

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 27, 2010 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson
Gary McLeod, Clerk
Michael Rell
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien
Bette Botticello, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

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

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on April 16, 2010.

APPLICATION NO. 3804-10. Ekret Llukaj seeking to replace the asbestos shingles with vinyl clapboard siding at 6-8 Middletown Avenue.

Ekret Llukaj of 6 Middletown Avenue, Wethersfield, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace/cover the existing damaged shingles with 4" vinyl siding in off-white. The damaged extension in the back has already had the shingles replaced. Existing trim is aluminum, so the trim will remain the same and the windows will remain the same. Cornerboards are to be replaced and will match the siding. He would also like to add a 24" retaining wall from the front steps to the property line using 8" x 12" blocks, 3 or 4 blocks high. The block color is beige. There will be no cap on the wall.

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. 3805-10. Leigh and Betty Standish seeking to install replacement windows at 276-278 Hartford Avenue.

Leigh Standish of 278 Hartford Avenue, Wethersfield, and Joe Mielcarek of Rogers Sash & Door, 385 Stamm Road, Newington, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the third floor windows with more energy efficient windows. They will be using new construction windows and replacing the frame and the sash. They will leave the exterior trim in place/as is. The windows are 2/2 simulated divided light with a solid wood sash. The color will match existing windows. They will replace eight windows with the Windsor Hybrid simulated divided light aluminum clad windows with the same light pattern and dimensions as existing windows and same color.

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. 3806-10. Lisa Mackler seeking to install replacement windows at 54 Main Street.

Lisa Mackler of 54 Main Street, Wethersfield, appeared before the Commission. She would like to replace the windows in the front of the house with Jeld Wen aluminum clad wood windows. She will replace the one double-hung window to the left of the front door and the picture window. Dimensions and light patterns to match existing windows. There will be no change to existing trim. The shutters will be replaced, but will match the existing shutters.

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. 3807-10. John Kocur seeking to install new signage at 285 Main Street.

John Kocur of 285 Main Street, Wethersfield, appeared before the Commission. He would like to install a new sign for The Cove Deli. The sign will be the same dimensions as the previous sign. He will use a new piece of plywood, lacquer paint, vinyl letters and vinyl trim. The sign size is 28½" x 80".

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. 3808-10. Town House 88 Foundation seeking to install fencing at Town House 88/Sharon Lane condominiums.

Susan Gillanders of 66 Sharon Lane, Wethersfield; Jody Krutzmer of KP Management LLC; and Bob Lucy of Unique Pavers appeared before the Commission. They will be using a composite material like Trex decking material. The fencing has wood inside with a metal reinforcement to keep the wood from sagging. The posts get cemented into the ground. They use stainless steel screws. Existing fences in same locations will be replaced with a 6' shadowbox design Fiberon composite fence material. The gates will be installed in the same areas as existing and will match the shadowbox design. The hardware will match existing. The fence color is Pacific Redwood. The fencing will be replaced in phases. They will do two sections within the next year.

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. 3809-10. Steven Laramie seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 65 Nott Street.

Steven Laramie of 65 Nott Street, Wethersfield, appeared before the Commission. He would like to repair siding damaged by the tornado. He currently has double 4" reveal smooth aluminum siding that has been painted. He would like to replace it with a double 4" reveal smooth Mastic brand Carved Wood 44 vinyl siding in Classic Cream color. Cornerboards will match the siding. The window trim will be rewrapped in Tuscan Olive aluminum. The existing black shutters will be changed to Tuscan Olive with the same dimensions to match the window wrap. The fascia, gutters and storm windows on the front of the house and on the porch were not damaged and will be removed, painted to match, and re-set as needed. The detached garage has 3" reveal white vinyl siding and will be resided in the Classic Cream color to match the property.

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 Maycock seconded by Commissioner Rell, and a poll of the commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, McLeod, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3804-10. Ekret Llukaj seeking to replace the asbestos shingles with vinyl clapboard siding at 6-8 Middletown Avenue.

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

1. The siding shall be 4" vinyl clapboard siding in the color off white.
2. The corner boards shall be in the color off white.
3. The retaining wall shall be made of 8"x12" blocks, beige in color, and shall begin at the front stairs and continue to the sidewalk. The wall shall be 4 blocks high.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the siding will clean up the house. He understands the need for a retaining wall there.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a tough spot – it's a steep slope. He goes back and forth with the vinyl siding. Precedence has been like for like. Originally, the house was probably clapboard style.

Commissioner Rell stated that this is very minimal impact in that neighborhood.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3805-10. Leigh and Betty Standish seeking to install replacement windows at 276-278 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The windows on the third floor shall be replaced with Windsor Legend HBR to match the existing light pattern and shall be in the color red.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that they did a good job picking a product that replicates the existing windows.

Commissioner McLeod stated that this is minimal impact. They are keeping the same light pattern.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3806-10. Lisa Mackler seeking to install replacement windows at 54 Main Street.

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

1. The two (2) front windows shall be replaced with Jeld Wen windows to match the existing light pattern.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a like for like change.

Commissioner Garrey stated that she is replacing the only two windows on the house that are still original. They are a wood window so this is a good replication.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3807-10. John Kocur seeking to install new signage at 285 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated this is a nice sign, replacing a sign that's already there in the same size.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3808-10. Town House 88 Foundation seeking to install fencing at Town House 88/Sharon Lane condominiums.

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

1. The fence design shall be shadowbox in the color Pacific Redwood.
2. All fencing and gate placement shall remain as the fencing and gates currently exist.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated this is the first time the Commission is seeing this product, but it's an excellent product.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he couldn't be happier to see this product. He has longed for an artificial fence that replicated a real wood fence and he can't imagine anything doing a better job. It will last so much longer and will retain character and color better than natural material.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3809-10. Steven Laramie seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 65 Nott Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this isn't much of a change. It's almost like replacing material with the same material.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he likes the smooth vinyl with subtle brush strokes. This will help to make the house more uniform.

Commissioner Rell stated that he likes the fact that the home owner is matching the garage to the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin has been receiving phone calls from people in the district regarding satellite dishes being installed on houses without Historic District Commission approval. They are FCC regulated and the Commission can't outright deny the satellite dishes, but they can restrict where they are placed to maintain the historic nature of the district. A building permit is not required, so it becomes difficult to enforce. The town zoning regulation allows two satellite dishes per home, provided they are attached to the building, are no greater than 3' in diameter, and are mounted no greater than 5' above the roof. Commissioner Garrey's opinion is that the Commission doesn't try to regulate them unless it sees a problem.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, McLeod, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod
Clerk