

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 8, 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  
Damian 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 27, 2014.

**APPLICATION NO. 4241-14.** Gove Restoration LLC seeks to replace the wood windows with wood clad sash replacement kits at 14 Rosedale Street.

Adam Gove, 26 Kenwood Road, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the existing windows which are 1/1 sashes. They will keep the storm windows in place. They intend to replace the sashes with Windsor wood aluminum clad sash replacement kits in the same light pattern. They will be an off white color to match the trim. Nothing on the porch will be replaced. A sample of the window was provided. The siding on the house is wood.

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. 4242-14.** Denis Walter seeks to construct a concrete bulkhead with a 16' gangway and install five (5) 8'x4' wood dock sections at 326 Hartford Avenue.

Denis Walter, 326 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. He would like to build a 16' gangway off of a concrete bulkhead. Photos were submitted. There will be 5 wood sections. He is not sure if they will be floating or wood pilings. DEP has to approve the type. The first two sections closest to the shoreline will be on legs, at least 18" minimum. The last three sections will be floating. He wrapped the Styrofoam in white sheaths so it doesn't break off. There will be 8" of weathered wood above the water.

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

Sheila Wells, 336 Hartford Avenue, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Steve Randall, 35 Beverly Road, spoke against the application via written correspondence.

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. 4243-14.** John Wolf seeks to construct a 12'x11' screened in porch on the rear of the house at 47 Oldham Road.

Matt Gove, 70 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to construct a screened in porch off of the existing sun porch but set in one foot from either side. It is a shed roof porch and they will build a gable out from that shed. There are grey Cedar Impressions shingles with Azek trim with a hidden J channel on the house. They will carry that on to the screen porch on the gable end. It is floor to ceiling screen. The posts and the bottom will be Azek. There will be aluminum K style gutters off the back. The roof shingles will match the existing in weathered wood.

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. 4244-14.** DBL Contracting seeks to replace a 5' slider door with a fiberglass slider door, replace a storm window with a clad wood window on the southeast side, and eliminate a storm window on the southwest side at 61 Center Street.

Doug Lisella, 37 Belmont Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace a 5' aluminum slider with a 36" fiberglass door. It is on the south side of the house. They would like to replace an existing storm window on the southeast side with a Harvey Majesty wood clad window. It will be white aluminum clad. The windows on the rest of the house are the original 6/1 windows. They will eliminate the window on the southwest side.

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. 4245-14.** Claire Carney seeks to construct a masonry blue stone cap on the chimney at 16 Raynor Lane.

Claire Carney, 16 Raynor Lane, appeared before the Commission. She would like to install a full bluestone cap. It will sit on four corners with two brick piers on the long sections. The chimney from the roofline up is being rebuilt in kind using the Old Mystic bricks. The cap is actually two pieces of bluestone that will be sealed with another piece of bluestone in the seam.

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. 4246-14.** Claire Carney seeks to 1) replace the wood siding with 3" rolled vinyl siding and 7" Cedar Discovery siding; 2) replace the wood trim, fascia and rake boards with aluminum, and 3) replace the wood trim around the front door with composite board at 16 Raynor Lane.

Claire Carney, 16 Raynor Lane, and Reno DeNovellis, 7 Cody Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the wood siding with triple 3" vinyl siding on the front and double 7" vinyl Cedar Impressions to match the shake that is on the house. There will be no changes to the garage. The door surround will be replicated with an Azek material. They will use vinyl cornerboards to match the siding. A sample of the siding was provided. They will replicate the drip

cap that is on top of the windows. The Cedar Impressions will be used on the side and the rear. They will put their own backerboard on the vinyl siding. The color will be Sage. In the back, they will have mitered corners. The rear porch is staying as is. The gutters will be replaced with vinyl K style gutters. They will be painted beige.

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. 4247-14.** Claire Carney seeks to replace the wood windows with vinyl windows in the color beige at 16 Raynor Lane.

Claire Carney, 16 Raynor Lane, and Reno DeNovellis, 7 Cody Street, appeared before the Commission. They are proposing vinyl windows in the color Beige for the whole house. It is considered a slimline window. They will be keep the 12/12 light pattern and the grid will be between the glass. They are replacement windows. The storms will be removed. They will use ½ screens. The picture window will be three sections. The lights above the front door will stay as is. The transom will be replicated. The attic louvers will be replaced and painted to match the siding.

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. (Tabled at the March 25, 2014 meeting. The last date to act is April 22, 2014.)

Applicant was not present.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovia seconded by Commissioner Maycock, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications, except Application #4240-14, and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 4241-14.** Gove Restoration LLC seeks to replace the wood windows with wood clad sash replacement kits at 14 Rosedale Street.

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 Garrey stated that he didn't love the window. That house is unusual in a Hubbard in that it has no light pattern and they aren't doing white which is a benefit. He didn't have a problem with the window.

Commissioner Ovia stated that he is a fan of the sash replacement, but he has a problem with putting aluminum clad windows on a house that is all wood. It just doesn't go. It's two different materials.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

Nay: Ovia

**APPLICATION NO. 4242-14.** Denis Walter seeks to construct a concrete bulkhead with a 16' gangway and install five (5) 8'x4' wood dock sections at 326 Hartford Avenue.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Wurzer stated that she has a concern about the white Styrofoam. She has seen horrendous docks and he brought no pictures when they are already existing. That's a little telling.

Commissioner Ovia stated that it's a seasonal dock. Most older style docks are floating. He can't say that anything he is proposing is inconsistent with what you would find in that area.

Commissioner Garrey stated that from a public view, you're not really getting much. He is at the mercy of DEP. The public view is very distant.

Commissioner Lyons stated that the profile shouldn't give you much exposure. He has no problem with it. It's low profile.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 4243-14.** John Wolf seeks to construct a 12'x11' screened in porch on the rear of the house at 47 Oldham Road.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this has a very minimal view.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is very harmonious with the house.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that they did a very nice job tying it in with the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 4244-14.** DBL Contracting seeks to replace a 5' slider door with a fiberglass slider door, replace a storm window with a clad wood window on the southeast side, and eliminate a storm window on the southwest side at 61 Center Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that the window they have approved for the rear porch doesn't best replicate other windows for the house. The door is pretty minimal.

Commissioner Maycock stated that the only thing that is really visible is the window and he doesn't have a problem with a window that far back.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this contractor is meticulous with siding.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that she has a concern with how he is going to tie in the siding.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 4245-14.** Claire Carney seeks to construct a masonry blue stone cap on the chimney at 16 Raynor Lane.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this is a very appropriate replication of the existing.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 4246-14.** Claire Carney seeks to 1) replace the wood siding with 3" rolled vinyl siding and 7" Cedar Discovery siding; 2) replace the wood trim, fascia and rake boards with aluminum, and 3) replace the wood trim around the front door with composite board at 16 Raynor Lane.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this is a Bosworth house that was designed to look like a Colonial reproduction. Using synthetic materials on a reproduction like this is particularly challenging. The rolled siding doesn't replicate the wood siding.

Commissioner Garrey stated that they have used the Cedar Impressions successfully. His problem is with the aluminum wrap on the trim and the rolled clapboard siding on the front.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 4247-14.** Claire Carney seeks to replace the wood windows with vinyl windows in the color beige at 16 Raynor Lane.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this is not a window that replicates the look of the existing wood windows. It was a very nice effort but not right for that particular building.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

**MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2014**

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

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

There will be a Heritage Trail Meeting on Thursday. Kristin will not be attending. She is hoping Commissioner Cregeau will be attending. There will be public meetings coming up soon and once they have been scheduled she will let the Commission know the dates and times.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Wurzer and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock  
-Clerk -