

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on October 28, 2008 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Gary McLeod
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Mike Rell, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Susan O'Brien
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Hart called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on October 17, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3644-08. Kathryn Whitacre and James Polowitzer seeking to remove and replace the rear stairs and landing and install wood fencing at 17 Wilcox Street.

Kathryn Whitacre of 17 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission. Ms. Whitacre stated to the commission that she would like to install a stockade fence with a gate. She would like a section of the fence to be 6' high to match that of her neighbors; and the rest would be 4' high. Commissioner Hart asked if she would be opposed to including a transition piece going from 6' to 4' and Ms. Whitacre stated that she was not. She also stated that the stairs would be pressure treated wood.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3645-08. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum seeking to restore the shutters on the Webb House and shorten the fencing as per proposed plan at 211 Main Street.

Anne Kuckro of 471 Main Street appeared before the commission on behalf of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum. She stated that the original shutters were in the basement and that that they would be restoring them.

Ms. Kuckro also explained that the front fencing needs repair. She stated that they would be removing a section of the fencing that goes through the courtyard to open it up, and would be using those materials to repair the front fence.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3646-08. James Rankin seeking to install a chimney flue for a wood stove at 10 Hartford Avenue.

James Rankin of 109 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Mr. Rankin stated that the flue would go through the roof and stick out approximately 2'. The flue also has a cap. Commissioner Maycock asked if he was opposed to the flue being in the color black and Mr. Rankin stated that he was not.

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

Alison Tajarian of 99 Hartford Avenue spoke in opposition to the application

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APPLICATION NO. 3640-08. Steve Czerwinski, Inc. seeking to remove shake shingles from house and replace with vinyl siding and install replacement windows at 123 State Street. (Application tabled from the October 14, 2008 meeting. The last date to act is November 25, 2008)

Steve Czerwinski appeared before the commission. He stated that they are going to strip the shake shingles that are currently on the house and replace them with vinyl clapboard siding by Monogram in the color Ivy Green. The windows and door casings will have hidden channels for the trim work and the corner boards will be in the same Ivy Green. They will also be replacing the front shutters with vinyl.

Mr. Czerwinski also explained that they will be replacing the windows with Harvey Classic double hung replacement windows. They will be wrapped with an aluminum trim and have a 1/1 light pattern. The replacement doors will be white fiberglass doors by Thermatru.

Commissioner Hart 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 applications.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3644-08. Kathryn Whitacre and James Polowitzer seeking to remove and replace the rear stairs and landing and install wood fencing at 17 Wilcox Street.

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) One section of fence transitioning from 4' to 6' shall be installed on the southeast corner of the property.

Discussion

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3645-08. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum seeking to restore the shutters on the Webb House and shorten the fencing as per proposed plan at 211 Main Street.

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: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3646-08. James Rankin seeking to install a chimney flue for a wood stove at 109 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

The commissioners felt that they needed to gather more information regarding the town codes and regulations for height and placement requirements for the flue so as to address the neighbor's concern.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3640-08. Steve Czerwinski, Inc. seeking to remove shake shingles from the house and replace with vinyl siding and install replacement windows at 123 State Street. (Application tabled from the October 14, 2008 meeting. The last date to act is November 25, 2008)

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 shall be vinyl clapboard in the color green ivy.
- 2) The shutters shall be vinyl in the color black.

- 3) The windows shall be Harvey Classic with a 1/1 light pattern.
- 4) The two (2) replacement doors shall be in the color white
- 5) The awnings shall be removed.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the change from shakes to clapboard will not have a negative impact on the house. He also felt that the light pattern for the windows was sufficient for the style of the house.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: October 14, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commission Hart and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin Stearley stated to the commission that Fred Valente will be standing in for her at the next meeting to be held on November 11, 2008.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Raymond

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk