

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 11, 2013 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Paul Courchaine, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: Michael Rell, Vice Chairperson
Cynthia Greenblatt, Clerk
John Maycock
Mark Raymond
Douglas Ovian, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Garrey, Clerk Pro Tem, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on May 30, 2013.

APPLICATION NO. 4161-13. Harold Harper seeks to retain the removal of the aluminum siding and to install vinyl siding at 38 Kenwood Road.

Harold Harper, 60 Gerald Drive, Vernon, appeared before the Commission. The aluminum siding has already been removed. They would like to replace it with Certainteed Main Street vinyl siding with a 4" standard reveal in the color Colonial White. It will have a wood grain. The trim will be wrapped in white aluminum. There will be black raised panel vinyl shutters on the two front windows. There will be standard 4" cornerboards.

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. 4162-13. Northeastern Chimney LLC seeks to install two (2) metal 10"x10" chimney caps at 21-23 Hartford Avenue.

Fran Dupuis, 23 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install two stainless steel chimney caps on top of the chimney liner. They are round metal flue covers. There are two flues and two furnaces so there will be two caps on top. One has already been installed.

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. 4163-13. Lawrence Elsner seeks to extend the existing 6' wood privacy fence by 8' in the side yard at 34 Kenwood Road.

Lawrence Elsner, 34 Kenwood Road, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. He would like to extend the existing fence by 8' (one panel). He will use the same materials and the fence will end 16' to 18' from the front of 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. 4164-13. Marina Pezic seeks to replace the existing wood windows in a 2/2 horizontal light pattern with wood replacement windows in a 1/1 light pattern at 25 Hart Street.

Marina Pezic and her daughter, 25 Hart Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install five (5) Trimline wood windows with a 1/1 light pattern to replace the existing five (5) front windows which currently are wood and have a horizontal 2/2 light pattern. The house is wood sided.

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. 4165-13. Diane Dumont seeks to install a 19"x32" sign constructed of PVC material at 219-233 Main Street.

Diane Dumont, 219 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to install a PVC sign that will hang inside the building. The design was submitted. The sign will be 19"x32" and will be in the same color/font as submitted in the design photo. It will have painted lettering.

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 Courchaine seconded by Commissioner Wurzer, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4161-13. Harold Harper seeks to retain the removal of the aluminum siding and to install vinyl siding at 38 Kenwood Road.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that we don't love them, but this is a standard aluminum to vinyl replacement with the same reveal and color.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4162-13. Northeastern Chimney LLC seeks to install two (2) metal 10"x10" chimney caps at 21-23 Hartford Avenue.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's hard without seeing what is proposed, but his assumption is that they are the round aluminum chimney caps that top the liner with a cone shaped metal cap. So, it can't be any worse than that, it can only be better. The Commission's understanding is that one cap covering the entire chimney will not void the warranty.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that is the worst case. There are several issues here. One being that the application should have been brought before the Commission before the work was started. The second is that she is not really clear on what it will look like, the two cones versus what the application says, two 10"x10" metal caps. In the past, the Commission has approved one cap to cover both flues and it has worked for whatever the warranties are.

Nay: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

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

Commissioner Garrey stated that they can have some clarity on what they are proposing to do and Kristin can talk to them about alternatives to what they have installed.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that a photo should be submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4163-13. Lawrence Elsner seeks to extend the existing 6' wood privacy fence by 8' in the side yard at 34 Kenwood Road.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a small extension of a fence that is already there. He can file an amendment if he wants to do anything else.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4164-13. Marina Pezic seeks to replace the existing wood windows in a 2/2 horizontal light pattern with wood replacement windows in a 1/1 light pattern at 25 Hart Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the Commission has received a lot of 2/2 to 1/1 light pattern changes. He doesn't have a problem with it. There are very few structures in Old Wethersfield where the 2/2 is architecturally important to the structure.

Commissioner Wurzer stated that she is happy that they are replacing with wood.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 4165-13. Diane Dumont seeks to install a 19"x32" sign constructed of PVC material at 219-233 Main Street.

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

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a lovely sign and it has a nice clear font and a nice color.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2013

It was decided to leave the meeting minutes of May 28, 2013 open until the next meeting because of the lack of attendance by Commissioners this evening who had attended this meeting.

PRE-APPLICATION HEARING

Bernie Dudek, 69 Nott Street, and Charlie Rinaldi, the builder, appeared before the Commission. They would like to build an addition. Plans/designs were provided. They are adding approximately 1,100 square feet to the house. They will be adding on to the back of the house. They will remove the back porch. They will add a front porch. All windows will be replaced with vinyl 1/1 windows.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin and her husband attended the Historic House Tours presented by the Wethersfield Historical Society on Saturday, June 8th. All the homes on the tour were located within the Historic District. It was an enjoyable day and the homes were all beautiful. She extended her appreciation and gratitude to all the homeowners who opened their homes to the public. It was a wonderful event.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Courchaine, seconded by Commissioner Wurzer and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Courchaine, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Garrey
-Chairman and Clerk Pro Tem-