

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on November 22, 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
Chris Lyons
Jennifer Wolf
John Aforismo, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond, Clerk
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 Lyons read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on November 10, 2016.

APPLICATION NO. 4558-16. Lori Thulen and Marjorie Jackson seek to install an aluminum handicap ramp at the rear entrance, driveway side which shall consist of two (2) 5'x5' landing pads and two (2) ramp sections in the dimensions of 4'x36" and 7'x36" with 34"-36" high handrails at 83 Hartford Avenue.

Marjorie Jackson, 83 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. A plot plan and a layout of the ramp were submitted. There will be a 5'x5' landing pad from the doorway, then the ramp, and another landing pad and rails. The material will be unfinished aluminum. The ramp meets all VA requirements. There will be straight balusters in square aluminum.

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. 4559-16. Patricia Toce and Robert O'Connor seek to retain the reconstruction of the rear porch on the first floor which includes changes in design to the handrails, guardrails and skirting at 186 Main Street.

Robert O'Connor, 180 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. The stairs were rotted out and unsafe. They were replaced in the same footprint. An inspection report was provided. The porch was brought to code.

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. 4560-16. Eric Cavoli seeks to demolish the rear screened porch and construct a 17'x17.4' single story addition in the same footprint at 311 Main Street.

Eric Cavoli, 311 Main Street, and Tom Montanari, Builder, TJM Corporation, 498 Main Street, Newington, appeared before the Commission. A floor plan was submitted. The addition will be in the same footprint as the old porch. They will have an 18" knee wall. There will be cedar shingle to match the dormer. They prefer the Harvey 1/1 windows, but the second choice is a 6/6 window. The rake boards will match the house with crown molding. The side door will be a Therma Tru non-divided light fiberglass door. Their first choice for roofing material is asphalt shingle. The second choice is the possibility of a rolled roof.

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. 4561-16. Robert Tabshey seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4501-16 to eliminate the window lintel detail from the project at 245 Main Street.

Kristin Stearley, 505 Silas Deane Highway, appeared before the Commission. They would like to remove the window lintel detail that was drawn in on the original drawings. It isn't currently there and they don't want to use that architectural detail.

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 Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Ovian, 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, Lyons, Wolf, Aforismo

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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 stated that these things come and go. They are accommodations that pop up in the neighborhoods at various times.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Aforismo

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it really doesn't have a significant public view. It's small in scale. He would not vote for that railing design on that house. A more modern rail design, but the view isn't significant enough to change it.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's tucked on the southeast corner of the house so it is less visible. Maybe they could apply a piece of wood on both the top and bottom rail to mask it or they could take the whole thing and turn it around. It has a minimal view for the District.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Aforismo

Nay: Wolf

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

1. The windows shall be Harvey Majesty aluminum clad in the color white. The windows shall have light divisions to match the existing on the house in simulated divided light with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior and interior.
2. The door shall be fiberglass with either 12 lights or 15 lights.
3. The siding and trim shall match the existing.
4. The rolled roofing material shall match the existing color as closely as possible.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the addition looks beautiful with the full divided lights on all sides.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's important for them to do what they are comfortable with from a structural standpoint.

Commissioner Aforismo stated that the door without the divided light is missing something.

Commissioner Lyons stated that he prefers the divided light as well, but the homeowner asked for no divided light.

Commissioner Wolf stated that she prefers the divided light, but she's not sure how much of a view you get from the street from that angle.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Aforismo

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Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf 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 element is not a necessity.

Commissioner Garrey stated that they are gaining a lot of light on this building.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Aforismo

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

The December 13, 2016 meeting will be the last meeting of the year.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Wolf, Aforismo

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Chris Lyons
- Clerk Pro Tem-