

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on March 11, 2008 in room S-2 at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk (arrived at 7:50PM)
Mark Raymond, Alternate

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

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:40PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Hart, Vice Chairperson, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on February 26, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3568-08. Beverly Noren seeking to install replacement windows, roofing, gutters, doors, siding, and rear landing at 352 Middletown Avenue.

Beverly Noren of 352 Middletown Avenue appeared before the commission. Joe Kuszaj, of KBuild LLC, PO Box 263 Wethersfield also appeared. A packet of material that included specifications of the work being done was provided to the commission.

A sample of the siding was displayed. The proposed siding is double 7" straight edge shakes in dark brown. The entire exterior will be sided. All the trim will be wrapped and painted.

A sample of the roofing was displayed. The proposed gutters are Leaf Guard K-style in brown.

A sample of the proposed door was displayed. The door is a Precision Entry oak door. The door in the back of the house is not visible from the public way.

The current windows are 2/2, but the proposed windows are 1/1. The applicant would like to install a different kitchen window, but it is not visible from the public way. The specific windows have not been chosen, but the window will be wood interior and exterior.

The garage doors will be replaced. The applicant stated she would like to choose a door that looked historic, but no specific door has been chosen.

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. 3569-08. Gordon Clark seeking to install a private satellite dish on the First Church of Christ at 250 Main Street.

Gordon Clark of 70 Elm Street in Enfield appeared before the commission. A plot plan was provided.

Mr. Clark explained that the satellite dish must face southwest. It must also be located within 130' of the satellite receiver. Therefore, the best location to install the dish is on the brick façade of the west side of the building. The dish will be 36" round and can be seen from Main Street. The dish is grey with a polyester powder coating.

The commission asked whether consideration had been given to attaching the dish to a pole. Mr. Clark explained that, if attached to a pole, the dish will move in high winds and storms requiring regular adjustments.

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. 3570-08. Daniel and Leigh Moran seeking to install new overhead doors on garage at 104 Church Street.

Kristin Stearley reported that the applicants have requested that their application be tabled until the next meeting.

APPLICATION NO. 3571-08. Tom and Julia Sapia seeking to amend a previously approved fence at 136 Main Street.

Tom and Julia Sapia of 136 Main Street appeared before the commission. They explained that they had received approval to install a 4' high picket fence. They wish to change the design of the fence to a 4' scalloped fence that will transition to 6' high in the rear of the north side. A double gate in the front and rear and a single gate in the rear all matching the fence will be installed.

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. 3572-08. Joan Driscoll seeking to install replacement windows at 1 Fernwood Street.

Joan Driscoll of 1 Fernwood Street appeared before the commission. She explained that she wishes to replace twenty-two windows with either Marvin Infinity windows or Harvey Majesty windows. The proposed windows will be white aluminum clad wood windows with muntins attached to the glass. The grid pattern will remain 6/1.

When asked whether she had a preference between the Marvin or Harvey window, Ms. Driscoll stated she did not.

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. 3573-08. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Amoruso seeking to install replacement windows, siding, doors, and garage doors at 67 Hartford Avenue.

Donna and Michael Amoruso of 67 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission.

Ms. Amoruso explained that the house is covered with lead that must be removed in order for the applicants to be eligible for an energy-savings program. The easiest method of removing the lead from the outside is to cover the existing siding with a vinyl siding. A sample of the proposed vinyl shakes siding was displayed. Shingle siding will be used. The same siding will be used on the garage. All trim will be sanded and repainted. Commissioners asked how the trim near the windows would look since the trim will not be wrapped. Ms. Amoruso stated the trim is very wide and felt the siding would not extend beyond the window trim.

The basement and front doors will be replaced, but no pictures or cut sheets were provided. The specifications call for the windows to be replaced with wood windows matching the existing light pattern, or repainting the windows.

The garage doors will be replaced with wood carriage style doors.

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 Garrey, and seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications except #3570-08 and open the public meeting on the discussed applications.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3568-08. Beverly Noren seeking to install replacement windows, roofing, gutters, doors, siding, and rear landing at 352 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated he wants the opportunity to visit the property to get a better sense of the work that is being proposed. Commissioner Garrey stated the commission did not receive any information on the garage doors either. He asked Kristin Stearley to ask the applicant to provide that information. He also encouraged commissioners to visit the property.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Raymond

Abst: Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3569-08. Gordon Clark seeking to install a private satellite dish on the First Church of Christ at 250 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated he wants the opportunity to visit the property to see where the satellite dish will be placed and how it will be seen from the public way. Commissioner Maycock agreed stating he felt the dish will be very visible. Commissioner Garrey stated he thought the dish would be lost on the façade.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, Raymond

Nay: Garrey

APPLICATION NO. 3571-08. Tom and Julia Sapia seeking to amend a previously approved fence at 136 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:

- The fence shall be a 4' wood scalloped design.
- The fence shall transition to a 6' section at the north rear of the property.
- There shall be three gates; two double gates in the front and rear and one single gate in the north rear of property.
- The gates shall match the style of the fence.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated the material and style of fence were a nice choice. Commissioner Hart agreed.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3572-08. Joan Driscoll seeking to install replacement windows at 1 Fernwood Street.

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

- Light pattern of 6/1 shall be retained.
- Muntins shall be permanently fixed to the exterior.
- Windows may be Marvin Infinity or Harvey Majesty.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that while he is a proponent of maintaining existing windows, the proposed windows are an appropriate replacement.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3573-08. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Amoruso seeking to install replacement windows, siding, doors, and garage doors at 67 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated he was having difficulty envisioning how the windows will fit without the trim being wrapped. He stated he would like the opportunity to visit the property to get a better sense of how the windows will look once installed.

Commissioner Garrey stated he felt that more information was needed on the exterior doors and garage doors.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: February 26, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock and seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin Stearley reported that personnel changes in the Building Department are underway. For a while she is assuming all responsibility for the functions pertaining to the HDC.

Correspondence

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 8:46PM to discuss matters pertaining to pending litigation.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hart seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to leave Executive Session at 9PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk