

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on May 25, 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 (Arrived at 7:32 PM)

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien  
Mark Raymond, Alternate  
Bette Botticello, 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 McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on May 14, 2010.

**APPLICATION NO. 3820-10.** Kyle and Kathryn Senk seeking to install fencing for a 16' x 32' in-ground pool at 95 Broad Street.

Kyle and Kathryn Senk of 95 Broad Street appeared before the Commission. They are installing a 16' x 32' in-ground Hunter liner pool off the back of the existing deck. There will be no diving board, ladders, or slide. The fence will go around the pool in a rectangle. There will be a locked gate on the side of the deck, a locked gate near the back, and possibly an additional locked gate near the shed. They will install 6' Guardian Elba fence in black aluminum and the gates match the fence.

The filter will go on the side of the garage that doesn't face the street and will have a lattice screen around it. There will be no public view of the filter.

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. 3821-10.** Stephen Kelly seeking to install replacement windows at 191-193 Garden Street.

Stephen Kelly of 29 Old Smithy Lane appeared before the Commission. The third floor windows have been replaced and one window on the second floor bathroom was also replaced, for a total of six windows. They are vinyl windows, six over one, with grids in between the glass. They currently have screens.

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. 3822-10.** Aspen Contracting seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 187 Garden Street.

Michael Flores of Aspen Contracting, 161 Mill Street, Berlin, appeared before the Commission. The applicant would like to replace the standard 4" aluminum siding with Mastic 4" double lap siding. The siding on the garage will also be replaced. The windows will be wrapped (same as existing) and the cornerboards will be wrapped to match the siding.

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. 3823-10.** Frank Deluca seeking to install vinyl siding and replacement windows at 29 Northbrick Lane.

Applicant did not attend meeting.

**APPLICATION NO. 3824-10.** John Petruck seeking to construct a 4' x 5½' shed at 62 Center Street.

John Petruck of 62 Center Street appeared before the Commission. The shed was installed this winter. It is 4' x 5' rough cut firewood shed on the side of the house. It will be painted the same color as the house. He added two brick pillars on each side to close it off and hide the garbage can and recycle bin. He used 2" bluestone for the cap. The shed is free-standing and can be moved.

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. 3825-10.** 184 Main, LLC seeking to install a handicap lift with necessary building improvements at 184 Main Street.

Andrew Kearns of 184 Main, LLC appeared before the Commission. He would prefer to install a handicap lift as opposed to a handicap ramp. The existing deck off the back is not flush with the back door, so he would have to add one step to make it level. He will remove the existing storm door and the wood door will be changed to open out instead of in. He will remove the existing brick patio and replace it with a stamped concrete patio. The brick walkway will be replaced with stamped concrete for access from the handicapped parking space to the deck and lift. There will be a 3' x 6' concrete pad under the lift. There will be no change to the exterior lighting. A rail will be installed where the lift ends over to the edge of the door to match the existing.

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

Colleen Sheridan of 31 State Street, Wethersfield spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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. 3826-10.** John Wallace seeking to install replacement sash kits at 8 Old Pewter Lane.

John Wallace of 8 Old Pewter Lane appeared before the Commission. He will use Cardinal argon filled replacement sashes. The kits will be going in existing window frames, so the dimensions and grid specs will match the existing wood windows. The aluminum storm windows will be removed. The replacement windows are plain wood windows. They will be painted white. He will use Hurd double pane windows with wood applied to interior and exterior of glass. The picture window in front will be an in kind replacement.

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

Gary Vivian of Cactus Design LLC, 43 Old Pewter Lane, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else 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. 3810-10.** Aspen Contracting seeking to replace the aluminum siding at 123 Church Street. (Tabled from the May 11, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is June 8, 2010.)

Commissioner Garrey mentioned that the application was tabled at the last meeting because the Commission requested a picture of the proposed siding. The Commission wanted to see what the siding looked like installed. A photo was submitted.

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. 3827-10.** Cactus Design LLC seeking to amend application number 3775-10 to add a transom window on the east elevation at 138 Church Street.

Gary Vivian, Cactus Design LLC, 43 Old Pewter Lane, appeared before the Commission. The homeowner would like to add a transom window on the east elevation stairwell similar to the transom unit on the back of the house. It will have 8 divided lights and is made by the same manufacturer as the other windows in the house, clad Ultimate double-hung 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.

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, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3820-10.** Kyle and Kathryn Senk seeking to install fencing for a 16' x 32' in-ground pool at 95 Broad 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 Garrey stated that the fence they have selected is very appropriate for use in the District.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3821-10.** Stephen Kelly seeking to install replacement windows at 191-193 Garden Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a new application, but duplicate to an application that has been heard in the past year. Each house is decided upon based on its own merits. The Commission doesn't allow the replacement of wood windows with vinyl windows with muntins sealed between the glass. It's a beautiful old Colonial multi-family house. Plus, the Commission doesn't want mis-matched windows on a house.

Commissioner Rell stated that his concern is the mis-matched windows. These windows don't fit well with a 1927 Colonial.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3822-10.** Aspen Contracting seeking to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding at 187 Garden 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 stipulations:

1. The siding shall be 4" Mastic Ovation vinyl siding in the color Victorian Grey.
2. All window and corner board trim will be wrapped in kind.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is another house where aluminum siding is being replaced with vinyl siding.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is another artificial siding to artificial siding.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3823-10.** Frank Deluca seeking to install vinyl siding and replacement windows at 29 Northbrick Lane.

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

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3824-10.** John Petruck seeking to construct a 4' x 5½' shed at 62 Center Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to DENY the application WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this just doesn't belong there. A shed on the side of the house ruins the whole character of the house.

Commissioner McLeod stated that the shed is nice, but it's out of character with the structure.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3825-10.** 184 Main, LLC seeking to install a handicap lift with necessary building improvements at 184 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 stipulations:

1. The handicap lift as it is proposed shall be installed.
2. Any railings used on the deck shall match the existing railings in style and design.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this has very minimal impact. He is glad the applicant is looking into a lift versus a ramp. A lift is a much better option.

Commissioner Garrey stated that from a public view, the ramp was less offensive than others in the District, but the lift will be a nice option.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3826-10.** John Wallace seeking to install replacement sash kits at 8 Old Pewter Lane.

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 stipulations:

1. The windows shall be Hurd wood sash replacement kits.
2. The light pattern, size and design shall match the existing windows.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is an excellent proposal and he wishes that more people would look into this alternative for window replacement.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he understands why people wouldn't want to have to paint windows when replacing them, but he's very happy to see that someone is willing to paint the windows.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3810-10.** Aspen Contracting seeking to replace the aluminum siding at 123 Church Street. (Tabled from the May 11, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is June 8, 2010.)

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

1. The siding material which shall be used is 6" Phoenix Mason vinyl siding with a beaded end.
2. The corner boards will match the siding in color and style.
3. All the trim shall be replaced in kind.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that originally the applicant came in with a 4" vinyl which just wouldn't look right. This is a good choice in going from aluminum to vinyl.

Commissioner Garrey stated that absent from painting the aluminum or removing the aluminum and restoring the wood, this is the best option. It will be interesting to see how this product looks on the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock

Nay: McLeod

Abstain: Rell, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3827-10.** Cactus Design LLC seeking to amend application number 3775-10 to add a transom window on the east elevation at 138 Church 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 is a nice change. It's a nice detail to add to the house.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the wall before had a lot of blank space and so far, the house looks amazing.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

**MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2010**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the May 11, 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**

None.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod  
Clerk