

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 14, 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  
Michael Rell, Clerk  
Bette Botticello  
Susan Gillanders, Alternate  
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: Gary McLeod  
Mark Raymond, Alternate

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

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Rell, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on September 3, 2010.

**APPLICATION NO. 3854-10.** Gove Restoration LLC seeking to install replacement windows at 35 Main Street.

Matt Gove of 70 Main Street appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace 13 existing wood windows with Windsor aluminum clad sash replacement kits. The light pattern will match the existing 2/2 vertical pattern. The windows will have full screens, no storms and the aluminum cladding will be white in color. The windows on the addition will not be changed.

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

Vaclav Miglus of 31 Main Street spoke against the application.

Matt Gove of 70 Main Street 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. 3855-10.** Patricia Havens seeking to construct an 8' x 8' storage shed at 128 Garden Court.

Patricia and Mark Havens of 128 Garden Court appeared before the Commission. They would like to install a standard 8' x 8' shed with a gambrel roof and T111 siding. It has two doors facing forward (toward the street). It will be the same gray color as the house. The roofing material will also match the house in light gray color. It will have a wood ramp, elevated on cement blocks.

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. 3856-10.** Stephen Swindell seeking to replace the garage door at 46 Oldham Road.

Stephen Swindell of 46 Oldham Road appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace a 60 year old wood garage door with a natural wood grain texture door painted with baked on metal and a poly top coat. It is a carriage style door with a window and it is white in color. He prefers the arched window, but is not opposed to the square window. The door has raised panels, two handles in the center and one pull. The owner is opposed to a wood door as he doesn't want the maintenance required.

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. 3857-10.** Robert Cashman for Sacred Heart Church seeking to replace the rear stairs and landing at 56 Hartford Avenue.

Robert Cashman of 56 Hartford Avenue appeared before the Commission. He has installed a replacement porch on the rear of the house. One of the upright braces that support the canopy over the platform snapped and the brace on the front of the canopy let go on one side. The new porch was built to code for a residence. There were banisters added at the owner's request. The porch will be painted either this fall or in the spring.

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. 3858-10.** Paula Rubinow seeking to install a park bench at 271 Main Street.

Paula Rubinow of 271 Main Street appeared before the Commission. She would like to add another bench to the left of current bench (if you are facing the existing bench). It is a green metal bench, similar to the other benches on Main Street. If you are looking at her shop, it will be to the right of the driveway/to the left of the sign.

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. 3851-10.** Lawrence Buck seeking to replace the slate roof with asphalt shingles at 360 Main Street. (Tabled from the August 24, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is September 28, 2010).

Lawrence Buck of 360 Main Street appeared before the Commission. Photos of the attic were provided to reveal wood shingles as the original roofing material on the house. The Commissioners also stated they had a chance to drive by and view the property again. He would like to install GAF Timberline asphalt architectural shingles in the color slate.

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, Botticello, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3854-10.** Gove Restoration LLC seeking to install replacement windows at 35 Main Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated this is a very old historic house on Main Street. He wants to look at it again. He likes wood windows and he likes the house as is. He's not sure if this product will look good.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the commission has approved these windows on many different styles and ages of houses through the District and they have been used successfully. The windows are paintable and they adequately represent the light pattern and shadow lines and it is a very good window.

Commissioner Rell stated that he would like to see a sample of the window to be used.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Botticello, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3855-10.** Patricia Havens seeking to construct an 8' x 8' storage shed at 128 Garden 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 that this is a standard wood shed and it is set back on the property.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Botticello, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3856-10.** Stephen Swindell seeking to replace the garage door at 46 Oldham Road.

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 stipulation:

1. The window light pattern shall be option REC14 with 8 lights and no arch.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a change of style but the carriage style will look well on the house and the light pattern will match what's over the front door.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a prominent door and it's a nice style. The proposed artificial door has been used successfully in other applications. The stipulated light pattern goes well with the transom over the front door.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer

Abstain: Botticello

**APPLICATION NO. 3857-10.** Robert Cashman for Sacred Heart Church seeking to replace the rear stairs and landing at 56 Hartford Avenue.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that he would like to see a much different design, but he doesn't think it will make a difference on this house as it appears now.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is an in kind replacement to meet code. You couldn't put the old railing style back up. While it's not exactly historically correct, it's similar to what was in existence prior.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Botticello, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3858-10.** Paula Rubinow seeking to install a park bench at 271 Main Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a nice green bench.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Botticello, Wurzer

Nay: Rell

**APPLICATION NO. 3851-10.** Lawrence Buck seeking to replace the slate roof with asphalt shingles at 360 Main Street. (Tabled from the August 24, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is September 28, 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 stipulation:

1. The roofing material shall be an asphalt architectural shingle in the color Timberslate.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that he thinks this material will look good on the house. He was concerned previously that only the main structure would be done, but it will match throughout, which will be a great improvement for the property.

Commissioner Garrey stated that a slate roof is rare in the District but in this application it wasn't the original material. There is a very prominent barn garage addition with a very large roof surface in asphalt. Wood shingle was the original material on the house. The Commission has used asphalt shingle successfully as a replacement for wood shingle in the District. The uniformity and the architectural style will be fine.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell

Abstain: Botticello, Wurzer

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2010**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the August 24, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Botticello

Abstain: Wurzer

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

Benches – Kristin did some research on benches and she spoke with the Parks & Recreation Department. She hasn't been able to get a hold of the Beautification Committee. She has tried to determine if others have applied to the Commission for approval of the placement of benches and if the Commission needs to regulate the placement of benches. A discussion was held between her and the Commissioners. The Commissioners do not recall approving a plan for placement of benches on Main Street. Kristin asked if the Commission should be regulating benches as they are temporary and easily moved. The Commission questioned how the benches are placed on the property. The Commission determined that if a bench is bolted to the ground by means of cement slab or other means to affix them to the ground they shall be considered a structure and shall be regulated by the Commission. If a bench is not attached to the ground, it shall not be regulated by the Commission. It was recommended that the Beautification Committee submit a plan for where they would place the benches and the Historic District Commission could then approve the plan.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rell, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Botticello, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod  
Clerk