

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 14, 2016 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 (Arrived at 7:40 PM)  
Mark Raymond, Clerk  
Chris Lyons  
John Aforismo, Alternate

Members Absent: Jennifer Wolf  
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate  
Damien 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 Raymond read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on June 2, 2016.

**APPLICATION NO. 4503-16.** Matthew Atwater and Margaret Downie seek to demolish the existing garage and construct a 24'x40' double tandem garage in the same location which shall be 24' tall and have a second story with partial basement at 400 Hartford Avenue. (Tabled at the May 24, 2016 meeting. The last date to act is June 28, 2016.)

Application was withdrawn via email dated June 13, 2016 from Margaret Downie.

**APPLICATION NO. 4505-16.** Smitty's Property Management LLC seeks to recertify Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4339-14 to construct a 4' aluminum wrought iron look fence in the rear yard with gates at 261 Hartford Avenue.

Edward Smith, 239 Prospect Street, appeared before the Commission. There are no changes from the previous application. The certificate lapsed due to problems with the land surveyor. The fence will be 48" high. It will be a traditional wrought iron look fence with four gates. The site plan and documentation were submitted with the application.

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. 4506-16.** Mavis Murphy seeks to construct a 4' wood picket fence in the rear yard and side yard with gates at 261 Garden Street.

Mavis Murphy, 261 Garden Street, appeared before the Commission. A plot plan was submitted. She would like to construct a 4' wood picket fence with two matching gates. The single gate will be on the garage side. The double gate will be on the opposite 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. 4507-16.** Kathleen Ahern Williams seeks to construct a 16'x36' in ground pool with a 5'6" black aluminum fence to enclose the rear yard in the style "Montague" with arched gates at 15 Hartford Avenue.

Applicant was not present. Application left open.

**APPLICATION NO. 4508-16.** Robert and Catherine Chance seek to demolish the detached garage at 21 Willard Street.

Robert Chance, 21 Willard Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. He would like to demolish the detached garage. The garage is 100 years old and it is currently leaning against a tree trunk. The insurance company is requiring that it be demolished. He plans to replace the garage with a standard shed next spring.

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. 4509-16.** Linda Pinn seeks to construct a 17'x22' concrete dumpster pad with two (2) bollards and a 6' wood stockade fence to surround three (3) sides of the pad at 223 Main Street.

Linda Pinn, 254 Whipoorwill Road, Old Lyme, appeared before the Commission. There will be an 18' square pad for the dumpster. There will be a 10x5' adjoining section cut out of the existing parking lot as a lead in for the dumpster truck. Drawings were submitted. There will be a standard 6' wood stockade fence surrounding the dumpster on three sides. There will be no gates. The open side will be facing the parking lot.

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. 4510-16.** Charles Sylvester seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4417-15 to change from stockade fencing to picket fencing on the west side at 44 Church Street.

Sylvia Sylvester, 44 Church Street, appeared before the Commission. On the west side they were approved for stockade and they would like to change it to 4' picket fencing to enclose and go across the driveway to the house. A photo was submitted. The picket will meet the neighbor's deck.

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. 4511-16.** Victoria Olivera seeks to construct a 6' privacy fence to enclose the rear yard which shall be Azek or similar composite materials with gates at 72 Hartford Avenue.

Applicant was not present. Application left open.

**APPLICATION NO. 4512-16.** Michael Carducci Jr. seeks to enclose a portion of the rear yard with fencing having one side constructed of 6' wood privacy fencing and two (2) sides constructed of 4' black chain link with gates at 352 Middletown Avenue.

Sharon and Michael Carducci, 352 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. Drawings were submitted. They would like to enclose a portion of the rear yard with one side of 6' cedar privacy fencing and two sides with 4' black chain link fencing. There will be two gates, one in the stockade and one in the chain link. There will be 88' of stockade fencing which will be a cedar board, semi-private fence and 28' and 10' of chain link fence.

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

Stefan Lettieri, 342 Middletown Avenue, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Zachary Chow, 236 Middletown Avenue, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Jessica McMullen, 358 Middletown Avenue, spoke in favor of 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.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Lyons, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications, withdrawing 4503 and leaving open 4507 and 4511, and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**APPLICATION NO. 4505-16.** Smitty's Property Management LLC seeks to recertify Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4339-14 to construct a 4' aluminum wrought iron look fence in the rear yard with gates at 261 Hartford Avenue.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is just a recertification.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**APPLICATION NO. 4506-16.** Mavis Murphy seeks to construct a 4' wood picket fence in the rear yard and side yard with gates at 261 Garden Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a nice fence for that house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**APPLICATION NO. 4508-16.** Robert and Catherine Chance seek to demolish the detached garage at 21 Willard Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that they have had this situation with other Hubbard properties.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's an accessory building and not as big of an impact on the District.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**APPLICATION NO. 4509-16.** Linda Pinn seeks to construct a 17'x22' concrete dumpster pad with two (2) bollards and a 6' wood stockade fence to surround three (3) sides of the pad at 223 Main Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's an improvement over what was not there. It's similar to the setup that is across the street which provides consistency.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**APPLICATION NO. 4510-16.** Charles Sylvester seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4417-15 to change from stockade fencing to picket fencing on the west side at 44 Church Street.

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

Aye: Garrey, Raymond, Ovian, Lyons, Aforismo

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a minimal change. It's nice to have a fence that gives more openness where privacy isn't needed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4512-16.** Michael Carducci Jr. seeks to enclose a portion of the rear yard with fencing having one side constructed of 6' wood privacy fencing and two (2) sides constructed of 4' black chain link with gates at 352 Middletown Avenue.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that they don't have a lot of chain link applications that are favorable. It doesn't have a lot of visibility from the public way.

Commissioner Ovian stated that he likes black chain link.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2016**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

**PRE-APPLICATION HEARING**

Charles and Sylvia Sylvester, 44 Church Street discussed materials and possible designs for renovating their property. They might construct an attached garage. They have to secure the steps and they might enclose the porch.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District**

Mavis Murphy, 261 Garden Street, had questions about her fencing application.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

None.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond  
- Clerk -