

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on July 14, 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
Chris Lyons, Clerk

Members Absent: Mark Raymond
Damian Cregeau, Alternate
John Aforismo, Alternate
Daniel Bucknam, 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 Lyons, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on July 14, 2015.

APPLICATION NO. 4399-15. Steven Camilleri seeks to retain the installation of the 3' boulder retaining wall at 10 Avalon Place.

Steven Camilleri, 10 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. They installed a pool and a retaining wall was needed because the elevation of the pool had to be higher than originally planned. He used stone. The wall is 6" from the property line. He is open to putting plantings by the wall.

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

Marjorie Carson, 12 Avalon Place, spoke against 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. 4400-15. Barbara Curran seeks to replace the existing front steps with stone and bluestone at 34 Center Street.

Barbara and John Curran, 34 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. A photo was submitted. They want to do stone and blue stone cap steps with no rail. They have concrete steps now. The steps will be the same length as existing – the rise and run won't change. The stairs will have a stone veneer with a bluestone 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. 4401-15. Mike and Kelly Fisher seek to replace nine (9) double hung wood windows and one (1) wood picture window with Harvey Slimline vinyl windows at 38 Old Pewter Lane.

Mike and Kelly Fisher, 38 Old Pewter Lane, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace 10 windows. The picture window will be done as a single unit with a fixed pane in the center and a double hung window on each side. They would like to use Harvey Classic windows with SDL and to match the existing window patterns of 4/4 or 6/6. The muntin width will be 5/8". The windows will be white. They are using replacement kits installed from the inside. They would like ½ screens.

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. 4402-15. Giuseppe and Erika Buonannata seek to replace sixteen (16) wood windows with Pella vinyl windows at 15 Middletown Avenue.

Giuseppe and Erika Buonannata, 15 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. Updated photos were provided. They have decided to use Harvey Classic windows. They will be white and they will be a 6/1 pattern. There will be one window in their bathroom on the second floor where they would like to use frosted glass. The whole window would be frosted. The rest of the house would match existing in style and pattern with SDL. They will remove the storms and use ½ screens. If necessary, they would be willing to do the front five windows with Harvey Majesty 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.

APPLICATION NO. 4403-15. Lucas Kyriakos seeks to replace the temporary ramp on the side of the building by the patio with a new means of egress to access the patio at 222 Main Street.

Cindy Hughes, 14 Meggat Park, appeared before the Commission. Plans and photos were submitted. A letter from the applicant was read into the record. For safety reasons, he would like to leave the existing brownstone stairs in place but build over them. The ramp is now gone. You will be able to walk from Main Street to the parking lot. They would use painted pressure treated wood. There will be lattice on the sides. They would like one entrance and one exit. The railings will be removed from the original brownstone stairs.

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

Amy Northrop Wittorff, 17 Center Street, voiced concerns with the application via written correspondence and in person.

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. 4404-15. Eric and Tracy Melendey seek to replace the windows on the sunroom and to replace the front door at 10 Fernwood Street.

Applicant was not present.

APPLICATION NO. 4405-15. Douglas and Amy Clark seek to replace a door, install a pool railing and ladder for an in-ground pool, and install a 54" black aluminum fence for an in-ground pool at 108 Hartford Avenue.

Douglas Clark, 108 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. A plot plan was submitted. A sample of the black aluminum fence was provided. There will be fencing around the entire pool. There will be one gate. There will be a rail in the front for code. The ladder will be on the left hand side. A photo of the existing door was provided. They will reuse the hardware from the original door. They found a replacement door that is similar to existing. The door will be painted to match the house.

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

Cindy Hughes, 14 Meggat 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. 4406-15. Dorene Ciarcia seeks to replace the existing aluminum gutters with Leaf Guard gutters in the same footprint at 194 Garden Street.

Dorene Ciarcia, 194 Garden Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. They will be installed in the same footprint as the existing gutters. The downspouts will remain the same. They will be white.

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. 4407-15. Steven Camilleri seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4306-14 to add low voltage LED lighting to the seating wall and the grill enclosure at 10 Avalon Place.

Steven Camilleri, 10 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. This will be against the house under the lip of the wall. You won't be able to see the fixtures – they are under mount LEDs. There will be four on the cap and two on the grill.

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 Ovia seconded by Commissioner Garrey, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications leaving application # 4404-15 open and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4399-15. Steven Camilleri seeks to retain the installation of the 3' boulder retaining wall at 10 Avalon Place.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovia stated that the stones are already there. What are the alternatives here? Is another wall going to be that much better than the wall that is already there? It's hard to get used to the difference.

Commissioner Garrey stated that there were no proposals about how to remedy it. What are the potential options? This gives time for the applicant to discuss with the abutter. There is no way to screen the wall without being on the abutter's property.

Commissioner Lyons stated that this is a massing issue. Hopefully, they can work together to find a solution.

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4400-15. Barbara Curran seeks to replace the existing front steps with stone and bluestone at 34 Center Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovia stated that this is a beautiful example of a good alternative to wood or concrete.

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4401-15. Mike and Kelly Fisher seek to replace nine (9) double hung wood windows and one (1) wood picture window with Harvey Slimline vinyl windows at 38 Old Pewter Lane.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovia stated that they would benefit from having more members of the Commission involved. Either window could be an appropriate installation. If not based on cost, the Majesty would be preferred. He has never seen the Classic on a house before. He would like to see the windows.

Aye: Garrey, Ovia, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4402-15. Giuseppe and Erika Buonannata seek to replace sixteen (16) wood windows with Pella vinyl windows at 15 Middletown Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the homeowner would benefit from having other HDC members present.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4403-15. Lucas Kyriakos seeks to replace the temporary ramp on the side of the building by the patio with a new means of egress to access the patio at 222 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that they just approved a much more visible ramp system. What he is requesting is less than what they've been living with throughout the construction process.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he understands the issue from his perspective. They are not disturbing the brownstone steps. There is no particular concern as far as the view from public way.

Commissioner Lyons stated that this is minimal impact.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4405-15. Douglas and Amy Clark seek to replace a door, install a pool railing and ladder for an in-ground pool, and install a 54" black aluminum fence for an in-ground pool at 108 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that he thinks there are other stock doors available, but that door does a nice job replicating the door. It's far enough back on the house.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the pool fence and necessary ladders are no issue. The door does a nice job in representing the style of the door.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4406-15. Dorene Ciarcia seeks to replace the existing aluminum gutters with Leaf Guard gutters in the same footprint at 194 Garden Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that there are a couple of places where you can see these gutters. It looks a little different than other gutters. It's not offensive and still replicates the look of a typical K style gutter.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4407-15. Steven Camilleri seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4306-14 to add low voltage LED lighting to the seating wall and the grill enclosure at 10 Avalon Place.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the lighting isn't visible when it's off.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's minimal impact.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

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 Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Chris Lyons
- Clerk -