

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 9, 2008 at the Pitkin Community Center Room S-2, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson (Arrived at 7:36)
John Maycock, Clerk
Gary McLeod
Mike Rell, Alternate

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 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on August 29, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3632-08. Christopher & Patricia Carroll seeking to construct a two (2) story addition in the rear of property at 34 Chesterfield Road.

Christopher Carroll of 34 Chesterfield Road appeared before the commission. Mr. Carroll stated that the addition will be added on to the rear of the house to replace the current standing deck and will be approximately 18' x 18'. The roof on the addition, as well as the poured foundation and gutters, will match that of current house. Mr. Carroll also intends to maintain the 4" smooth, aluminum siding to match what currently exists on the house. The windows will be simulated divided light casement windows with an aluminum clad exterior and wood interior by Harvey Majesty. The door on the rear of the addition will be a 12 light wood door. Coming off the door will be a concrete stoop with a flagstone surface and include a black aluminum 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. 3633-08. Paul & Dawn Croce seeking to install a pellet stove at 399 Main Street.

Paul Croce of 399 Main Street appeared before the commission. Mr. Croce stated that the pellet stone will be in the living room and will have a 4" straight vent that protrudes through the roof about 1.5'. The vent will also include a cap. The vent and cap will be painted a flat black.

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. 3634-08. Sal Vassallo seeking to install an accessory building in the rear yard at 88 Nott Street.

Sal Vassallo of 88 Nott Street appeared before the commission. Mr. Vassallo stated that the proposed shed will be a 12' by 16' pre-fabricated structure. It will be located on the left side of the lot

nearest the railroad tracks. The structure will have a double door, white vinyl siding, and the windows will be as submitted. The roofing will match the roofing that is on the house.

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. 3635-08. Justin Malota seeking to install a picket fence on the side and back yards at 20 Avalon Place.

Justin and Cindy Malota of 20 Avalon Place appeared before the commission. Mr. Malota stated he would like to install picket fencing which will be 4' high in 8' sections. Along the rear of the property he would like to install 6' high fencing which will be in 8' sections. The fencing will be wood painted white and the post caps will be as submitted. There will also be an 8' gate and a 4' gate.

Commissioner Hart proposed that the applicants include 4' to 6' transition sections. Mr. Malota stated that he would include the transition sections.

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. 3624-08. Joan Driscoll seeking to install wood fencing, demolish existing garage and replace with a 12' x 26' garage at 1 Fernwood Street. (Tabled from August 26, 2008 Meeting).

Scott English of 11 Coleman Road appeared before the commission. There was no new information added to the application regarding the wood fencing. Mr. English stated that Ms. Driscoll chose a new model for the pre-fabricated structure. He stated that Ms. Driscoll would like to use either the Dutch Colonial or the Cape style model. The garage would include a wood garage door on the east side of the structure and two (2) windows. Mr. Coleman stated that Ms. Driscoll also changed the dimensions of the garage to 14' x 26'. The windows will be vinyl with a 4/4 light pattern.

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. 3625-08. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum seeking to 1) modify the 18th century woodshed next to the Webb house; 2) demolish the existing 20th century additions located behind the woodshed; and 3) construct a new addition as per proposed plan at 211 Main Street (Tabled from August 26, 2008 Meeting. Last date to act is September 23, 2008).

No one was present at the meeting. The applicant requested the application be tabled in e-mail dated September 9, 2008.

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 Hart, and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all the applications.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3632-08. Christopher & Patricia Carroll seeking to construct a two (2) story addition in the rear of property at 34 Chesterfield Road.

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 roofing material shall match existing.
2. The aluminum siding and trim shall match existing.
3. The windows shall match existing Harvey Majesty aluminum clad windows.
4. The gutters shall match existing.
5. The foundation shall be poured concrete to match existing.
6. The stoop shall be concrete with flagstone caps.
7. The handrail shall be black extruded aluminum with square spindles.
8. The door shall be a 12 or 15 light wood door.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Hart, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3633-08. Paul & Dawn Croce seeking to install a pellet stove at 399 Main Street.

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

1. The vent cap shall have a flat black finish.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock felt that the black color would subdue the aesthetics of the vent.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3634-08. Sal Vassallo seeking to install an accessory building in the rear yard at 88 Nott 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 siding material shall be white vinyl.
2. The roofing material shall match the material on the house.
3. The doors shall face the house (east).

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the structure is plain in nature and will blend well with the surrounding area.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3635-08. Justin Malota seeking to install a picket fence on the side and back yards at 20 Avalon Place.

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, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3624-08. Joan Driscoll seeking to install wood fencing, demolish existing garage and replace with a 12' x 26' garage at 1 Fernwood Street. (Tabled from August 26, 2008 Meeting).

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

1. The garage shall be a Carefree Cape model.
2. The garage door shall be wood.
3. The side door shall be wood and located on the east side of the building.
4. The siding shall be Texture 111.
5. One (1) window shall be placed on the east and west side of the building.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that he appreciated that the applicant addressed all of the concerns of the commission. He also felt that the roof pitch of the Dutch Colonial model was too low.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Abstention: Hart

APPLICATION NO. 3625-08. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum seeking to 1) modify the 18th century woodshed next to the Webb house; 2) demolish the existing 20th century additions located behind the woodshed; and 3) construct a new addition as per proposed plan at 211 Main Street (Tabled from August 26, 2008 Meeting. Last date to act is September 23, 2008).

Per request of the applicant, this application was TABLED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: August 26, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the August 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

None.

Discussion to update By-Laws and Handbook

Kristin Stearley reported that the handbook has a few areas that need to be updated to keep the information current such as phone numbers and departments within the town to contact. The By-Laws also require some updating to keep the information current.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to form a committee comprised of Commissioners Hart, Raymond and Maycock to make the necessary changes to the by-laws and handbook.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk