

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on October 13, 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, Vice Chairperson  
Michael Rell

Members Absent: Gary McLeod, Clerk  
Susan O'Brien  
Bette Botticello, Alternate  
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator  
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk Pro Tem, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on October 2, 2009.

**APPLICATION NO. 3744-09.** Aspen Contracting, Inc. seeking to replace the wood siding with vinyl siding and use Desert Tan asphalt roofing at 117 Main Street.

William Shalas of Aspen Contracting, Inc., 161 Mill Street, Berlin, and Penny and Mike Kolaczenko of 117 Main Street appeared before the commission. They would like to replace the existing wood clapboard siding with vinyl standard 4" reveal (1<sup>st</sup> color choice is Quiet Willow / 2<sup>nd</sup> color choice is Ledgewood). The trim will be wrapped in white aluminum and the shutters will be brown. The wraps on the peaks will be brown. The eaves won't be touched. The rakes will be in white trim. Facia will be white and everything will be wrapped. For roofing replacement request, they will go with existing Desert Tan 3 tab architectural shingles. There will be no changes to the porch, doors, or windows.

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. 3745-09.** Arthur Abronzino seeking to replace cedar shakes with vinyl siding at 186 Middletown Avenue.

Arthur and Amy Abronzino of 186 Middletown Avenue and Brian Levesque of 119 State Street appeared before the commission. They would like to replace existing cedar shakes with 4" vinyl siding in Arctic Blend with white aluminum trim. The shutters will be vinyl in the color Midnight Blue. They will keep the same front door, but it will be painted. Over the front door, there will be ½ round scallops along peaks in same Arctic Blend. They will be using standard 4" White corner boards. Gutters will be replaced (white). There will be no change to 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. 3746-09.** Edward Reyngoudt seeking to construct a 10'x12' storage shed at 460 Main Street.

Edward Reyngoudt of 460 Main Street appeared before the commission. He would like to construct a 10' x 12' storage shed behind the garage. It will not be visible from Main Street. The door will be facing south. It has Duratemp siding (wood composition board) and it will be painted. The shed is pre-made and all windows and hardware will match the information accompanying the application.

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. 3747-09.** Jon Reynolds seeking to replace aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 30 Broad Street.

Jon Reynolds of 30 Broad Street and Brian Levesque of 119 State Street appeared before the commission. They would like to replace the aluminum siding with 4" vinyl in Summer Wheat color. Corner posts will be the same color as the siding. All window trim will be white. No change to the porch or eaves. They will have traditional louvered shutters in Wine Berry color. The shutters are currently on the second floor, they will also add shutters to 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows.

Commissioner Garrey asking 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. 3748-09.** Arian Kollojeri seeking to replace aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 336-338 Middletown Avenue.

Arian Kollojeri of 336-338 Middletown Avenue appeared before the commission. He would like to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding. The siding was damaged in the tornado. He will use standard 4" Mastic siding in Silver Gray color. Cornerboards and trim will be white. Windows and porch will not be changed. The shutters will be black, but vinyl not aluminum. Windows and door trim will be in aluminum.

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. 3749-09.** James Pawlak seeking to install a 6' wood stockade fence at 47 Church Street.

James Pawlak of 47 Church Street appeared before the commission. He would like to install a 6' wood stockade fence on the west elevation. It will start at the back property line and end approximately where the back corner of the house starts. There will be a transition piece 4' to 6' at the beginning of the fence toward Church. Cornerposts will be behind fence in his side of the property with the good side to face the neighbors.

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

Brian Freeman of 59 Church Street spoke against the application. He feels that there is a lot of building going on in a small space and he feels it will negatively affect the spacing and rhythm of the surrounding properties. It is a very long fence (1/2 football field) and will promote a "chopped up" look.

Melba Osgood of 45 Church Street spoke in opposition of the application through written correspondence dated October 10, 2009.

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. 3750-09.** Leslie Waite seeking to amend application number 3724-09 to change the siding color to granite grey at 235 Garden Street.

Leslie Waite of 235 Garden Street appeared before the commission. She would like to change the color from Deep Granite to Granite Grey for the Cedar Impressions siding on the entire structure.

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. 3751-09.** PK Windows, LLC seeking to install replacement windows at 11 Kenwood Road.

Darce Costello of 11 Kenwood Road and Karen Kundra of PK Windows, LLC, 69 Main Street, Berlin appeared before the commission. They would like to replace existing wood six over six double-hung windows with Harvey Majesty windows. They will be maintaining the existing light patterns. The windows will be white. Muntins will be applied to the interior and the exterior. All windows in the house will be replaced except for those on the porch which will remain. There will be no change to the trim. They are only replacing windows, not doors.

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. 3752-09.** Salih Hadzic seeking to construct a 12'x10' storage shed at 29 Alison Lane.

Alma Hadzic of 345 Buckland Drive, Manchester and Salih Hadzic of 29 Alison Lane appeared before the commission. They would like to construct a 12' x 10' wood shed gambrel style. It will have T111 siding in wood and with a double-door on one end and a single side door and windows. It will be at the end of the driveway and the double-door will face the driveway.

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 Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Rell 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, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3744-09.** Aspen Contracting, Inc. seeking to replace the wood siding with vinyl siding and use Desert Tan asphalt roofing at 117 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the commission, it was voted to DENY the application.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that he feels there is no need for house to be vinyl sided. It will change the look of the whole area. There are many historic homes near there. The house isn't in that bad of shape, nothing that paint won't help. Plus, it won't be fully sided and it will be a mismatch of wood and vinyl.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it is a historic structure neighboring some very significant historic structures and he agrees that it is inappropriate material.

Commissioner Rell stated that to the right/north of the house are structures where vinyl being next to them would not fit. Getting rid of the scallops in the peaks and wood and wrapping it with vinyl all the way to the top takes out some of the historic significance of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3745-09.** Arthur Abronzino seeking to replace cedar shakes with vinyl siding at 186 Middletown Avenue.

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 stipulations:

1. The siding shall be vinyl Arctic Blend with a 4" exposure and scallops in the peak over the front door.
2. The shutters shall be vinyl in the color Midnight Blue.
3. The trim and corner boards shall be white and the corner boards shall be 4".
4. The frieze board shall be white.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that he thinks it's a perfectly appropriate change for that home and that particular location. Middletown Avenue is very much a mix of 40s to 60s/70s homes that are generally artificially sided.

Commissioner Maycock stated that it's a much needed improvement. The cedar is starting to look a little weathered in the photo.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3746-09.** Edward Reyngoudt seeking to construct a 10'x12' storage shed at 460 Main Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Rell stated that it is a very good looking shed. It's appropriate for that neighborhood.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3747-09.** Jon Reynolds seeking to replace aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 30 Broad 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 stipulations:

1. The siding shall be vinyl in the color Summer Wheat with a 4" exposure and the corner boards shall be in the same color.
2. The window trim shall be aluminum in the color white.
3. The shutters shall be vinyl and louvered in the color Wine Berry.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Rell stated that he thinks it isn't a big change from aluminum to vinyl. Matching the entire house and not having two different colors from first and second floor is a good improvement.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the uniformity will be nice. If you're going to change to artificial siding, the foam backed vinyl performs well.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3748-09.** Arian Kallojeri seeking to replace aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 336-338 Middletown Avenue.

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 stipulations:

1. The siding shall be vinyl Mastic in the color Silver Grey.
2. The window and corner boards shall be in white aluminum.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Rell stated that this is a simple change from aluminum to vinyl. It's appropriate for the neighborhood.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3749-09.** James Pawlak seeking to install a 6' wood stockade fence at 47 Church Street.

Upon motion by commissioner Maycock, seconded by commissioner Rell and a poll of the commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that he didn't realize how long the fence was going to be from the application. He wants to go by and see what it's going to look like. He doesn't have a problem with wood fences. He understands people want their own privacy and he respects that, but he thinks he needs to drive by and take a look.

Commissioner Garrey agreed with commissioner Maycock's statement. There are a variety of styles and sizes of fences in Wethersfield. There is no general reason to not approve the fence, but the commission does look at the massing and rhythm of fences.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3750-09.** Leslie Waite seeking to amend application number 3724-09 to change the siding color to granite grey at 235 Garden 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.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that this was just a change of a previously approved application because the color which was approved is no longer available.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3751-09.** PK Windows, LLC seeking to install replacement windows at 11 Kenwood Road.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that they've seen the Harvey Majesty windows many times in the District and they do a nice job of replicating the existing windows.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3752-09.** Salih Hadzic seeking to construct a 12'x10' storage shed at 29 Alison Lane.

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 it is a nice wood shed.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: September 22, 2009**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the commission, the minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the commission, it was voted to ACCEPT the meeting schedule for 2010.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

Kristin Stearley introduced Linda Messina as the new Recording Secretary for the commission.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

Respectfully Submitted  
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock  
Clerk Pro Tem