

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

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Chris Lyons
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond
Cynthia Greenblatt, Alternate
Damien Cregeau, Alternate

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

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 *Rare Reminder* on March 13, 2014.

APPLICATION NO. 4237-14. Belgin Emlak, LLC seeks to replace the existing siding/trim with FiberCement lap siding and Azek trim and to install aluminum clad wood replacement windows at 121 Main Street.

Ozlem Camli, 80 Garden Street, and Michelle Ahern, 50 Randall Avenue, West Hartford, appeared before the Commission. They will install the new siding over the existing asbestos siding. They will use a FiberCement board in a color as close as possible to the existing. A sample of the siding was provided. The siding will have a smooth finish. They would like to install Harvey Majesty windows to replace the 9 existing wood windows. The windows will be 6/1, white clad, and they will install 1/2 screens. The existing aluminum windows will stay as is and will not be replaced. A sample window was provided. The front and back crown molding will be removed and replaced with Azek molding. The cornerboards will be 4" Azek. The porch windows will have 2" Azek trim. The other windows will have 4" Azek trim. They have already installed a new roof and gutters. The lattice will be replaced. They will use trim board on the bottom of the house.

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. 4238-14. Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club seeks to construct an approximately 47'x38' patio with a stone retaining wall at 270 Hartford Avenue.

Ron Hemmann, 270 Hartford Avenue, and Jack Gilmartin, JL Surveying, 212 Old Brickyard Lane, Berlin, appeared before the Commission. They would like to add a patio to the east side of the yacht club. The patio will be approximately 1,400 square feet across the back of the building. There is an existing staircase. They will add a 2½' retaining wall made of tumbled stones. Samples of the materials were provided and a photo of the proposed wall was submitted. The patio block will be a random pattern and different sizes.

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. 4239-14. Comstock Ferre & Co. seeks to construct a 16'x10' dumpster pad with a 6' wood fence for screening at 263 Main Street.

Randel Agrella, 249 Main Street, and Ozzie Torres, 63 Reed Drive, appeared before the Commission. Right now, they have two dumpsters. They would like to construct a pad for the dumpsters and build a fence around it for screening. The fence will be a "shadow box" with vertical wood boards. The fence will be squared off at the top. The color will be maroon to match the barn. The top will be open. There will be a gate facing east. They will use black handles for hardware. They will plant three evergreen trees for screening.

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. 4240-14. Jason Santos seeks to construct an 8'x6' aluminum storage shed at 24 Wilcox Street.

Jason Santos, 24 Wilcox Street, appeared before the Commission. He would like to add a storage shed. Three possible designs were submitted, but he prefers the Rubbermaid shed. It is 7'x7'. It will be placed on the north side of the garage to the left. The doors will face Harmund Place. It will sit on ¾" crushed stone. There will be no ramp. It is a Big Max resin shed.

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

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4237-14. Belgin Emlak, LLC seeks to replace the existing siding/trim with FiberCement lap siding and Azek trim and to install aluminum clad wood replacement windows at 121 Main Street.

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

1. All windows shall be replaced with Harvey Majesty clad wood in a 6/1 light pattern and shall be simulated divided light with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior. The windows which shall not be replaced are on the first floor and include the bow window on the left side of the house and the far right double windows on the right side of the house.
2. The shutters shall be replaced with wood shutters in a straight louvered design.
3. All lattice on the front porch shall be replaced with wood latticing and shall be "picture framed" in Azek material.
4. The siding shall be as proposed and the material shall be HardiPlank smooth lap siding with a 4" reveal in the color evening blue.
5. The wood trim shall be replaced with Azek trim. All windows shall be trimmed to match the existing design. The porch windows shall remain and shall be trimmed in 2" Azek. The corner boards shall be 4" Azek. All trim shall be in the color white.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovia stated that this is an overall improvement to the property, but these SDLs are not his favorite. He would like to see a sample of the lattice to be used.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Wurzer

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

1. The patio material shall be Rustico in a random four pattern and the color palette shall be Westchester Blend.

Discussion

Commissioner Wurzer stated that they are not doing much grading due to the wetlands.

Commissioner Ovia stated that this will have a minimal view.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the retaining wall will be very small. You aren't really going to see the patio.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4239-14. Comstock Ferre & Co. seeks to construct a 16'x10' dumpster pad with a 6' wood fence for screening at 263 Main Street.

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

1. The fence shall be a 6' vertical board in a shadow box design and shall be painted or stained to match the barn.
2. The gate hardware shall be a plain black metal handle.

Discussion

Commissioner Oviaan stated that this is a nice design.

Commissioner Garrey stated that they have done a lot of great work and this will be an improvement.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that she likes the shadow box fence choice. It is more appealing.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Oviaan, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4240-14. Jason Santos seeks to construct an 8'x6' aluminum storage shed at 24 Wilcox Street.

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

1. The shed shall be the Rubbermaid shed as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Oviaan stated that this is close to the garage. He's not sure if it will be a successful combination or not. The material is very different. It is very visible.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is much smaller than the typical shed. The third shed plan might be better as it is a white metal shed.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that she doesn't like the plastic material. A wooden structure would blend in better.

Nay: Garrey, Maycock, Oviaan, Lyons, Wurzer

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

Discussion

Commissioner Oviaan stated that he would like more time to observe the property.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Oviaan, Lyons, Wurzer

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Maycock, Ovian, Lyons

PRE-APPLICATION HEARING

The Town of Wethersfield seeks to discuss plans for demolishing the existing ramp on the rear of the building and constructing a new ADA compliant service ramp on the rear of the building at 222 Main Street.

Sally Katz, Director of Physical Services, Town of Wethersfield, and Bob Roche, 281 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, appeared before the Commission. They presented drawings for an ADA compliant service ramp and possible building materials were discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
-Clerk -