

WETHERSFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MEETING
August 14, 2007

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Special Public Hearing/Public Meeting on August 14, 2007 in the 1st Floor Conference Room at the Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Robert Garrey, Acting Chairperson
John Maycock, Acting Clerk
Gary McLeod
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Eric Hart, Alternate (Arrived at 7:07 PM)

Members Absent:

Susan O'Brien, Chairperson
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Also Present:

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. and read the opening comments. Acting Chairperson Garrey read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the Hartford Courant on August 3, 2007.

APPLICATION NO. 3506-07. Bryon Kamay seeking to install a spa along with fencing at 38 Hartford Avenue.

Bryon Kamay of 38 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. A plot plan of applicant's property was presented. The proposed spa will be located in the rear of the house. The spa will be 54"wide X 36" high. The proposed fencing will be 6' cedar stockade fencing with scallop tops. The fencing will be located on the side and to rear of the property.

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. 3507-07. Haddya Nye seeking to install fencing at 7 Summerfield Drive.

Haddya Nye of 7 Summerfield Drive appeared before the commission.

Haddya Nye appeared before the commission. The proposed fencing will be placed in the footprint of the existing fence. The fencing in front of the house will be a 4' high section with a 4' gate, 4' - 6' transition piece all in Chestnut Hill pattern. The other 3 sides of the fencing will be 6' high plus one gate 6' high in Southport pattern. The fencing will all be cedar wood.

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. 3508-07. Constance Mellen seeking to install replacement windows at 323 Main Street.

Constance Mellen of 323 Main Street appeared before the commission. Ms. Mellen presented photographs of the replacement windows. She indicated that the windows will be Harvey Majesty windows. The windows will be aluminum clad on the exterior.

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. 3509-07. Elizabeth Krystopa seeking to remove the front and back porches and replace them and place a façade around the front door at 432 Middletown Avenue.

Theodore and Elizabeth Krystopa of 432 Middletown Avenue appeared before the commission. Ms. Krystopa presented a sketch and photographs.

Ms. Krystopa explained that the existing porches will be removed. The original door will be replaced with a 6 panel solid wood door with wood millwork molding around the door. The flooring will be replaced. There will be no change in the windows. The applicants explained that they wish to restore the house to its original look by replacing the aluminum siding and aluminum shutters.

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. 3510-07. Lisa Mackler seeking to install a 6 ft. fence for one side of property only from rear of garage to mid-house at 53 Main Street.

Commissioner Garrey recused himself from this application.

Lisa Mackler of 53 Main Street appeared before the commission. A plot plan of the proposed fencing was provided.

Ms. Mackler explained to the commission that the proposed fencing is being installed in front of an existing fence to block out the sound of the neighbors barking dogs. The good side of the fence will be installed towards the existing fence.

The fence will be made of cedar and be a 6' high stockade fence 56' long with round ball post.

Applicant asked the Commission how she should determine the boundary lines. She could not locate the markers on her property.

Historic District Coordinator, Kristin Stearley suggested that the applicant contact a surveyor or the Engineering Department regarding the location of boundary lines.

Paul and Kathleen Landers of 58 Main Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Landers presented photographs of the existing fence and both houses. They are not opposed to the fence but to the side of their house they are opposed. Applicant does not want their bedroom window blocked or the grass killed. He does not want a 6' fence seen from the street coming halfway down on his side of the house.

Ken Sokolowski of 79 Main Street is neither in favor nor in opposition of the applicant. He suggested that the applicant look for a mere stone on her property.

Commissioner McLeod 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. 3501-07. Summit Construction Services seeking to install 14 thermal replacement windows at 29 Harmund Place (Tabled from the July 10, 2007 & July 24, 2007 meetings - Last date to act on is August 28, 2007).

Contractor Don Gove of Gove Restoration, 82 Longvue Drive and Homeowner, William Curtin of 29 Harmund Place appeared before the commission.

Mr. Curtin informed the commission that Summit Construction Services is no longer representing the homeowner.

Mr. Gove presented a sample of the replacement window. The windows will be wood interior with aluminum clad exterior with the same grill 6 X 6. The sash will be the same. The storm windows will be replaced. The exterior of the

windows will be white.

Mr. Gove also is replacing the front door on the residence. Commissioner Garrey informed Mr. Gove to resubmit a new application.

Ken Sokolowski of 79 Main Street spoke in favor of the applicant and the application.

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.

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APPLICATION NO. 3502-07. Dwight DeBow seeking to replace the window sash and some replacement windows at 293 Middletown Avenue (Tabled from July 10, 2007 & July 24, 2007 meetings - Last date to act on is August 28, 2007).

Applicant did not appear before the commission.

Kristin Stearley, HDC informed the commission that the applicant did not feel he had anything to present to the commission. Ms. Stearley recommended that the commission stipulate to the applicant what they would like seen done to the house.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to closed the public hearing on the discussed applications and to open the public meeting on those applications.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod, Maycock, Raymond.

APPLICATION NO. 3506-07. Bryon Kamay seeking to install a spa along with fencing at 38 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner McLeod noted that a transition piece be added and the good side of the fencing be placed towards the neighbor.

Commissioner Garrey noted that it was a very nice application and fence and nothing inside the fence will be visible.

Aye: Garrey, McLeod, Raymond Commissioner Hart Abstained.

APPLICATION NO. 3507-07. Haddya Nye seeking to install fencing at 7 Summerfield Drive.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that it is a beautiful fence with the neighbor benefiting from its beauty.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3508-07. Constance Mellen seeking to install replacement windows at 323 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart asked whether the applicant had discussed the application with Kristin Stearley prior to the meeting. Ms. Stearley informed the Commission that she speaks to every applicant and discusses the importance of replicating the existing windows.

Commissioner McLeod withdrew his previous motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation that the windows shall be Harvey aluminum clad windows with the muntins applied to the exterior of the windows.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey noted that the applicant stated everything will be replaced in kind. A very nice house. The windows with the mullions applied to the exterior of the glass will actually replicate what was there. A successful project.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod, Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3509-07. Elizabeth Krystopa seeking to remove the front and back porches and replace them and place a façade around the front door at 432 Middletown Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that although he was pleased with most of the project, he noted that there was no cohesive drawing of what is going to be put in place.

Commissioner Garrey asked what the timeframe was for starting the project but would like a record of what the applicants are proceeding to do with the project.

Commissioner Maycock noted that it is a good project but needs clarification on the project as Commissioner Garrey recommended.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod, Maycock

APPLICATION NO. 3510-07. Lisa Mackler seeking to install a 6 ft. fence for one side of property only from rear of garage to mid-house at 53 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock noted that he needs more clear concise documentation with placement of the proposed fencing. He would like the neighbor to understand where the proposed fencing is to begin and end.

Commissioner Hart noted that he would like the applicant to show the proposed fencing on a plot plan.

Commissioner Hart and Commissioner McLeod will view the property by driving by on their own.

Aye: Hart, McLeod, Maycock Recused: Garrey

APPLICATION NO. 3501-07. Summit Construction Services seeking to install 14 thermal replacement windows at 29 Harmund Place (Tabled from July 10, 2007 meeting).

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart noted that he would like to stipulate the product of the window.

Motion by Commissioner McLeod to withdrew the motion.

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 that the windows being installed are the Vetter Vets Pak sash replacement with 6 over 6 grid pattern in white with muntins applied to the exterior.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that he was very satisfied and that the proposed windows will meet the homeowners energy needs. It works well with the house construction in retaining the original exterior shadow lines of the previous windows.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod, Maycock

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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 that he will give the applicant one more chance to rectify the design of the project with a hand drawn before and after picture.

Commissioner McLeod noted that he needs clarity on the windows and the sliders.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod, Maycock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: July 10, 2007

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock, [the minutes of the July 10, 2007](#) were APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: July 24, 2007

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock, [the minutes of the July 24, 2007](#) were APPROVED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

Ken Sokolowski of 79 Main Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Sokolowski addressed the Commission that he was pleased to see that these reports for the past 5 years were prepared for submission to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism as required by Connecticut State Statutes.

Mr. Sokolowski appeared before the Commission at the last meeting and stated that he is revisiting this topic tonight of the administrative flaws of the HDC. He is recommending a special meeting being open to the public for the purpose of acting as a committee of a whole to conduct a workshop on addressing the issue of improving site visits so as to improve the old administration's of the public acceptance of meaningful site visits.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDENDUM - PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MEETING

REVIEW & APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002

Commissioner Hart recommended that the HDC Annual Reports be posted to the Town's website with percentages of approvals and denials by the HDC Commission.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to approve the HDC Annual Reports for 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Garrey, Hart, McLeod, Maycock, Raymond

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Acting Clerk