

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on August 9, 2016 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Wolf
Chris Lyons, Clerk Pro Tem
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Mark Raymond, Clerk
John Aforismo, Alternate
Damien Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Lyons 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 August 11, 2016.

APPLICATION NO. 4528-16. THD At-Home Services seeks to replace the existing wood windows with twenty-one (21) Andersen 400 series windows at 27 Dorchester Road.

Eric, Home Depot At Home Services, and Suzan Bidisi, 27 Dorchester Road, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace all of the windows with Andersen 400 series windows with a dark bronze exterior. A color sample was provided. They will match existing light patterns. The windows will be simulated divided light. The windows will be an insert that is custom sized to fit. They will sit behind the existing trim. They will be wrapped with aluminum. The bathroom window will be obscured for privacy. The screens will be aluminum mesh full screens.

Commissioner Ovian 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. 4529-16. Claire Carney seeks to replace the existing wood front door with a new 36"x80" wood door and oak threshold which will include an Emtek arts and crafts lock set and a peep hole, eliminate the transom light above the front door, and replace the wood trim to replicate the existing design around the door at 16 Raynor Lane.

Claire Carney, 16 Raynor Lane, appeared before the Commission. A sample of the plank wood was provided. The wood door will be 36" x 80" with a peephole. The wood will be reclaimed white oak with a natural finish. There will not be a transom light. There will be an Emtek arts and crafts lock set.

Commissioner Ovian 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. 4530-16. Jeffrey Morrisette seeks to reduce the dimensions of the rear deck to 6'x14' and to replace the decking and handrails with Trex Materials and to replace the treads and risers on the front steps with Trex materials at 55 Center Street.

Jeffrey Morrisette, 55 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. Drawings and photos were submitted. He would like to replace the natural wood with an Azek like material. He will retain the current handrail. Currently, the kick plates are black and the top is natural wood. The kick plate will be white in Azek and the tread color will be Nantucket Gray in Trex. The skirting will be replaced with a synthetic material in white. The deck is two tiered and is being reduced in size from 18'x7' on the upper section to 6'x14' and the lower section will have the width reduced by 2' and cut the length back by 4'. He would like to use the Azek for any fascia boards or kick plates in white and use the Trex material for the decking in the same Nantucket Grey and the lattice will be synthetic in a square pattern in white.

Commissioner Ovian 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 Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Bucknam, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Bucknam

APPLICATION NO. 4528-16. THD At-Home Services seeks to replace the existing wood windows with twenty-one (21) Andersen 400 series windows at 27 Dorchester Road.

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

1. The applicant may have the option to upgrade the insect screen from Conventional to TruScene.
2. The wood trim around the windows shall not be wrapped and shall remain wood.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the Andersen 400 windows do a nice job of replicating the existing windows and they have been used in the District before.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Bucknam

APPLICATION NO. 4529-16. Claire Carney seeks to replace the existing wood front door with a new 36"x80" wood door and oak threshold which will include an Emtek arts and crafts lock set and a peep hole, eliminate the transom light above the front door, and replace the wood trim to replicate the existing design around the door at 16 Raynor Lane.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Wolf stated that everyone was present at the meeting when the original ideas were presented. This will be a beautiful door.

Commissioner Ovian stated that he embraces the homeowner's choices and she has come up with a good solution that is complimentary to the house.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Bucknam

APPLICATION NO. 4530-16. Jeffrey Morrissette seeks to reduce the dimensions of the rear deck to 6'x14' and to replace the decking and handrails with Trex Materials and to replace the treads and risers on the front steps with Trex materials at 55 Center Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian reviewed the application and supporting documentation to make sure all the materials were called out.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Wolf

Nay: Bucknam

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PRE-APPLICATION HEARING

Julie Costello, 341 Main Street, appeared before the Commission to discuss plans for the windows on her home. She was approved for a Home Emergency Efficiency Loan. She can remove the windows and replace with Harvey simulated divided light windows. The second floor windows are currently 12/8. The first floor windows are 12/12. It was suggested that she put the original windows/old light on the front side of the house, by either moving from a different location or using the original glass in replacement windows. The patio door is not visible from the public way.

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 Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Bucknam and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Chris Lyons
- Clerk Pro Tem-