

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 9, 2009 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk (Arrived at 7:32 PM)
Susan O'Brien (Arrived at 7:51 PM)
Michael Rell, Alternate

Members Absent: Gary McLeod
Bette Botticello, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Hart, Vice Chairperson, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on May 29, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3696-09. Lucinda Hughes seeking to extend the existing fence at 14 Meggat Park.

Lucinda Hughes of 14 Meggat Park and Vicky of Paoletti Fence, 241 Ledyard Street, Hartford appeared before the Commission. Ms. Hughes stated that she would like to extend the fence on the west side of the property to the street. She would also like to eliminate the existing double gate on the west side and replace it with a single gate. The fence will match the existing fence in materials and design.

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

Mrs. Rosina Reale of 117 Hartford Avenue wrote a letter of support dated June, 9, 2009.

Ms. Susan Grassman of 21 Meggat Park wrote a letter of support dated June 8, 2009.

Bryon Kamay of 38 Hartford Avenue spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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. 3697-09. Jakub Micengendler and Joseph Broder seeking to install replacement windows at 130 Church Street.

Attorney Joseph Broder of 151 Broadway, Colchester appeared before the Commission. Attorney Broder explained that he would like to replace the existing vinyl replacement windows which did not receive Commission approval with a Trim Line wood clad replacement window. Attorney Broder explained that the unique light pattern that existed on the front of the house would be replicated. Attorney Broder stated after being questioned by the Commission that his intention was to replace only the windows on the front of the house as he believed this was the only public view considered by the Commission. Commissioner Hart explained that street view is not just the front of the house. It is any area viewable from a public way.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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. 3698-09. Michelle Marques seeking to replace the existing deck and install fencing at 15 Fernwood Street

Michelle Marques and Gary Donovan of 15 Fernwood Street appeared before the Commission. Ms. Marques stated that she would like to replace the existing deck. It will be in the same footprint as the existing deck. The lattice rail being used will be replaced with 2"x2" square balusters with a toe kick. Stairs will be installed at the rear (south side) of the deck and lattice will be used for skirting. All materials will be pressure treated wood. She also stated that she would like to erect a fence on the west side of the driveway. The fence will be 64' long. The first section of fence will be 4' high, the next section will be a 4' to 6' convex transition, and the remaining sections will be 6'. The good side will face into the yard as the neighbor is the railroad.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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. 3699-09. The Town of Wethersfield seeking to extend the existing railing at 222 Main Street.

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator, 505 Silas Deane Highway appeared before the Commission. Ms. Stearley stated that the Town has received a request from its tenant to install a railing on the first two steps at the front entrance of the building. The request was made after the tenant received complaints from patrons not being able to negotiate the stairs and concerns for liability. The railing will match the existing railing exactly in design and materials. It was clarified for the Commission that the applicant was seeking one railing on the left side and the new railing would not be attached to or connected to the existing railing.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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. 3700-09. K Build, LLC seeking to demolish the existing one (1) car garage and build a two (2) car garage at 490 Main Street.

Adrien Boller of 490 Main Street and Joe Kuszaj of K Build, LLC P.O. Box 263, Wethersfield appeared before the Commission. Mr. Kuszaj stated that the homeowner would like to take down the existing garage and build a new two (2) car garage. The garage will be 30'x36'. It will have two (2) Brosco wood single glazed 6/6 windows on the side as well as a ½ light nine (9) light steel door. The garage doors will be steel sixteen (16) panels with no lights. The front façade will be cedar clapboard while the other facades will be T-111. The trim will be wood. The roofing and gutters will match what exists on the house. There will be no exterior lighting.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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 O'Brien, and seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all applications.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, O'Brien, Rell

Commissioner Maycock has recused himself from Application number 3696-09 and Commissioner Hart has recused himself from Application number 3698-09.

APPLICATION NO. 3696-09. Lucinda Hughes seeking to extend the existing fence at 14 Meggat Park.

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

Discussion

The Commissioners felt it will have minimal impact on the district and was a very complete and well executed application.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Rell Abstention: O'Brien Recusal: Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3697-09. Jakub Micengendler and Joseph Broder seeking to install replacement windows at 130 Church Street.

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

1. All street view windows shall be replaced with Trim Line wood aluminum clad windows.
2. The original 4/2 over 1 sash window locations shall be replaced with the same 4/2 over 1 design.
3. The windows shall be simulated divided light with muntins permanently affixed to the exterior and include a bronze spacer between the glass.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Rell Abstention: O'Brien

APPLICATION NO. 3698-09. Michelle Marques seeking to replace the existing deck and install fencing at 15 Fernwood Street.

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

1. The lattice shall be pressure treated wood and framed in.

Discussion

The Commissioners thought the application was well thought out and beautifully presented.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien, Rell Recusal: Hart

APPLICATION NO. 3699-09. The Town of Wethersfield seeking to extend the existing railing at 222 Main Street.

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

1. The lower railings shall not be attached to the upper railings.
2. A railing shall be installed on either side of the stairs to match the existing upper rail design.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, O'Brien, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3700-09. K Build, LLC seeking to demolish the existing one (1) car garage and build a two (2) car garage at 490 Main Street.

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

1. The front siding shall be T-111.
2. The garage doors shall be wood with smooth panels.
3. The side door shall be Jeld Wen ½ light, 9 light, 2 panel with external grill.
4. The gutters shall match the house in style and color.
5. The windows shall be Brosco wood single glaze with a 6/6 light pattern.
6. The roofing shall match the existing material on the house.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, O'Brien, Rell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: May 26, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commission Hart and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Rell

Abstention: O'Brien

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Presentation/Discussion of Preserve America Signage

RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant Town Manager appeared before the Commission to present the signage being proposed to use throughout the town under the Preserve America master plan. Two color schemes were presented, one being blue and white and the other being maroon and beige. She also presented a map with proposed locations for the new signs to be erected. Materials and a graphic

Designer still need to be selected. This project is still in the beginning stages but she believes the project should be put into place by spring of 2010.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator, presented the Commission with a “Proposed Ordinance – Additional Land Use Application Fees for Consultant Studies”, developed by Peter Gillespie, Town Planner. The proposed ordinance would allow the Commission to collect additional application fees from an applicant if the Commission needed to hire an outside consultant to assist with an application. The Commission expressed a favorable response.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Mr. and Mrs. Garrey of 25 Casey Lane, dated May 26, 2009 was presented to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner O’Brien and seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, O’Brien, Rell

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk