

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 24, 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
Damien Cregeau, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond
Cynthia Greenblatt, 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, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on June 12, 2014.

APPLICATION NO. 4259-14. Claire Carney seeks to replace the wood windows with fiberglass simulated divided light windows at 16 Raynor Lane. (Tabled at the May 13, 2014 meeting. Left tabled at the May 27, 2014 and June 10 meetings. Last day to act is June 24, 2014.)

Claire Carney, 16 Raynor Lane; Mike Walsh, Rogers Sash & Door; and David Grant, GiGiorgi Roofing & Siding, appeared before the Commission. The original proposed windows are still on the table as an option. The second option (which is preferred by the homeowner) is a Windsor sash replacement kit. It is aluminum clad. The wood trim would be replaced like for like. Samples were provided. It would have a 5/8" muntin. It would have a full screen. The color would be Sandstone. All windows will be replaced and will match existing in style and light pattern.

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. 4266-14. Ellen and Lewis Eastwood seek to 1) replace the clapboard siding with Certaineed Cedar Impressions 7" straight edge vinyl siding in the color Sterling Grey with white corner posts; 2) replace the shutters with vinyl shutters in the color black; 3) replace the front door with a fiberglass door; 4) replace the garage doors with carriage style doors; and 5) to construct a portico over the front entryway at 14 Garden Street. (Left open at the May 27, 2014 and June 10, 2014 meetings. The last date to act is July 8, 2014.)

The applicant was not present.

APPLICATION NO. 4270-14. Adam Gove seeks to construct a dog house dormer on the second story of the northwest elevation at 44 Old Pewter Lane.

Adam Gove, 26 Kenwood Road, appeared before the Commission. A drawing was submitted. He would like to construct a doghouse dormer gable roof to match the lines of the other gable. Window size would be the same size as the 2nd story windows, with a 6/6 light pattern. The window will be aluminum clad. It is a Windsor window and it will be white. It will be over the picture window, but he's not sure if it will be centered. The siding, rake trim, soffit, and fascia to match existing. There will be no shutters. The muntin will be 5/8".

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

Mark Kulmacz, 37 Old Pewter Lane, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey 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. 4271-14. Gove Restoration LLC seeks to reconstruct the gable of the portico at 298 Hartford Avenue.

Adam Gove, 26 Kenwood Road, appeared before the Commission. They have a portico and a gable roof, but the gable pitches into the side roof of the addition and they have an issue with water and rot on the right side. There is also a window there and the water run-off hits the window. They would like to reconstruct the gable end with the same roofline, remove the rake trim going up the gable end and install framing in the set back triangular area. They would sheath it and clapboard it so it looks like the gable end of the addition. They would take the gutter on the west side and wrap it around the front (which is south facing), remove a crown, and install an aluminum K style gutter. They would box the gutter so you don't see it. They will keep existing drain pipe. The gutter will be a continuous L shape gutter and will be exposed on the 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. 4272-14. Gove Restoration LLC seeks to replace the wood basement door with a fiberglass door at 104 Church Street.

Adam Gove, 26 Kenwood Road, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace an exterior door on the side of the house that leads to the basement. The existing wood door is in bad condition. They would like to install a fiberglass Thermatru Smooth Star door. There are hedges by the door. The same exact door was installed on the house next door. The door will be painted. The door will have two panels and four lights.

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. 4273-14. Brett Grunert and Andrea June seek to install a chimney cap and to construct a 10'x12' free standing wood deck on the rear of the building at 46 Harmund Place.

Brett Grunert, 46 Harmund Place, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install a steel chimney cap. It is steel galvanized and will be painted black. It will be one box that will cover two flues. A photo was submitted. They would like to construct a free standing deck. The supports would be concrete ready blocks. The base would be 2x4 pressure treated wood. The top would be cedar decking that would be stained. There will be no railing. It will be next to, but not attached to 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. 4274-14. Doris Turcotte seeks to replace the windows on the enclosed porch on the northwest elevation of the property at 11 Howard Avenue.

James Turcotte, 11 Howard Avenue and David Grant, GiGiorgi Roofing & Siding, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace three windows on the western side and two windows on the north (back) side. They would be replacing the windows in the same size and location with single casement windows. They will be white in color and the screens will be on the inside.

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. 4275-14. Dale Greenwood seeks to install an awning on the house at 29 Belmont Street.

Dale Greenwood, 29 Belmont Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to install an awning in back of the house. It is a Sunsetter awning in the color solid Mocha. Photos were submitted. It attaches right below the roofline and it is 20' wide and it extends 10'2". It is a woven acrylic and it is motorized.

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. 4276-14. Doug Schumann and April Brackett seek to modify the design of the approved two (2) story addition because of a necessity to hire a structural engineer and architect to ensure the safety of the structure at 66 Center Street.

April Brackett, 66 Center Street, and Kirk Bostwick, Bostwick Architects, 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, appeared before the Commission. They are modifying the original design due to a structural issue with the back entrance and the driveway side to the north. Plans were submitted. The gable area was originally a hip roof in the original drawings, but it is a gable end. The line of the eve was carried straight across so there was only 6" of shingles which will rot away. When the contractor built the set of steps, he hit water. There are two more risers than in the original submission. The stairs are 22" in length. They have moved the entrance to the center instead of close to the driveway. The gable was just "hanging there", so he added columns to hold it up. The columns will match the front portico columns in design and will probably be made of cedar. The materials will remain the same as the original plan.

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. 4277-14. Mary Odell seeks to replace the existing 8'x15' wood shed with an 8'x12' wood shed at 41 Oldham Road.

Mary Odell, 41 Oldham Road, appeared before the Commission. The new shed is from Kloter Farms and it is 8'x12'. It will be wood, red in color and it will have no shutters. It will be in the same location as the existing shed. The doors will face toward the road. It will sit on a stone base. There will be a wood ramp by the door. The new shed will have windows.

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 Ovian seconded by Commissioner Lyons, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications, except Application #4266-14 and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4259-14. Claire Carney seeks to replace the wood windows with fiberglass simulated divided light windows at 16 Raynor Lane. (Tabled at the May 13, 2014 meeting. Left tabled at the May 27, 2014 and June 10 meetings. Last day to act is June 24, 2014.)

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

1. The windows shall be replaced with wood aluminum clad Windsor sash replacement kits in the color Sandstone.
2. The light patterns shall match the existing.
3. The muntins shall be permanently affixed to the exterior and shall be 5/8".
4. There shall be full screens.

Discussion

Commissioner Wurzer stated that the homeowner seems happier with this option.

Commissioner Garrey stated that they've seen these windows before and they have a better profile.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4270-14. Adam Gove seeks to construct a dog house dormer on the second story of the northwest elevation at 44 Old Pewter Lane.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a traditional doghouse dormer. It's complimentary to the house. It has the 5/8" muntin. It's one of the better ones.

Commissioner Lyons stated that he disagrees with the public comment.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's clear that he's coming back for more windows. As much as he thought the Windsor window today is better than some, he thinks that compared with some of the other aluminum clad windows, side by side, it's still not necessarily the best at replicating the look of the existing.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4271-14. Gove Restoration LLC seeks to reconstruct the gable of the portico at 298 Hartford Avenue.

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

1. The gutter added shall not be boxed in.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a funky design. It's not that it's unattractive, but it's strange the way they ended the gable against the wall of the house and not think they'd have a water problem. He doesn't like the proposed design as much as the original, but he understands the necessity. They need to do something to mediate the water problem without changing the design.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that it's more decorative than the other gable ends of the house so it may be more fitting to have more of a flat structure there.

Commissioner Maycock stated that the gutter will be a cleaner line than boxing it in.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the plan is to fill the triangle with clapboard and that's a very common thing to do. He wonders if the solution will get them as far as they need to go. He doesn't know if it will solve the problem but it's a valiant effort.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4272-14. Gove Restoration LLC seeks to replace the wood basement door with a fiberglass door at 104 Church 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 it's a door for a door. Very minimal impact.

Commissioner Ovian stated that his only concern is that those bungalow era doors were typically stacked panels and that's why the horizontal panels seem so appropriate on those houses. It's a secondary door.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4273-14. Brett Grunert and Andrea June seek to install a chimney cap and to construct a 10'x12' free standing wood deck on the rear of the building at 46 Harmund Place.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's what they would ideally ask for – there is no skirting and no railing on the deck.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4274-14. Doris Turcotte seeks to replace the windows on the enclosed porch on the northwest elevation of the property at 11 Howard Avenue.

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 Garrey stated that because it's a porch, the windows read differently than the front room which is good. It will work well there.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the light pattern is like for like. The casement works there as a replacement. Since they are SDL there will be a muntin profile that will be consistent with the rest of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4275-14. Dale Greenwood seeks to install an awning on the house at 29 Belmont Street.

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

1. The color of the awning shall be Mocha.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that you will barely even see it.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4276-14. Doug Schumann and April Brackett seek to modify the design of the approved two (2) story addition because of a necessity to hire a structural engineer and architect to ensure the safety of the structure at 66 Center Street.

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

1. The construction design of the addition shall consist of the architectural drawings/elevations provided and known as SK-7 ALT and SK-8 ALT dated May 28, 2014.
2. The columns on the addition shall match the columns on the front porch in design and the material shall be cedar.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it is aesthetically beautiful.

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is an improvement to the design.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4277-14. Mary Odell seeks to replace the existing 8'x15' wood shed with an 8'x12' wood shed at 41 Oldham Road.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is the same shed that was used on the corner of Main Street and Chesterfield.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Bruce Perrone seeks to extend the expiration date of Certificate of Appropriateness number 4167-13 from June 26, 2014 to October 1, 2014 to complete the in progress shed dormer addition on 450 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the extension to December 31, 2014.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer

MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons

MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2014

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Wurzer and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Wurzer, Cregeau

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

The Heritage Trail will be on the agenda for the July 22nd meeting for a pre-application hearing. They will be having a public hearing on July 29, 2014.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Wurzer, Cregeau

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
-Clerk -