

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on November 25, 2008 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
Gary McLeod
Mike Rell, Alternate

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Bette Botticello, 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 November 14, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3654-08. Catherine Lyons seeking to install replacement windows at 52 Garden Street.

Catherine Lyons of 52 Garden Street appeared before the commission. Ms. Lyons stated that the windows will be Anderson Woodright windows and will match the existing light pattern.

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. 3655-08. Paul Landers seeking to replace garage door and side entrance door at 58 Main Street.

Paul Landers of 58 Main Street appeared before the commission. Mr. Landers stated that he will be replacing the garage door with a wood door and the side door of the garage with a six (6) panel steel door.

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. 3656-08. Jonathan Bell seeking to install replacement windows at 18 Willard Street.

Jonathan and Kathy Bell of 18 Willard Street appeared before the commission. They stated that they had previously replaced the first floor windows in 2006 without receiving Historic District Commission approval. Mrs. Bell explained that legal proceedings are being taken regarding the Bell's acting without approval. Mrs. Bell explained that they can not afford to replace the windows again with

windows that would be approved by the Commission. She asked for assistance by the Commission in the matter.

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

Bruce Hanson of 100 Church Street spoke in favor of the application.

Joyce Clark of 20 Willard Street spoke in favor of the application.

Allen Clark of 20 Willard 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. 3657-08. John Babcock seeking to install replacement windows, vinyl siding, and shutters at 42 Northbrick Lane.

John Babcock of 42 Northbrick Lane appeared before the commission. Mr. Babcock stated that the current windows will be replaced with Anderson Renewal windows and retain the existing 2/2 light pattern. The existing vinyl shutters will be replaced with black vinyl shutters. Mr. Babcock also stated that the new vinyl siding will be CertainTeed Cedar Impression siding with mitered corner posts in the color Pacific Blue. The trim will be 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. 3658-08. Tim & Mary Gothers seeking to construct a 23'X30' one (1) story addition in the rear at 16 State Street.

Tim Gothers of 16 State Street appeared before the commission. Mr. Gothers stated that he intends to construct a one (1) story addition at the rear of the existing structure. The windows will be Eagle aluminum clad windows with simulated divided light. There will also be two (2) new casement windows added to the existing house. The siding will be wood clapboard to match the existing siding. The side door will be a nine (9) light, two (2) panel steel door. The deck will have Trex flooring and the railing will be cedar to match that on the front porch.

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. 3647-08. Joshua Grzelak seeking to replace attic and basement windows at 22 Lincoln Road. (Tabled from November 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act is December 9, 2008)

Joshua Grzelak of 22 Lincoln Road appeared before the commission. Mr. Grzelak stated that the existing eight (8) basement windows are metal and he will be replacing them with vinyl awning windows. The three (3) attic windows will be replaced with Marvin aluminum clad wood windows in the color Hartford Green. They will have a 6/1 light pattern with the muntins on the exterior.

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. 3648-08. Steve Czerwinski, Inc. seeking to install replacement windows at 192 Middletown Avenue. (Tabled from November 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act is December 9, 2008)

An employee of Steve Czerwinski, Inc. of 1365 Silver Lane, East Hartford appeared before the commission. He stated that the windows for the application will be Harvey Classic double pane vinyl windows, white in color, and will have a 1/1 light pattern.

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. 3649-08. George Chester seeking to install a chimney cap and replace front steps at 319 Main Street. (Tabled from November 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act is December 9, 2008)

Mr. Chester was not available for the meeting but communicated to Kristin Stearley that he would like to put a bluestone cap on the chimney and replace the steps with brownstone while keeping the same dimensions.

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. 3650-08. George Chester seeking to install a chimney cap at 168 Broad Street. (Tabled from November 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act is December 9, 2008)

Mr. Chester was not available for the meeting but communicated to Kristin Stearley that he would like to put a bluestone cap on the chimney.

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. 3659-08. Douglas Buck seeking to amend certificate number 3629-08 to extend the building 5' to the east and remove the covered walkway at 411 Hartford Avenue.

Douglas and Virginia Buck of 411 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Mr. Buck explained that they are required to install two (2) full sized handicapped restrooms. To do so, they intend to remove the covered walkway on the south side of the building and extend the building approximately 5' to accommodate the restrooms. The windows shall be stationary windows with a single pane of glass.

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 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 applications.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3654-08. Catherine Lyons seeking to install replacement windows at 52 Garden 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 stipulations:

1. The windows shall be Andersen Woodwright fibrex windows and shall match the existing 1/1 light pattern.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3655-08. Paul Landers seeking to replace garage door and side entrance door at 58 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the doors will be adequate for the district.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3656-08. Jonathan Bell seeking to install replacement windows at 18 Willard Street.

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

Discussion

The commissioners felt that they needed to gather more information regarding any previous applications, as well as allow themselves an opportunity to look at the property in question.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3657-08. John Babcock seeking to install replacement windows, vinyl siding, and shutters at 42 Northbrick Lane.

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. The siding materials shall be Cedar Impressions with a 7" exposure in Pacific Blue with mitered corners.

2. The trim shall be white in color.
3. The shutters shall be black in color.
4. The windows shall be Andersen Renewal retaining the 2/2 light pattern with muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the application was well thought out and that the retention of the light pattern will help to keep the character of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3658-08. Tim & Mary Gothers seeking to construct a 23'X30' one (1) story addition in the rear at 16 State Street.

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

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3647-08. Joshua Grzelak seeking to replace attic and basement windows at 22 Lincoln Road. (Tabled from the November 11, 2008 meeting. The last date to act is December 9, 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 attic windows shall retain the 6/1 light pattern with the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3648-08. Steve Czerwinski, Inc. seeking to install replacement windows at 192 Middletown Avenue. (Tabled from November 11, 2008 meeting. Last date to act is December 9, 2008)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to DENY the application.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the change from a 6/6 light pattern to a 1/1 light pattern was too drastic for the district and would not be keeping with the style of the house. Commissioner Garrey agreed that the change in light pattern was not appropriate.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Abstention: Hart

APPLICATION NO. 3649-08. George Chester seeking to install a chimney cap and replace front steps at 319 Main Street. (Tabled from the November 11, 2008 meeting. The last date to act is December 9, 2008)

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

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock felt that the commission needed to see drawings and plans for the application.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

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Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

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

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: November 11, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commission Rell and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the November 11, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

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 9:00 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk