

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 8, 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 7:32PM)
Gary McLeod
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Members Absent: John Maycock, Clerk
Susan O'Brien
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:31PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Hart, Vice Chairperson, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on March 28, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3576-08. Thomas Cantwell seeking to remove and replace existing 2 car garage at 14 Avalon Place.

Thomas Cantwell of 14 Avalon Place appeared before the commission. Information was provided pertaining to the windows, garage doors, and side door. A plot plan and drawing of the garage were also provided.

Mr. Cantwell described the proposed garage as being 22' x 24' and will be located 8' farther back in the property than the existing garage. The existing garage is 18' x 18'. The garage will have 2 9-foot doors with windows. The siding will be clapboard, and cedar shakes will be used on the gable ends. All trim will be wood. Windows and roofing will match the existing on the house and on the addition.

The proposed windows on the building will be Andersen 400 Series with 6/6 grid pattern. The side door is not visible from the public way. The garage doors will be steel. The cupola will be wood with shingles.

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

George Urbanik of 2 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission. He asked to see the drawings, and spoke in favor of the project.

Gary Vivian of 43 Old Pewter Lane appeared the commission to speak 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. 3577-08. Ruth Main seeking to install vinyl siding, replacement windows, and doors at 23 Wilcox Street.

Ruth Main of 23 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission. Her daughter, Kelly Coughlin of 23 Wilcox Street, also appeared before the commission. The applicant provided samples and information on the proposed windows and siding.

The applicant stated that the double-hung windows will be replaced with Harvey Majesty 1/1 wood windows. Windows on the dormer, and existing pigeonhole and oval windows will remain as they currently exist.

The proposed siding will have a 4" reveal. The color will be Arctic Blend. The front peak and trim will be the color Flagstone. The windows on the porch are not changing. There will be no shutters.

The existing screen door will be replaced with a storm door. The entry door located in the porch will be replaced, but no sample of the door was provided. The current door is wood with one window and the proposed door will look the same, but will be steel.

The front wooden stairs will be replaced with cement and will have a landing. The railings will be wrought iron.

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

George Urbanik of 2 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission to speak in favor of the project.

Carolyn Vallieres of 4 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission to speak in favor of the project.

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. 3578-08. Richard Turner Co., LLC seeking to install vinyl siding at 7 Wilcox Street.

Richard Turner of 31 Murphy Drive in Rocky Hill appeared before the commission. He stated that he will be removing the current asbestos siding and replacing it with a shingle-type siding. The trim will be duplicated as best as possible.

The proposed siding is Cedar Impressions in Granite Grey and with a 7" reveal. The trim will be white and accents on front porch will be in Sterling Grey. The trim will be wrapped. Three by three corner boards will be used. The gingerbread will remain and be painted.

The current windows will remain, but new storm windows will be installed.

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

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Carolyn Vallieres of 4 Wilcox Street appeared before the commission to speak in favor of the project.

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. 3579-08. Steve and Lisa Peery seeking to construct a 2 story addition with deck and pergola and construct a portico for the front entrance at 298 Hartford Avenue.

Gary Vivian of Cactus Design at 43 Old Pewter Lane appeared before the commission. He is the architect working with the applicants. Mr. Vivian provided drawings of the project that reflect minor changes to the drawings submitted with the application. All details, including trim, roof, siding and foundation will match the existing.

Mr. Vivian described the project as involving the construction of a 2-story addition. The current addition at the rear of the house will be enlarged by 14'. The new addition will extend 17' off the side of the house. The portico over the front door will be extended by 3' with details matching what currently exists on the house.

The addition at the back of the house will include as much glass as possible, a pergola and a veranda off the master bedroom. Ten inch wood columns will be used for the veranda. The veranda will have 2 x 2 wood railings.

A window from the north elevation will be removed and put at the west elevation. Harvey vinyl clad SDL windows will be used. Full light doors will be used at the east and south elevations.

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

Billye Logan of 318 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission to speak in favor of the project.

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. 3580-08. The Bean and Grape, LLC seeking to install a new sign at 251 Main Street.

Constandina Conley of 251 Main Street and Mark D'Onofrio of 72 Elm Ridge Drive Rocky Hill appeared before the commission. A sample of the proposed sign was provided. The sign for the former business at the location will be sanded and repainted in brown and beige as shown in the sample. The current post will be used. The "open" and "closed" signs will remain. The crown and Danish currently on the building will be removed.

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. 3581-08. Joseph Byrne seeking to install on 8' section, one 6' section and one 4' section of wood fence at 90 Broad Street.

Karen Byrne of 94 High Street Glastonbury appeared before the commission on behalf of the applicant. A picture of the proposed fence was provided. It is a pine fence with a lattice top.

Ms. Byrne explained that the proposed fence will be placed on the side of the house from the garage to the street. The fence will be 3 sections of varying heights. The first section from the garage will be 8' high, including the lattice top. The next section will be 6' high. The last section which is closest to the street will be 4' high.

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 McLeod, 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 the applications.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3576-08. Thomas Cantwell seeking to remove and replace existing 2 car garage at 14 Avalon Place.

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

- The garage door shall be 4-panel with the 3rd panel consisting of windows.
- Windows on the building shall be Andersen 6/6 400 Series.
- Siding shall be cedar clapboard and shake material.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey commented that the garage was nicely designed.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3577-08. Ruth Main seeking to install vinyl siding, replacement windows, and doors at 23 Wilcox Street.

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

- All 1/1 windows shall be replaced with Harvey Majesty 1/1 aluminum clad wood windows.
- Vinyl siding shall have the color of Arctic Blend and peaks and trim shall the color of Flagstone.
- There shall be no shutters.
- Stair railing shall match existing style.
- Door shall be replaced in-kind.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey noted that although vinyl siding is not often approved, the house is currently sided with aluminum. He stated the overall result of the project will be favorable, especially since the windows of interest will be saved. Commissioner McLeod agreed stating the windows are the most unique part of the house.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3578-08. Richard Turner Co., LLC seeking to install vinyl siding at 7 Wilcox Street.

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

- Siding shall have 7" reveal with scalloped peaks.
- Color of siding shall be Granite Grey for the body with Sterling Grey as the accent as well as the scalloped siding. The trim shall be white.
- Fascia and exposed eaves shall be wrapped.
- All gingerbread shall remain unwrapped.
- Corners shall be mitered.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey noted that Cedar Impressions siding has been used successfully in the district. However, he and Commissioner Botticello stated they are no fans of the proposed aluminum corner boards.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3579-08. Steve and Lisa Peery seeking to construct a 2 story addition with deck and pergola and construct a portico for the front entrance at 298 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3580-08. The Bean and Grape, LLC seeking to install a new sign at 251 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3581-08. Joseph Byrne seeking to install on 8' section, one 6' section and one 4' section of wood fence at 90 Broad Street.

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

- Design shall be shadowbox with a 1' lattice at the top.
- Total height of each section shall be 8', 6', and 4'.
- Length of each section shall be 8'.

Discussion

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: March 25, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey and seconded by Commissioner Hart 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

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin Stearley reported that the New England Historic Home Show will be held in Sturbridge MA from April 18-20, 2008.

The CT Trust for Historic Preservation sent information regarding their Barn Grant program which is available to home and business owners.

Correspondence

Ms. Stearley read a note from Beverly Noren dated March 26, 2008. Ms. Noren wrote a note of appreciation for the commission's action on her recent application.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hart seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 8:52PM to discuss pending litigation.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

Upon a motion by Commissioner Botticello seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to leave Executive Session at 8:58PM.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Botticello and seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:58PM.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, McLeod

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Eric Hart
Clerk Pro Tem