

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on February 25, 2014 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: John Maycock, Clerk
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Mark Raymond
Chris Lyons
Cynthia Greenblatt, Alternate
Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Ovian 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 *Rare Reminder* on February 13, 2014.

APPLICATION NO. 4234-14. Douglas and Robin Otis seek to install replacement windows at 21 Lincoln Road.

Robin Otis, 21 Lincoln Road, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install Harvey Majesty simulated divided light aluminum clad windows. They plan on replacing all windows in the house, 8 at a time, over the next year or so. For right now, they plan on replacing the five front bottom and three side bottom windows. The windows will have the same light pattern (6/1) and they will have full screens.

Commissioner Ovian 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. 4235-14. Elaine Cahill seeks to change the garage door configuration from two (2) individual garage doors to one (1) 15' carriage style door at 292 Hartford Avenue.

Elaine Cahill, 292 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. She would like to eliminate the center post and install a double door instead. Drawings/pictures were submitted. There will be no handles on the door. The garage door is from Stateline Door. It is a 15' vinyl clad steel door. The door will have straps, bead board, and windows. The garage is white and the door will be white.

Commissioner Ovian 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. 4236-14. Beth Iacampo seeks to construct a 20'x18' one and one half (1½) bay detached garage at 484 Main Street.

Beth Iacampo, 484 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. Drawings/photos of the doors and lighting were submitted. The garage is from Country Carpenters of Hebron. It is a Clopay door. The garage and doors are all wood. There will be two six light barn style windows – one on the front and one on the side. There will be one person door and one garage door. One light will be located by the person door and the garage door. The garage has to be in the back quadrant of the lot because of zoning requirements. The house has asphalt shingles. The roof of the garage will match the house. There will be no cupola.

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

Aye: Maycock, Ovia, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4234-14. Douglas and Robin Otis seek to install replacement windows at 21 Lincoln Road.

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

1. All light patterns shall match the existing.
2. The windows shall be replaced with Harvey Majesty simulated divided light aluminum clad windows with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that it's a nice window. It's been used before successfully in the District. He approved all windows because they will do all of them eventually and this will save the applicant from having to come back.

Commissioner Ovian stated that his concern about the window is that he doesn't think it's the best looking SDL window the commission has approved. It's the same window that was approved on Chesterfield. However, the changeover on the second floor would be an improvement. Overall you get a better result with all of the windows matching.

Aye: Maycock, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4235-14. Elaine Cahill seeks to change the garage door configuration from two (2) individual garage doors to one (1) 15' carriage style door at 292 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the garage is far enough back from the street that you won't even notice the material.

Commissioner Ovian stated that his concern about the handle is beside the point. There are no hinges. He would leave it up to the applicant to do what she wants with regard to décor.

Commissioner Raymond stated that you do have visibility from the Cove. It's limited because of the angle of the garage. It's fine.

Aye: Maycock, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4236-14. Beth Iacampo seeks to construct a 20'x18' one and one half (1½) bay detached garage at 484 Main Street.

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

1. The roofing shingles shall match the existing on the house.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovia stated that Country Carpenters has been a successful manufacturer of these kits and the ones that have come to the District have enhanced the look of the District. It's an appropriate accessory building in this application.

Commissioner Raymond stated that being all wood, it's a plus. Although it's not from the same period of the house, it's not uncommon for garages to be put on in a different time period in the District so they wouldn't necessarily match. He loves the design of it and it will fit in with the property nicely.

Aye: Maycock, Ovia, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

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Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Maycock, Ovia, Raymond, Greenblatt

Abstain: Lyons

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

1. Heritage Trail Meeting – The committee is proposing four large kiosk/exhibit boards which will be two panels and double sided or a triangular shape. They will be located at Keeney Center, Webb Deane Stevens Museum, Cove Park, and the Broad Street Green. They are also proposing 18 wayside exhibits which will be one panel. Kristin has encouraged them to have a pre-application hearing with the commission. They are currently working on the content for the boards and considering changing the name because it is so close to the Heritage Way bike trail.
2. Kristin reminded the Commission to only hear items that are on the agenda. Items not on the agenda should not be heard and should be tabled until public notice has been given.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Aye: Maycock, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
-Clerk -