

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on May 26 2009 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Bette Botticello, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Michael Rell, Alternate

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien
Gary McLeod

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on May 15, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3695-09. Sal Vassallo seeking to replace the existing front door at 74-76 Nott Street.

Sal Vassallo of 88 Nott Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Vassallo stated that he will be replacing the existing door with a Jeld Wen door with side lights.

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. 3688-09. Girard Hayes seeking to install twenty (20) solar panels on the porch roof at 139 Broad Street. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

Girard Hayes of 139 Broad Street appeared before the Commission. The information from the previous meeting was reviewed and detailed for the Commissioners who had been absent for the original presentation. Commissioners present at the last meeting stated they had an opportunity to review the proposed location of the solar panels.

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. 3689-09. Peter Byrnes seeking to replace the front entry and garage doors and install new windows and doors on the breezeway at 38 Chesterfield Road. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

Francis Rhode of 38 Chesterfield Road and Peter Byrnes of 2 Pratt Street, East Hartford appeared before the Commission. Mr. Byrnes stated that the windows will be Harvey new construction, double hung, 1/1 windows. The garage door will be a sixteen (16) panel garage door. The front door will be a Harvey four (4) panel, four (4) light, fiberglass door. Mr. Byrnes also stated that the siding on the breezeway will be vertical to match the garage.

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. 3690-09. Jonathan Bell seeking to install replacement windows at 18 Willard Street. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

Jonathan Bell of 18 Willard Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Bell stated that the windows will be Jeld Wen windows with simulated divided light. They will be brilliant white and shall have the muntins permanently applied.

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. 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. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

Matthew Gove of 70 Main Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Gove stated that the new material for the deck will be Timber Tek. He also explained to the Commission that he will be screening the A/C condenser with a eucalyptus wood fence with a square lattice design. There will be seven (7) panels and the dimensions will be 43"x23".

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.

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

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Raymond, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3695-09. Sal Vassallo seeking to replace the existing front door at 74-76 Nott Street.

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

1. The door shall be a Jeld Wen six (6) panel door with sidelights being ½ light with external grids.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Raymond, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3688-09. Girard Hayes seeking to install twenty (20) solar panels on the porch roof at 139 Broad Street. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

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

1. All conduit and wiring shall be hidden from street view.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that it had minimal visibility and would be of low impact on the district.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Raymond, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3689-09. Peter Byrnes seeking to replace the front entry and garage doors and install new windows and doors on the breezeway at 38 Chesterfield Road. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

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

1. The windows shall be Harvey double hung windows with a 1/1 light pattern and a full screen.

Discussion

Commissioners expressed concern that the proposed changes will change the character of the house. Commissioner Hart stated that matching the siding on the breezeway to the siding on the garage would be a good change.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Rell

Abstention: Raymond

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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 muntins shall be permanently affixed to the interior and exterior of the aluminum clad wood windows with a 1/1 light pattern with a prairie style grill on the upper sash.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Raymond, Rell

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. (Tabled from the May 12, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is June 23, 2009.)

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

1. The Timber Tek shall be in the color Mountain Cedar.
2. The vinyl clapboard siding shall be in the color Desert Tan.
3. The fencing around the condenser shall be a seven (7) panel eucalyptus wood fence with panels 43"x23".
4. The fencing shall project from the house approximately 4', run parallel with the house for 6', and return to the house for 4'.
5. The fencing shall be fixed to cement footings and the house.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Raymond, Rell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: May 12, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commission Hart and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, Raymond, Rell Abstention: Garrey

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator, stated that her office hours have changed to Tuesday from 8:30 AM-1:30 PM and Wednesday from 8:30 AM -1:00 PM.

Correspondence

None.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to enter Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss pending litigation.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond, Rell

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to exit Executive Session at 8:25 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond, Rell

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Raymond, Rell

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk