

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 23, 2008 at the Pitkin Community Center Room F-3, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson (Arrived at 7:36)  
John Maycock, Clerk  
Gary McLeod  
Susan O'Brien (Arrived at 7:34)  
Bette Botticello, Alternate  
Mike Rell, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on September 12, 2008.

**APPLICATION NO. 3636-08.** James Ritter seeking to change the size and replace three (3) windows on the north side of the residence and erect a deck in the rear yard at 459 Main Street.

James Ritter of 459 Main Street appeared before the commission and explained that he is renovating his kitchen. In doing so, he will be replacing three (3) windows. He will be replacing the windows with Marvin Integrity SDL windows made of fiberglass in a 6/6 light pattern. The windows will remain in the same location but the replacements will be shorter than the current windows by about 14 inches.

Mr. Ritter also explained that he wishes to add a deck onto the rear of the house. It will be constructed off all wood and will span the entire length of the house. The deck will consist of a wood rail with a square, wood rail cap. The corner posts will have a copper pyramid cap. The bottom of the deck will include a wood lattice.

Commissioner Hart asked the applicant if he would be opposed to including a toe kick and the applicant stated that he was not.

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

Anne Kuckro of 471 Main Street spoke 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. 3637-08.** Debra Hammer seeking to amend Certificate Number 3555-07 to the style of the horizontal support of the signpost and add lighting at 130 Main Street.

Debra Hammer of 65 Broad Street appeared before the commission. She stated that the original plan for the sign was too heavy and that she would like to add a wrought iron support to the sign. She would also like to include two (2) spotlights at ground level, which would illuminate the sign. They would be standard low wattage spot lights. Everything else would remain the same.

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. 3638-08.** Matthew and Maggie Gove seeking to install replacement windows at 70 Main Street.

Matthew Gove of 70 Main Street appeared before the commission. He would like to replace 5 total windows on the front of his house. The replaced windows will include two (2) single double hung windows and one (1) picture window. The windows will be the Windsor Pinnacle Series SDL aluminum clad. The two (2) single double hung windows will have a 6/6 light pattern. The picture window would be replaced with three (3) single double hung windows with the light pattern being 4/4 on the two (2) side windows and the center window having an 8/8 light pattern. Mr. Gove stated that he would like to make the windows fit in with his neighbors. Eventually he plans to replace all of the windows on the house.

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. 3625-08.** Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum seeking to 1) modify the 18<sup>th</sup> century woodshed next to Webb house; 2) demolish the existing 20<sup>th</sup> century additions located behind the woodshed and; 3) construct a new addition as per proposed plan at 211 Main Street. (Tabled from August 26, 2008 Meeting. Last date to act is September 23, 2008)

Anne Kuckro of 471 Main Street, and Charles Lyle of 211 Main Street, appeared before the commission. Ms. Kuckro stated that the windows being used will be Marvin SDL white aluminum clad with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior. The siding on the new construction will be cementitious board in the color Linen and will have a 4" reveal. Ms. Kuckro also stated that they have decided to use brick for the foundation. The brickwork will be a Flemish bond with glazed headers. The roofing for the project will be asphalt shingle in one of the pre-approved colors. Ms. Kuckro stated that they plan on choosing one of the darker shades for the roof. The new glass entrance roof will be constructed of either glass or copper. Finally, Ms. Kuckro stated that they intend to install gutters on the new construction.

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.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, 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: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, McLeod, O'Brien

**APPLICATION NO. 3636-08.** James Ritter seeking to change the size and replace three (3) windows on the north side of the residence and erect a deck in the rear in the rear yard at 459 Main Street.

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

- 1) The windows shall be Marvin Ultrex Series fiberglass with 6/6 light pattern.
- 2) The molding and siding shall match existing.
- 3) The lattice on the deck shall be wood.
- 4) A toe kick shall be installed on the deck with corner posts and copper caps.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien                      Abstention: Hart

**APPLICATION NO. 3637-08.** Debra Hammer seeking to amend Certificate Number 3555-07 to change the style of the horizontal support of the signpost and add lighting at 130 Main Street.

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

**Discussion**

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

**APPLICATION NO. 3638-08.** Matthew and Maggie Gove seeking to install replacement windows at 70 Main Street.

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

**Discussion**

Commissioner Hart felt that the commission needed to visit the home and get a better look at the windows in question.

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

**APPLICATION NO. 3625-08.** Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum seeking to 1) modify the 18<sup>th</sup> century woodshed next to Webb house; 2) demolish the existing 20<sup>th</sup> century additions located behind the woodshed and; 3) construct a new addition as per proposed plan at 211 Main Street. (Tabled from August 26, 2008 Meeting. Last date to act is September 23, 2008)

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:

- 1) The windows shall be Marvin SDL white aluminum clad.
- 2) The siding for the new construction shall be cementitious clapboard, in the color Linen, and have a 4 inch reveal.
- 3) The foundation shall be brick.
- 4) The roofing material for the new construction shall be one of the darker shades of the pre-approved colors
- 5) The roofing material for the new main entrance shall be either glass or copper.

6) The gutters shall be k-style, aluminum, and white in color

**Discussion**

Commissioner Hart stated that the approach is a sound one and liked the sensitivity that the applicant used with creating the new entrance and thought that the changes will have a positive impact on the district.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: September 9, 2008**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commission Maycock and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

Kristin Stearley reported that the FOIA has updated recording and posting requirements. She stated that she will be working with the Historic District Commission's recording secretary, as well as the information technology employees with the town to ensure that the all meeting minutes approved or unapproved shall be placed on the town's website within seven (7) days of a meeting being held. Also, all meeting agendas shall be placed on the town's website within twenty-four (24) hours of a regularly scheduled meeting.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted  
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock  
Clerk