

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 22, 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
Cynthia Greenblatt, Alternate
Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond

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 April 10, 2014.

APPLICATION NO. 4248-14. Tanya Heacock seeks to replace the siding on the rear of the garage with T-111 siding at 55 Hartford Avenue.

Tanya Heacock, 55 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. They would like to replace the gable on top of the rear of the garage. They would like to use T-111 siding which is currently on the front. The trim will remain the same. They will replace the vertical siding with the T-111.

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. 4249-14. Gove Restoration LLC seeks to install two (2) wood railings on the front steps at 108 Church Street.

Adam Gove, 26 Kenwood Road, appeared before the Commission. Photos and drawings were submitted. There are currently no railings. The steps will be replaced with Douglas fir. The layout of the steps will remain the same. The risers will be replaced with pressure treated trim. It will look the same. They will add two rails on the side. They will terminate at the bottom step with two posts. They will terminate at the top into the house. The cutout of hand rails will be cedar. The balusters are 2x2 cedar. The bottom rail will be 2x4 cedar ripped in half to sandwich the balusters. There will be a wood hip style rail cap.

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. Left Open at the April 8, 2014 meeting. The last date to act is April 22, 2014.)

Applicant was not present.

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, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4248-14. Tanya Heacock seeks to replace the siding on the rear of the garage with T-111 siding at 55 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it mimics the look that's there and it's a minimal public view.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Cregeau

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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 this is a standard traditional rail design. He appreciates Commissioner Ovia bringing up the design on the bottom because generally you see that more to a contemporary rail but at the same time, there is a toe kick design and a traditional rail cap. He likes the rationale on that.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Cregeau

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Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to DENY the application without prejudice.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that they talked to the applicant about different options when they tabled the application because they weren't really happy with the shed options that they were shown. The applicant knew that tonight was the last night to act.

Commissioner Ovia stated that there was also a massing issue.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Cregeau

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Wurzer and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovia, Lyons, Wurzer

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 Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Ovian, Lyons, Cregeau

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
-Clerk -