

**WETHERSFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 11, 2005**

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a public meeting on JANUARY 11, 2005 at 7:30PM in the Council Conference Room of the Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Wolf, Clerk
Robert Garrey
Vacek Miglus
Eric Hart, Alternate

Members absent:

Billye Logan, Chairperson
Heidi Lane, Alternate
Sue O'Brien, Alternate

Also Present:

Vice Chairperson Ovian called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and read the opening comments. Clerk Wolf read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on December 31, 2004.

APPLICATION NO. 3271-04. Roberto & Ida DiPalma seeking to replace the garage door at 10 Meggat Park.

Ida DiPalma of 10 Meggat Park appeared before the Commission. Also present was her son, Silvano DiPalma. Mrs. DiPalma explained that she would like to replace the present wood garage door with a steel door so that she does not have to paint the door any longer. In addition the wood is rotted and parts needed to fix the door's mechanism are no longer available.

A brochure with a photograph of the proposed door was provided with the application. The photograph shows the proposed door has three panes of glass. Mrs. DiPalma indicated that the three panes will maintain the current look of the door. However, Commissioner Miglus noted that the present garage door has six panes of glass. Mrs. DiPalma stated that the door manufacturer does not make doors with six panes of glass. She has looked at other manufacturers, but feels the one she has chosen is the best to work with and the best in price.

Commissioner Ovian 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. 3272-04. Douglas Stranko seeking to install a freestanding sign at 280 Main Street.

Douglas Stranko of 109 Broad Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Stranko provided a drawing of the proposed sign. He feels that the original size of 18 X 30 inches is too big. The sign will actually be 18 X 24 inches and say "Stranko Family Chiropractic Wellness Starts Here". It will hang from the corner of the building by a wrought iron fixture.

The sign will be made of foam and the lettering will be inset. The color of the sign will be cream background with dark brown trim. The lettering will be goldleaf.

Commissioner Ovian 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 Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all the aforementioned items reviewed.

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DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ovian indicated that the current garage door has flat panels whereby the new door has raised panels. He is more concerned about whether a raised panel door will work with the rest of the house than he is about the new door having only three windows.

Upon motion by Commissioner Miglus, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to APPROVE the subject application with the following stipulations:

- The garage door shall be at least three panels wide
- The panels shall be flat.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Miglus, Ovian, Wolf

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

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Miglus, Ovian, Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: [December 14, 2004](#)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to APPROVE the above minutes as presented.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Miglus, Ovian, Wolf

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comment - None

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Ovian reported on his telephone conversation with Robert Cook who could not attend the meeting due to bad weather. Mr. Cook asked that Commissioner Ovian report on the porches on Broad Street and on Main Street. Mr. Cook has proceeded with addressing the concerns expressed by Commissioner Garrey.

The porch on Broad Street is currently pending reconstruction and complete replication. Mr. Cook is working with the Health Department regarding the porch on Main Street and some action on that building should occur in the near future. The rest of Mr. Cook's report will be delivered at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ovian indicated that he had spoken with Commissioner Logan and expressed the Commission's

appreciation for the work done by Commissioner Hart in getting the manual on the computer for all to review and to suggest any revisions. Commissioner Logan had suggested that the Commission may want to start discussing the manual at this meeting. Commissioner Ovian indicated that he thought the manual should be discussed at another time given the amount of information to be reviewed and the weather. The other Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Garrey suggested that the Commissioners take a detailed look at the porch reconstruction that is taking place on Middletown Avenue (at the corner of Mayfield) so that a few details can be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Wolf and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:07PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Miglus, Ovian, Wolf

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Jennifer Wolf
Clerk