

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on December 8, 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
Gary McLeod, Clerk
Michael Rell

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

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on November 27, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3763-09. Mark Buskey seeking to install replacement window sash kits and half round gutters at 88 Hartford Avenue.

Mark Buskey of 88 Hartford Avenue appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace the current K-style gutters with half round aluminum gutters. The downspouts will be round and the gutters and downspouts will be white aluminum.

There are existing replacement windows on the house. They are aluminum on the outside with a snap-on grill on the inside. He would like to replace with windows with wood simulated divided light sash kits to match the existing light pattern. All existing replacement windows will be replaced. The windows on the back of the house are original wood and will not be replaced.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3764-09. Beverly Bacon seeking to enclose the rear porch and install lighting at 8 Fernwood Street.

Beverly Bacon of 8 Fernwood Street appeared before the Commission. The existing porch is already enclosed and she would like to winterize it and change the window location. She would like to add a window on the back and a window on the side with Andersen windows with a 1/1 light pattern to match the existing pattern on the house. The siding around new windows will be replaced and will match the existing aluminum. The lattice will remain as is.

She would like to install a light by the front stairs. It will be installed on the existing post to the right of the stairs.

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. 3765-09. Barbara Clancy seeking to amend application number 3756-09 to change the corner board color from silver gray to white.

Barbara Clancy of 33 Chesterfield Road, appeared before the Commission. She would like to change the corner board color from Silver Gray to White. She will use Mastic Ovation, an upgraded vinyl which is thicker. She wants to have something that makes the house look more defined.

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. 3766-09. Barbara Clancy seeking to replace the front door, shutters and lamp post lighting at 33 Chesterfield Road.

Barbara Clancy of 33 Chesterfield Road, appeared before the Commission. She currently has a steel front door that wasn't installed properly. She would like to replace it with a fiberglass 4 panel/4 light door.

She currently has two gold lampposts and would like to replace them with black lampposts and lantern style lighting in the same size as existing.

There are existing shutters on each side of the front door. She wants to replace them with Cellwood vinyl shutters in the same size and design as the existing. The shutters will be white.

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. 3767-09. Brendan Droney seeking to replace and expand the rear deck at 19 Middletown Avenue.

Brendan Droney of 19 Middletown Avenue appeared before the Commission. He would like to expand the existing rear deck 8' more to the north so it is flush along the back of the house. He will also replace the stairs so they come down the back of the deck and be less steep than the current stairs. The whole deck will be replaced with fresh pressure-treated wood. The existing joists are going to stay. He will install 6" x 6" footer columns instead of the existing 4" x 4". There will be open risers (if up to code) on the stairs with the same railing design. If closed risers are required, they will follow code.

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. 3768-09. David and Linda Pescatello seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 122 Garden Court.

David Pescatello of 122 Garden Court withdrew the application through email correspondence dated December 12, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3769-09. Judith Melchreit seeking to construct a 10' x 17' potting shed at 357 Main Street.

Judith Melchreit of 357 Main Street, and Scott Palmer of Historic Housewrights, Amston, Connecticut, appeared before the Commission. They would like to build a potting shed on the west side of the existing garage. It will mirror the garage scale and will be smaller so it isn't visible from the front or side of the house. It will have a rustic design to match the existing cabin in the back and will be built with post and beam construction out of rough saw lumber 4 x 4s and 4 x 6s with pine siding and vertical trim and a couple of doors. It will be attached to the west side of garage with a similar pitched roof, 1½ feet from north and south. The south side has a window facing into the yard. The windows will be made from pine and will be single sash with a divider in the middle and will be an awning style. The shed will be off the ground on a gravel floor and it will have footings. The door is on the west elevation. The north elevation is sided. The roofing material will match the garage's black asphalt material. There will be no gutters.

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. 3770-09. Integrity Contractors seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 82-84 Nott Street.

Salvatore Vassallo of 88 Nott Street and Spencer Cox of Integrity Contractors, 1224 Mill Street, Berlin, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the existing white aluminum siding with white vinyl siding, double 4 in Colonial White. They will have standard corner boards in white. They will replace K-style gutters and downspouts with the same as 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. 3771-09. Integrity Contractors seeking to replace the vinyl siding with vinyl siding in the color Sterling Gray at 33 Alison Lane.

Spencer Cox of Integrity Contractors, 1224 Mill Street, Berlin, appeared before the Commission. They will be replacing siding on the detached garage only. The existing siding was damaged by the storm and the existing siding is no longer available. They will replace all existing vinyl siding with vinyl siding in Sterling Gray.

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 Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, 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

APPLICATION NO. 3763-09. Mark Buskey seeking to install replacement window sash kits and half round gutters at 88 Hartford Avenue.

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

1. The gutters shall be aluminum half round with round downspouts.
2. All windows being replaced shall be wood 6/6 simulated divided light.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the owner has done a phenomenal job restoring his house and this will be another nice finishing touch. Commissioner Rell agreed that this is a nice change.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3764-09. Beverly Bacon seeking to enclose the rear porch and install lighting at 8 Fernwood 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 windows shall be wood Andersen with a 1/1 light pattern to match the existing.
2. The porch light shall be a lantern style and installed to the right of the post.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this will have minimal impact. Commissioner Rell stated that this is a nice change.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3765-09. Barbara Clancy seeking to amend application number 3756-09 to change the corner board color from silver gray to white.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this will have minimal impact and he thinks it will look better. Commissioner Garrey stated that it's nice to have the corner boards stand proud.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3766-09. Barbara Clancy seeking to replace the front door, shutters and lamp post lighting at 33 Chesterfield Road.

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 and Commissioner Rell stated that these are nice changes.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3767-09. Brendan Drony seeking to replace and expand the rear deck at 19 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 stipulation:

1. All the railing shall match the existing.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a minor change.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3769-09. Judith Melchreit seeking to construct a 10' x 17' potting shed at 357 Main 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 stipulation:

1. The asphalt shingles shall match the existing on the garage.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is an incredible property. What's being added is a very nice but minimal change. Commissioner Maycock stated this is a nice property and the home owner takes extreme care in preserving it and keeping the integrity of the property. Commissioner Rell stated that vertical pine siding adds a very nice touch.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3770-09. Integrity Contractors seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 82-84 Nott 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 4" double lap in the color Colonial White.
2. The corner boards shall match the existing style.
3. All trim and wrap shall match the existing style.
4. All gutters shall match the existing style.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is very minimal change. Commissioner Garrey stated that the key to the property is that it already has artificial siding and the porch is not touched.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3771-09. Integrity Contractors seeking to replace the vinyl siding with vinyl siding in the color Sterling Gray at 33 Alison Lane.

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 siding on the garage only shall be replaced with vinyl 4" double lap siding in the color Sterling Grey.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated this pretty much the same with just a color change.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

1. The Town Council appointed Lisa Wurzer as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission at its meeting on December 7, 2009. Ms. Wurzer will join the Commission at its first meeting in January 2010.

2. There will be a change in the deadlines for people applying to the Commission starting with the meetings scheduled for 2010. There has been confusion with the current deadline being Tuesday's at noon. The new deadline will be end of business on Mondays. The new schedule with deadlines is posted in the Building Department. Commissioner Garrey stated he would talk to the town regarding updating the website with Historic District Commission information.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod
Clerk