

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on March 25, 2008 in room S-2 at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson (arrived at 7:33PM)
John Maycock, Clerk
Gary McLeod
Mark Raymond, Alternate (arrived at 7:32PM)

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on March 14, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3574-08. Lawrence Buck seeking to install garage doors at 30 Main Street.

Lawrence Buck of 360 Main Street appeared before the commission.

Mr. Buck provided a picture and described the proposed door as being a 4-section steel door with flush panels. The proposed design is the same as currently exists. The proposed door is white, but will be painted at a later date. The door will be painted an appropriate matching color.

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. 3575-08. Elaine Carlson seeking to install replacement windows at 16 Spring Street.

The contractor, Paul O'Doherty of 952 Savage Street Southington appeared before the commission on the applicant's behalf.

Mr. O'Doherty indicated that the current windows are aluminum. The proposal is to replace the windows with vinyl Harvey Classic windows. The light pattern will be 6/6. Commissioner Garrey indicated that a similar window was previously approved for this same condominium complex.

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. 3568-08. Beverly Noren seeking to install replacement windows, roofing, gutters, doors, siding, and rear landing at 352 Middletown Avenue. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on - May 13, 2008).

Beverly Noren of 352 Middletown Avenue appeared before the commission.

Ms. Noren provided a picture of the proposed garage doors. The doors are wood carriage style.

Sample of the roofing material was also displayed. The preferred color is Golden Cedar. This is different selection than what the applicant provided at the previous meeting. She indicated she thought the new selection blended better with the other colors selected for the house.

Commissioner Hart questioned why the proposed window light patterns would change from 2/2 to 1/1. Ms. Noren stated she wanted to make the change because the 1/1 pattern is easier to clean. The window in the kitchen will remain a casement window.

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. 3569-08. Gordon Clark seeking to install a private satellite dish on the First Church of Christ at 250 Main Street. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on - May 13, 2008).

Gordon Clark of 70 Elm Street in Enfield appeared before the commission.

Commissioner Garrey mentioned that all that was required was for the commissioners to visit the property. Commissioners responded that they had visited the property.

Commissioner Maycock asked whether consideration had been given to installing the dish on another corner of the building. Mr. Clark reiterated the requirements that the dish face southwest and be located within 120' of the receiver. Several other locations were discussed. Mr. Clark mentioned that someone very familiar with the property and with the technical requirements suggested the proposed location.

Commissioner Raymond asked whether the dish could be installed on the roof. Mr. Clark stated the roof is slate. If the dish were installed on the roof, the roof could be damaged and leak.

Commissioner McLeod asked whether consideration had been given to putting the dish on the roof of J. Michael's Tavern along with the dish that is already there. Mr. Clark stated the cable would have to be run above ground. Already the project is one month behind schedule and permission would have to be obtained to put the dish on someone else's building.

Commissioner Hart asked Mr. Clark to investigate whether a receiver booster would allow the dish to be farther from the receiver. Mr. Clark stated there is a booster, but has been told that it does not work well and interferes with the signal.

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. 3570-08. Daniel and Leigh Moran seeking to install new overhead doors on garage at 104 Church Street. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on - May 13, 2008).

Daniel Moran of 104 Church Street appeared before the commission. He provided a photograph of a similar door. The proposed overhead door is wood 4 x 6 with windows.

The opening of the door will have to be reduced from 8' to 7'. The trim will be tongue and groove. The siding will match the existing.

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. 3573-08. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Amoruso seeking to install replacement windows, siding, doors, and garage doors at 67 Hartford Avenue. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on – May 13, 2008).

Donna Amoruso of 67 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission.

A sample of the garage door was displayed. The garage currently has three doors. The door on the right will not be changed. The other two will be replaced with overhead doors, but they will look like the current carriage door style. The proposed color is almond.

Ms. Amoruso stated that the siding must be removed because it contains lead.

There are three entry doors that will be replaced. The proposed doors are solid fiberglass doors with six panels. The front entry door will be replaced in-kind with a 12-light one panel door.

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

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3574-08. Lawrence Buck seeking to install garage doors at 30 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the type of door proposed was more appropriate as a flush door as opposed to a panel door.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3575-08. Elaine Carlson seeking to install replacement windows at 16 Spring 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:

- The light pattern of 6/6 shall be retained.

Discussion

Although vinyl windows are not normally approved, the current windows are aluminum. The commission agreed that it was acceptable to go from an aluminum window to a vinyl window on this property.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3568-08. Beverly Noren seeking to install replacement windows, roofing, gutters, doors, siding, and rear landing at 352 Middletown Avenue. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on - May 13, 2008).

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:

- Vertical board gable shall be retained.
- Roofing will be Golden Cedar
- Front door shall be an oak Precision Entry door with oval window in center.
- Garage door shall be wood carriage style.

Discussion

Although concern about the change in the window pattern had been expressed, Commissioner Garrey stated he felt the 1/1 light pattern was consistent with the other changes being proposed. The proposed vertical board was also a good feature.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3569-08. Gordon Clark seeking to install a private satellite dish on the First Church of Christ at 250 Main Street. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on - May 13, 2008).

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:

- The dish shall be located on the southeast corner of the Caldwell Building.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that the tree blocking the proposed location of the dish is short-lived. For that reason he felt a different location had to be found. Commissioner Maycock stated he does not approve of dishes being visible in the district, and did not want this proposed dish to be seen.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPLICATION NO. 3570-08. Daniel and Leigh Moran seeking to install new overhead doors on garage at 104 Church Street. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on - May 13, 2008).

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:

- Garage doors will be 4 x 6 panel doors with six windows across.
- Doors will be wood.
- The height of the doors shall be 7'.

Discussion

Commissioners Hart and Maycock stated they prefer the carriage-style doors that currently exist. Commissioner Garrey stated that the proposed doors are acceptable considering the reduction in the height of the opening.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

Nay: Hart

APPLICATION NO. 3573-08. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Amoruso seeking to install replacement windows, siding, doors, and garage doors at 67 Hartford Avenue. (Tabled from the March 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act on – May 13, 2008).

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:

- Siding shall be wet scraped and repaired as needed rather than replaced or covered in vinyl.
- Front storm door to be replaced to match existing.
- Remaining exterior doors shall be fiberglass with six panels.
- Windows may be replaced with wood simulated divided light replicating existing light pattern with exterior muntins.
- Center and left bays shall be carriage-style as submitted with application in almond color. Light patterns to have exterior muntins.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated that similar projects of this nature have been successfully completed in the district. The main concern was the treatment of the siding as it met at the windows. Commissioner Garrey agreed that the proposed siding could not be done properly without the correct trim, which cannot be duplicated. In addition, the current siding is the unique double shake style which beautifies the house.

Commissioner Maycock agreed that he could not envision how the siding could work on the house without major reconstruction of the windows.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Raymond

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: March 11, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

Kristin Stearley read an email from Dr. Ken Sokolowski dated March 24, 2008. In the email Dr. Sokolowski mentions the new recycling containers put in various locations in the Historic District. He states the look of the bins is incompatible with the look of the Historic District and is not appropriate for the district. He indicated the town should be held to the same standard as property owners in the district and should be made to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HDC.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:43PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Raymond

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk