

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on July 28, 2009 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, Clerk  
Gary McLeod  
Susan O'Brien  
Michael Rell, Alternate  
Bette Botticello

Members Absent: Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on July 17, 2009.

**APPLICATION NO. 3708-09.** Eileen Lasky seeking to install James Hardie siding, Azek trim and replacement windows at 7 Howard Avenue.

Eileen Lasky of 7 Howard Avenue appeared before the Commission. Ms. Lasky stated that she would like to install Majesty wood aluminum clad windows with a 1/1 light pattern to match the existing. She would like to install James Hardie siding to match the existing 4" reveal. She will replace all the trim with Azek and it will match the existing. She would also like to enclose the rear porch. The side that is in public view will include a 41" x 23" window which will match the existing windows on 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. 3709-09.** Peter Benson seeking to install replacement windows at 31 Middletown Avenue.

Peter Benson of 31 Middletown Avenue appeared before the Commission. Mr. Benson stated that he has five (5) windows that he would like to replace so that the house has a uniform light pattern. He would like to replace the windows with Eagle aluminum clad windows with a 6/6 light pattern. The muntins will be permanently affixed to the exterior of the 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. 3710-09.** Joan Driscoll seeking to construct a 15'x20' one story addition at 1 Fernwood Street.

Gary Vivian of Cactus Design, LLC 43 Old Pewter Lane appeared before the Commission. Mr. Vivian stated that the applicant would like to demolish the existing porch and build a single story 15'x20'

addition. The roof, foundation, trim, siding and gutters shall match the existing. The windows shall match the existing light pattern and shall be Eagle vinyl clad with simulated divided light. The proposed doors for the addition will be Eagle French Doors with full light. The stairs on the SW side will be of wood with one railing as depicted in the drawing.

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. 3711-09.** Margaret Lindsey and Drew Sanborn seeking to amend application number 3664-09 to extend the deck at 55 Hartford Avenue.

Margaret Lindsey and Drew Sanborn of 55 Hartford Avenue appeared before the Commission. Ms. Lindsey explained that they would like to extend the approved deck to connect the deck with the kitchen. The extended deck will match the approved deck in material and design and shall span 24'x 6'6". Concrete steps at the kitchen will be removed and replaced with the new decking.

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. 3712-09.** James and Sandra Rovella seeking to replace the vinyl siding at 54 Foote Path Lane.

Premier Construction of 124 Webster Ridge Road Berlin CT and James and Sandra Rovella of 54 Foote Path Lane appeared before the Commission. The Rovellas suffered damage to the siding due to the tornado. The house currently has single 8 and triple 3 siding. They are proposing to install a double 7 Cedar Impressions siding on the front of the house in Harbor Gray and double 4 siding on the back and sides in Harbor Gray. The trim will be in white and shall match that in the neighborhood which is 3 ½" with sills. The shutters and gutters shall match the existing.

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. 3713-09.** Diane Cartier seeking to install an 8'x10' shed at 46 Kenwood Road.

Diane Cartier of 46 Kenwood Road appeared before the Commission. Ms. Cartier stated she would like to install an 8'x6' Duramax shed. It will be made of resin and include a double door with no windows facing towards Kenwood Road. The location of the shed was depicted on the plot plan.

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. 3714-09.** Anthony and Karen Sanders seeking to construct a 20'x10' screened porch at 281 Garden Street.

Anthony Sanders of 281 Garden Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Sanders stated he would like to construct a 20'x10' screened porch. It will comprise of full screens and cedar posts. The roofing, overhangs, and ornamentation will match the existing on the house. The lattice proposed will be wood. A door is proposed from the kitchen. The door will be a Stanley steel door with 9 lights and 2 panels.

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. 3715-09.** James Mayo seeking to replace and extend the existing fence at 282 Main Street.

James Mayo of 282 Main Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Mayo stated that he has a fence in disrepair and would like to replace it. He would also like to extend the fence around the perimeter of the property to give some privacy and to screen the garbage cans. The location of the fence was detailed on the plot plan. It will span 55' on one side and 15' on the other. There will also be two (2) 8' sections that will el around the shrubs. The proposed fence is a wood lattice top 6' 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. 3716-09.** Logan Haskins seeking to replace aluminum siding with vinyl siding and replace the kitchen window and door at 27 Wilcox Street.

Logan Haskins of 27 Wilcox Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Haskins stated his property suffered damage due to the tornado. He would like to replace the aluminum siding with Mastic vinyl siding in Pebble stone Gray and it will match the existing 4" reveal. The trim and gutters will match the existing but the color will change to white. Mr. Haskins stated he would like to remove and not replace the shutters. He would also like to replace the garage door with a steel door, no windows in the color brown.

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. 3717-09.** Dr. Donald Weston seeking to construct a 44'x26' two (2) story addition and a 7'x18' one (1) story addition at 75 Garden Street.

Alain Munkittrick of 235 Middlehaven Road, Portland CT and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Weston of 75 Garden Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Munkittrick stated that Dr. and Mrs. Weston would like to construct two additions to the current commercial building and create a residential living space. The proposed materials are Andersen vinyl clad windows in a 1/1 light pattern with a prairie style grill affixed to the exterior of the upper sash. Double hung and stacked awning windows are proposed. The entire building will be sided in a 7" staggered Cedar Impressions siding in the color Natural Clay. All trim will be a composite material to match the existing. The entire building will be roofed in Certainteed 3 tab in the color Oakwood. K style gutters will be attached to the proposed additions. The entrance and patio doors proposed are an Andersen 400 series Frenchwood in a prairie style grill. The decking and trellising will be a composite material. The garage doors will be Designer Doors in the Timbercraft style in wood. Proposed skylights will be Andersen. Proposed lighting will be Grenoble in the Olde Brick finish and recessed lighting. A vinyl solid board fence is proposed.

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

David Haines of 151 Huntington Drive, Vernon and the Executor of 15 Old Smithy Lane spoke in opposition to the application.

Greg Candee of 148 Garden Street spoke in support 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. 3702-09.** Ada Bielak seeking to install replacement windows at 78 Northbrick Lane.

Ada Bielak of 78 Northbrick Lane appeared before the Commission. Ms. Bielak proposed an Andersen solid vinyl window in a 1/1 light pattern. The current light pattern is 2/2.

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. 3704-09.** Suzy Judd seeking to install three (3) attic windows at 53 State Street.

The applicant did not appear before the Commission.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications except application number 3704-09 which shall remain tabled and open the public meeting on the former applications.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3708-09.** Eileen Lasky seeking to install James Hardie siding, Azek trim and replacement windows at 7 Howard 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. All the trim and siding shall match the existing in style.
2. The open wall on the porch shall be enclosed and include a 41"x23" window to match the existing windows.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Botticello                      Abstention: O'Brien

**APPLICATION NO. 3709-09.** Peter Benson seeking to install replacement windows at 31 Middletown Avenue.

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

1. The five (5) windows to be replaced shall be aluminum clad Eagle windows with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior and shall have a 6/6 light pattern.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3710-09.** Joan Driscoll seeking to construct a 15'x20' one story addition at 1 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 as submitted.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3711-09.** Margaret Lindsey and Drew Sanborn seeking to amend application number 3664-09 to extend the deck at 55 Hartford Avenue.

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

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3712-09.** James and Sandra Rovella seeking to replace the vinyl siding at 54 Foote Path Lane.

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

1. There shall be double 7 Cedar Impressions on the front.
2. There shall be double 4 siding on the sides and rear.
3. The window casings shall be 3 ½' to match the existing in the neighborhood and include sills.
4. The rear window shall be picture framed.
5. The shutters shall match existing or be black.
6. The corner boards shall match the existing.
7. The gutters shall match the existing.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien, Botticello                      Nay: McLeod

**APPLICATION NO. 3713-09.** Diane Cartier seeking to install an 8'x10' shed at 46 Kenwood Road.

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

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3714-09.** Anthony and Karen Sanders seeking to construct a 20'x10' screened porch at 281 Garden Street.

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**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3715-09.** James Mayo seeking to replace and extend the existing fence at 282 Main Street.

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

1. The fence shall span 55'x18' and shall include two (2) 8' sections as depicted in the submitted drawing.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3716-09.** Logan Haskins seeking to replace aluminum siding with vinyl siding and replace the kitchen window and door at 27 Wilcox Street.

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

1. The siding shall have a 4" reveal and shall be in the color Pebble stone Clay.
2. There shall be no shutters.
3. The window casings shall be 3 1/2" with sills in the color white.
4. The garage shall be a steel 16 panel door in the color brown.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3717-09.** Dr. Donald Weston seeking to construct a 44'x26' two (2) story addition and a 7'x18' one (1) story addition at 75 Garden Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

**Discussion**

The Commission would like the applicant to stake out the additions prior to the next meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3702-09.** Ada Bielak seeking to install replacement windows at 78 Northbrick Lane.

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

1. The windows shall be Andersen 400 series windows and shall match the existing light pattern.

**Discussion**

Aye: O'Brien, McLeod, Botticello

Nay: Garrey, Maycock

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: June 23, 2009**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, 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 Garrey and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:38 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

Respectfully Submitted  
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock  
Clerk