. There will be one gate with standard black gate hardware. There will be decorative cedar caps on the posts.

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. 3861-10. Crown Colony Construction seeking to install replacement windows at 21 Dorchester Road.

John Romitis of Crown Colony Construction, 376 Silas Deane Highway, and Gerry Gingras, 21 Dorchester Road, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace 28 double-hung windows. They would like to use the Andersen Woodwright 400 Series windows with simulated divided light. All windows will be the same size and light pattern as existing windows in Terratone 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. 3862-10. DiGiorgi Roofing seeking to replace the wood shake siding with vinyl shake siding a 256 Middletown Avenue.

Don Boise of DiGiorgi Roofing, 33 Lancaster Drive, Beacon Falls, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace existing wood shake siding with 7" staggered edge vinyl shake siding for the front of the house in granite grey color. He would like to use 4" clapboard siding for the sides and back of the house in granite grey color. The trim and shutters will match the existing in barn red color. The corner boards will be standard on the front corners in granite grey 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. 3863-10. Felix Coe seeking to construct a 16' x 22' deck at 72 Church Street.

Felix Coe of 72 Church Street appeared before the Commission. He would like to add a 16' x 22' deck 12" off the ground using pressure-treated lumber. There will be a skirt board. There is an existing landing and stairs. There will be no rails.

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. 3854-10. Gove Restoration LLC seeking to install replacement windows at 35 Main Street. (Tabled from the September 14, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is October 12, 2010).

Matt Gove of Gove Restoration LLC, 70 Main Street, and Brian Burkhardt of 35 Main Street appeared before the Commission. This application was tabled from the last meeting. They would like to install Windsor Pinnacle Series windows to match the existing light pattern in the color white. They will be replacing the remaining 13 original 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.

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

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3859-10. Richard and Kathleen Geltzer seeking to install replacement windows at 242 Garden Street.

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

1. The replacement windows shall be Harvey Tribute Simulated Divided Light with muntins permanently applied to the exterior to match the existing light pattern and the existing muntins size.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this window would work ok for this house.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this house currently has replacement windows and not the original Hubbard windows. The current windows are not historic and the property is vinyl sided. This is not the best window he has seen but for this particular application it will work.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3860-10. Crown Colony Construction seeking to install replacement windows and construct a wood fence at 45 Deerfield Road.

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 replacement windows shall be Andersen 400 Woodwright series with simulated divided light to match the existing light pattern and the muntins shall be permanently affixed to the exterior in the color white.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a nice window. He would love to see the wood windows stay. He thinks the muntins need to be applied to the exterior to maintain the integrity of the window that's being lost.

Commissioner Garrey agrees. They've used the clad windows with simulated divided light in a lot of applications in the Historic District and they do an adequate job.

Commissioner Rell likes the wood storm windows.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Abstain: Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3861-10. Crown Colony Construction seeking to install replacement windows at 21 Dorchester Road.

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 replacement windows shall be Andersen 400 Woodwright series with simulated divided light to match the existing light pattern and the muntins shall be permanently affixed to the exterior in the color Terratone.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a very nice replacement window.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Abstain: Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3862-10. DiGiorgi Roofing seeking to replace the wood shake siding with vinyl shake siding a 256 Middletown Avenue.

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 front façade shall have Certain Teed 7” staggered shake style vinyl shingles in the color Granite Grey.
2. The sides shall have Certain Teed 4” double lap clapboard style vinyl siding in the color Granite Grey.
3. Standard corner boards shall be used in the color Granite Grey.
4. All trim shall match the existing in the color Barn Red.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the Commission has approved a couple of applications with mixed siding. It is not an inappropriate mix for this application.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello,

APPLICATION NO. 3863-10. Felix Coe seeking to construct a 16’ x 22’ deck at 72 Church Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the deck will be almost invisible.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3854-10. Gove Restoration LLC seeking to install replacement windows at 35 Main Street. (Tabled from the September 14, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is October 12, 2010).

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 Maycock stated that this product has been used successfully in the district.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the addition does a pretty good job mirroring the style of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Nay: Botticello

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

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 Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Botticello

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod
Clerk