

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on August 11, 2009 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, Clerk
Gary McLeod
Susan O'Brien (Arrived 7:34)
Bette Botticello, Alternate (Arrived 7:34)
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Michael Rell, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on July 2, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3718-09. Dan and Pam Harrison seeking to replace the siding open the front porch and install replacement windows at 21 Wilcox Street.

Dan and Pam Harrison of 21 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission. The applicants stated to the commissioners that the windows will be Andersen 400 vinyl clad wood windows. The dimensions and light patterns will match those on the existing windows. The siding material will be Hardie Plank with a 4" exposure. The applicants also stated that the columns and the overhang will remain as they are.

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. 3719-09. Susan Arcata seeking to replace the siding and garage door at 41 Deerfield Road.

Susan Arcata of 41 Deerfield Road appeared before the commission. Ms. Arcata stated that her home received tornado damage. She would like to replace the siding with Mastic 4" vinyl siding in the color Victorian Grey. Ms. Arcata also stated that she will be keeping the existing aluminum shutters and will paint them black. The current wood garage door will be replaced with a Colonial 16 panel steel garage door in the color white.

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. 3720-09. Daniel Sehl seeking to demolish the existing deck and construct a 25'x18' addition at 293 Middletown Avenue.

Daniel Sehl of 293 Middletown Avenue appeared before the commission. Mr. Sehl stated that the siding for the addition will be vinyl siding in the color Harbor View with a 4" reveal and white aluminum trim to match that on the existing structure. The new windows will be Jeld Wen aluminum clad wood windows with a 6/1 light pattern. Mr. Sehl also stated that the roof and the gutters will match existing. The new shutters will be black and match those on the existing structure.

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. 3704-09. Suzy Judd seeking to install three (3) attic windows at 53 State Street. (Tabled from the July 14, 2009 and July 28, 2009 meetings. The last date to act is August 11, 2009.)

The applicant was not present for the meeting, nor did she contact the Building Department.

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. 3717-09. Dr. Donald Weston seeking to construct a 44'x26' two (2) story addition and a 7'x18' one (1) story addition to 75 Garden Street. (Tabled from the July 28, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is September 8, 2009).

Alain Munkittrick of 235 Middlehaven Road, Portland CT and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Weston of 75 Garden Street appeared before the Commission. Commissioner O'Brien asked the applicants if they would consider other window materials for the additions. They stated that they preferred the proposed windows due to budget constraints. The proposed fencing material will be cedar.

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

David Haines of 151 Huntington Drive, Vernon, CT and the Executor of 15 Old Smithy Lane spoke in opposition 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.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock 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, O'Brien, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3718-09. Dan and Pam Harrison seeking to replace the siding open the front porch and install replacement windows at 21 Wilcox 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 stipulations:

1. The windows shall be Andersen 400 series vinyl clad to match the existing 1/1 light pattern.
2. The siding shall be cementitious (Hardie Plank) with a 4" exposure and the trim shall be Azek in material with a 3 ½" exposure.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3719-09. Susan Arcata seeking to replace the siding and garage door at 41 Deerfield Road.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The siding shall be Victorian Gray in color with a 4" exposure with the trim in white.
2. The garage door shall be wood.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

Recusal: Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3720-09. Daniel Sehl seeking to demolish the existing deck and construct a 25'x18' addition at 293 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Botticello, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The siding shall be vinyl in the color Harbor Grey with a 4" reveal.
2. The gutters shall match the existing in style.
3. The corner boards and trim shall have a 3 ½" exposure.
4. The windows shall be wrapped to match the existing.
5. There shall be a continuous rake board which shall be wrapped in aluminum.
6. The windows shall be Jeld Wen aluminum clad wood with simulated divided light to match the existing light pattern with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.
7. The roof shall match the existing.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

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Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the commission, it was voted to DENY the application without prejudice.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3717-09. Dr. Donald Weston seeking to construct a 44'x26' two (2) story addition and a 7'x18' one (1) story addition to 75 Garden Street. (Tabled from the July 28, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is September 8, 2009).

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the applicants attempted to blend the additions to the existing structure and with the neighborhood as best they could and were considerate of the concerns of the district. Commissioner Garrey stated that there are many other large structures in the surrounding area so it would not look out of place in the neighborhood. Commissioner O'Brien felt that the design for the application was well done.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

Nay: Botticello

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: July 28, 2009

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

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Election of Officers

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Raymond, and a poll of the commission, it was voted to elect the following slate as officers:

Robert Garrey - Chairman
John Maycock - Vice Chairman
Gary McLeod – Clerk

AYE: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello, Raymond, Rell

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien, Botticello

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk