

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 9, 2015 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson  
John Aforismo, Alternate  
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond  
Chris Lyons, Clerk Pro Tem  
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 Ovian, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on May 28, 2015.

**APPLICATION NO. 4379-15.** Wethersfield Board of Education seeks to install way finding and directional signage on the west side and northwest corner of Hanmer Elementary School at 50 Francis Street. (Left open at the May 26, 2015 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2015.)

Frederick Bushy, 100 Marsh Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install a main office sign and a welcome sign. The signs are made out of metal and impregnated plastic. It's the same signage used throughout the Town of Wethersfield. The locations, dimensions and images of the signs were submitted.

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

Erin Kennedy, 138 Broad Street, 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. 4387-15.** Town of Wethersfield seeks to construct a 12'x24' vinyl cape garage at 100 Marsh Street.

Sally Katz, 100 Marsh Street, appeared before the Commission. Physical Services has a lot of equipment that they need to store. They would like to construct a 12'x24' vinyl cape garage. It will be located right next to the existing garage. It will be the same color and the same materials as the existing garage. There will be no lighting. The hedge at the end of Marsh Street will shield the sheds.

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. 4388-15.** Christopher and Abigail Hoffman seek to retain the installation of wood fencing in the rear yard at 9 Hubbard Place.

Christopher and Abigail Hoffman, 9 Hubbard Place, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. The fence has already been installed. All specs were provided. A sample of the hardware to be used was provided. The privacy fence is made of cedar panels. The picket fencing is pressure treated pine. There are 4" posts.

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

Steve Deyo, 12 Hubbard Place, 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. 4389-15.** Srinivas Bangalore and Sunitha Mahabaleshwara seek to construct a single story addition approximately 12'x23' in dimension on the rear of the property at 104 Harmund Place.

Sunitha Mahabaleshwara, 104 Harmund Place, Alex Lima, 244 Meadow Road, and Roberto De Macedo, 610 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, appeared before the Commission. They would like to construct a single story addition on the rear of the property. It will be approximately 12'x23'. A plot plan and drawings were submitted. The siding will match existing. The roof shingles shall match existing. They will match to the existing foundation. The existing deck will be replaced with a patio. The addition will have a shed roof. There is a setback on the addition. There will be two matching doors. The double-hung window now will be replaced with a double-hung window, but slightly smaller. The window in the kitchen will be approximately 6' wide and approximately 42" tall. The downstairs window will be a picture frame with two casement windows on the sides. All windows and doors shall be white. Three new sets of steps will be part of the patio. They will be pavers. There will be no rails on the steps. They will use black coach lighting to match the front. They will use sensor lighting only if needed.

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. 4390-15.** Tom and Erin Kennedy seek to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4296-14 to change the dimensions and layout of the deck at 107 Garden Street.

Erin Kennedy, 138 Broad Street, appeared before the Commission. They are making changes to the deck. A new drawing was submitted. The stairs will be coming in and tucked. The new dimensions will be 20'x16' – the length will be the same. They cut out the corner and tucked the stairs. They will match materials and existing design.

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. 4391-15.** Steven Camilleri seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4306-14 to add exterior lighting on the new construction garage at 10 Avalon Place.

Steve Camilleri, 10 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. Photos of the existing garage and proposed lights were submitted. The proposed lights are lanterns in a bronze color. There will be one on each side of the door.

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 Aforismo, 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, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that he loves the sign. He doesn't think it's the right sign to be on the building. The whole style of the building and the style of the sign aren't compatible with each other. The signage is probably needed on the building to point out where the office is, but he thinks it's not the right signage for those two very visible ends of the building.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he appreciates that they are trying to be consistent with other wayfinding signage. He would be more concerned if it was more visible. You have to be entering the school property to really see the signs.

Commissioner Aforismo stated that he agrees with Commissioners Garrey and Ovian, but it's keeping with many of the signs in Old Wethersfield and he just doesn't think it's going to be as visible as you think.

Commissioner Bucknam stated that it stands out enough to be noticed which is what they want.

Aye: Garrey, Aforismo, Bucknam

Nay: Ovian

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Aforismo stated that it is in keeping with what they already have.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that the heights are all within the heights that they normally approve. The execution is nice.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's nice to have a fence that is that open.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

**APPLICATION NO. 4389-15.** Srinivas Bangalore and Sunitha Mahabaleshwara seek to construct a single story addition approximately 12'x23' in dimension on the rear of the property at 104 Harmund Place.

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

1. The rear stairs shall be constructed of paving stone to match the stone used on the patio.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this is very nicely done.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is minimal impact and in keeping with the style of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that now that you see the house and the garage it's a nice change and it will help the massing back there.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this is perfect lighting for the building.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

**MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015**

The meeting minutes of May 12, 2015 were left open until the next meeting.

**MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2015**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

It is a proving to be a busy time of year for commission work.

**PRE-APPLICATION HEARING** – Stephen Theaker seeks to discuss plans to construct a carriage house style garage at 32 Garden Street.

Stephen Theaker, 180 Griswold Street, Glastonbury, and Al Rossetto, 23 Longview, Lancaster, NH, appeared before the Commission. He plans to construct a 22'x36' carriage house style garage. The window will face toward the Green. The lot is 176'x70'. The door will be on the gable end. There will be no cupola.

**Discussion of Solar Panel Installation in the Historic District**

To be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion since there were only four members of the Commission at this meeting.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Bucknam and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Douglas Ovian  
- Clerk Pro Tem-