

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on May 12, 2009 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Gary McLeod

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Susan O'Brien
Bette Botticello, Alternate
Michael Rell, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Hart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on May 1, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3684-09. Paulo and Adelia Garcia seeking to install a wood fence at 12 Mayfield Road.

Paulo Garcia of 12 Mayfield Road appeared before the Commission. Mr. Garcia stated that the fence will be a 6' high x 8' long wood stockade fence with one gate in the same material.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3685-09. George Chester seeking to install a bluestone chimney cap at 319 Main Street.

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator, appeared before the Commission on behalf of Mr. Chester. Mr. Chester also submitted written correspondence to the Commission stating that he would like to install a single slab, bluestone chimney cap that will be mounted on 8" brick corner piers which will match the existing brick.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3686-09. Alexandra Mikan Beal seeking to install awnings at 231 Broad Street.

Alexandra Mikan Beal of 231 Broad Street appeared before the Commission. Ms. Beal stated that the awnings will be Eclipse retractable awnings in the color Taupe and will be placed on the two (2) double windows on the west side of the property.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3687-09. Chetser Drew seeking to amend application number 3539-07 to change the fencing style from 8' wood stockade to 3 ½' wood French Gothic at 327 Garden Street.

Chester Drew of 327 Garden Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Drew stated that he will be changing the fencing style from an 8' wood stockade to a 3 ½' wood French Gothic style fencing.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3688-09. Girard Hayes seeking to install twenty (20) solar panels on the porch roof at 139 Broad Street.

Girard Hayes of 139 Broad Street and Eric Jones of Sunlight Solar, 4 Oxford Road Milford, CT appeared before the Commission. Mr. Jones stated that there will be twenty (20) panels, four (4) panels high and five (5) panels across. The dimensions will be 62"x32" and will be 6" high.

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

Dennis Walter of 326 Hartford Avenue spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3689-09. Peter Byrnes seeking to replace the front entry and garage doors and install new windows and doors in the breezeway at 38 Chesterfield Road.

Peter Byrnes of 2 Pratt Street, East Hartford and Francis Rhode of 38 Chesterfield Road appeared before the Commission. Mr. Byrnes stated that the garage doors will be sixteen (16) panel Colonial style, vinyl clad aluminum doors in the color white. The entryway door will be a Harvey four (4) panel, two (2) light, fiberglass door. The windows on the breezeway will be Harvey new construction double hung windows with a 1/1 light pattern.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3690-09. Jonathan Bell seeking to install replacement windows at 18 Willard Street.

Jonathan Bell of 18 Willard Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Bell stated that the windows will be wood double hung windows with an aluminum clad exterior.

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

Joyce Clarke of 20 Willard Street spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3691-09. Kevin Dion seeking to install a 6' stockade wood fence at 118 Broad Street.

Kevin Dion of 118 Broad Street appeared before the commission. Mr. Dion stated that the fence will be a 6' wood stockade fence and will be 112' long..

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

James Griswold of 129 Ox Yoke Drive spoke in opposition to the application.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3692-09. AMENDMENT to Application NO. 3681-09. Matthew Gove seeking to change the decking material from pressure treated to Timber Tek and install fencing to screen the A/C condenser at 70 Main Street.

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator, appeared before the Commission on behalf of Mr. Gove. The color of the decking will be Mountain Cedar in the material Timber Tek. Mr. Gove wishes to block off the A/C unit from public view with either fencing or shrubbery. Mr. Gove had also stated to Mrs. Stearley that he would like to change the color of the siding from Savannah Wicker to desert Tan.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3693-09. AMENDMENT to Application NO. 3677-09. Bryon Kamay seeking to change the window placement on the addition 38 Hartford Avenue.

The Commission received written correspondence from the applicant stating that he wished to withdraw his amendment.

Commissioner Hart 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. 3694-09. AMENDMENT to Application NO. 3683-09. James Pettit seeking to change the stipulated door from a 6 panel two (2) light to a 2 panel nine (9) light door and the stipulated balusters from square to colonial at 44 Nott Street.

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator, appeared before the Commission on behalf of Mr. Pettit. Mr. Pettit is proposing a Brosco wood 2 panel nine (9) light door for the kitchen and colonial balusters for the porch.

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

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3684-09. Paulo and Adelia Garcia seeking to install a wood fence at 12 Mayfield Road.

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

- 1) The good side of the fence shall face out.

Discussion

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3685-09. George Chester seeking to install a bluestone chimney cap at 319 Main 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

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3686-09. Alexandra Mikan Beal seeking to install awnings at 231 Broad Street.

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 color shall be Taupe 4648-0000.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock felt that it would have a limited impact on the district.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3687-09. Chetser Drew seeking to amend application number 3539-07 to change the fencing style from 8' wood stockade to 3 ½' wood French Gothic at 327 Garden Street.

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

- 1) The good side of the fence shall face out.

Discussion

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3688-09. Girard Hayes seeking to install twenty (20) solar panels on the porch roof at 139 Broad Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the Commissioners needed to drive by the property.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3689-09. Peter Byrnes seeking to replace the front entry and garage doors and install new windows and doors in the breezeway at 38 Chesterfield Road.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock felt that the Commissioners needed a detailed list of the materials being used for the application.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3690-09. Jonathan Bell seeking to install replacement windows at 18 Willard Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that the Commission needed more information on the muntins for the proposed windows.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3691-09. Kevin Dion seeking to install a 6' stockade wood fence at 118 Broad Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that it was a tasteful design.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3692-09. AMENDMENT to Application NO. 3681-09. Matthew Gove seeking to change the decking material from pressure treated to Timber Tek and install fencing to screen the A/C condenser at 70 Main Street.

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

Discussion

The Commissioners stated that they needed the applicant to state his first choice of fencing.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3694-09. AMENDMENT to Application NO. 3683-09. James Pettit seeking to change the stipulated door from a 6 panel two (2) light to a 2 panel nine (9) light door and the stipulated balusters from square to colonial at 44 Nott Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the applicant did a wonderful job accommodating the Commission.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: April 28, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commission Maycock and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the April 28, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

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 and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk