

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 27, 2011 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Michael Rell, Vice Chairperson
Bette Botticello, Clerk
Cynthia Greenblatt
Susan Gillanders, Alternate

Members Absent: John Maycock
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, 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 Botticello, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on September 15, 2011.

APPLICATION NO. 3977-11. KBuild seeking to install replacement windows at 16 Raynor Lane.

Joseph Kuszaj, KBuild, 32 Livingston, Glastonbury, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace the rotted sashes on the existing 21 wood windows. He will use Jeld Wen replacement sash kits and not replace the entire window. The kit has 2 sashes and a valance. The grids will be between the glass. They are wood windows that will be painted on the inside. The windows are now 12/12 and they will be replaced with the same light pattern. He would like to use full screens and remove the storm 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. 3978-11. Strictly Chimneys LLC seeking to install a stainless steel chimney cap for a chimney liner at 61 Hartford Avenue.

Rob Heath, 61 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. He has installed a gas furnace and the code requires a cap for the chimney liner. He would like to install a stainless steel chimney cap that is 10" high and the brim is 14" across.

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. 3981-11. Paul and Clare Meade seeking to amend application numbers 3952-11 and 3953-11 to change the design for the fence gate and to install 3 vent pipes on the barn at 373 Main Street.

Clare Meade, 373 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to install three vent pipes on the barn. One will be through the roof and two will be located on the side of the barn. On the barn, they would like to install 3 vents, one from the roof and two from the side. There will be two 2" black pipes on the west façade that will come out and curve down about 8". The roof vent is the bathroom vent and will also be black. The pipes will blend in to match the barn. On the southwest back corner of the barn, there will be a propane tank. It will be screened by vegetation. On the east façade, the original plan showed two swing doors. The door that is closest to State Street will be a slide door so it will be more functional. It will be made out of barn board with a top mounted slide. The driveway side gate was originally proposed as a powdered aluminum gate, but she would like to now have a flat board fence gate instead.

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

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Greenblatt, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3977-11. KBuild seeking to install replacement windows at 16 Raynor Lane.

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

1. All replacement windows shall match the existing light pattern.
2. All windows shall be replaced with Jeld Wen Auralast windows with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it is important to maintain the character and integrity of the house and grids between the glass do not in any way, shape, or form, with any screening, look like a true divided light window. It's a very good product, but the Commission doesn't consider cost. Full or half screen is a personal preference. It is important that the grid be applied to the exterior. He is happy that it is a wood product.

Commissioner Rell stated that he thinks the homeowners would probably look at a different brand that might have a ½ screen option.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Greenblatt, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3978-11. Strictly Chimneys LLC seeking to install a stainless steel chimney cap for a chimney liner at 61 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that chimney caps are ugly but necessary. This is minimal impact.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Greenblatt, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3981-11. Paul and Clare Meade seeking to amend application numbers 3952-11 and 3953-11 to change the design for the fence gate and to install vent pipes on the barn at 373 Main Street.

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

1. This application shall be amended to allow for the barn doors to slide rather than swing out. The exposed wood channeling for the sliding doors shall match the barn board used on the barn

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that propane tanks are usually 3' or 4' high and aluminum or white in color. The vent pipes are standard black. The proposed gate door makes the fencing more uniform. The barn door is very similar except for the track.

Commissioner Rell stated that the neighbor should be notified about the propane tank before we approve it.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the propane tank was not made part of the application. The stipulation amended the application to include the changes to the barn door but did not include the propane tank. The applicant would need to apply for the propane tank separately.

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that she isn't sure how big a propane tank typically is. She questioned the visibility from the street.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Greenblatt, Gillanders

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Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Gillanders and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Greenblatt, Gillanders

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 Botticello, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Botticello, Greenblatt, Gillanders

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Bette Botticello
Clerk