



TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
Town Hall — Fairfield, Conn.
FAIRFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

June 10, 2010

The Fairfield Historic District Commission met on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of Old Town Hall, 611 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Legal notice of the Public Hearing was published in *The Fairfield Citizen News* on June 04, 2010.

ATTENDANCE AND DESIGNATION OF VOTING ALTERNATES:

Present: Commissioners Ellen Gould, Bruce Graham, Tim Smith and Margaret Browning.

Alternates Adam Klyver (arrived during hearing #2) and Tom Dailey (arrived during hearing #4)

Absent: Commissioner Henry Backe

Alternate Sequence: Klyver, Dailey

CALL TO ORDER:

Ellen Gould, Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. David and Jean Rosow, 575 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) Revise deck railings

The application was presented by Christopher Rosow. He stated that last month the applicants received approval from the commission to add glass to the balcony railings. At that time Henry Backe had shown the commission a photograph in a 1968 Sports Illustrated magazine. The applicants have since decided that they would prefer to modify the 3rd floor balcony railing. They would like the railings to be built to match the railing on the 1st floor. Mr. Rosow presented drawings of the proposal and stated that they feel that this is a better solution and that it retains the original vision of the house. The open railing will increase the view from the inside of the house and allow more air flow.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application

2. Joan Frost, 1000 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) Revise iron hoops

The application was presented by Wendy Lindquist of Lindquist Landscaping and Design. She stated that it was felt that the previously approved hoop was too bulky. She presented a drawing of the newly proposed hoop and described the difference from the previously approved design. No one spoke in favor of the application.
No one spoke against the application.

3. Southport Congregational Church, 524 Pequot Avenue, Southport

a) New air compressors

The application was presented by David Huntington, surveyor. He stated that the church was requesting to install 2 additional air compressors on the East side of the Fellowship Hall to the rear of the church. Currently there is 1 air compressor in this location. The existing compressor is blocked by the church and screened by plantings.
No one spoke in favor of the application.
No one spoke against it.

4. Scott and Lisa Balkan, 780 Harbor Road, Southport

a) New gates

The application was presented by John Stevens, architect with Jack Franzen Architects. He stated that the homeowner was requesting to reinstall a gate at the entrance to their driveway. He presented photographs of the previous gate. He presented a drawing of the proposed gate and stated that it would be a manual gate and made of wood. The proposed gate is 14 feet wide. The previous gate was 12 feet wide. The extra width is due to the fact that the current driveway is wider than the previous driveway.
No one spoke in favor of the application.
No one spoke against the application.

5. Jennifer Dow Murphy, 104 Main Street, Southport

- a) new addition
- b) enlarge terrace
- c) new steps
- d) new gate

The application was presented by John Stevens, architect with Jack Franzen Architects. Jennifer Murphy, homeowner was also present. Mr. Stevens presented drawings showing the existing house and the proposed kitchen addition. He stated that they would be removing the existing bay window and installing casement windows. The existing Yankee gutters would be mimicked on the addition. The existing terrace would be widened to 7'6" and new steps would be added to the downgrade. A new gate made of wood would be added to the arbor between the barn and the main house. There would be no changes made to the existing arbor. He also stated that the facing on any stonework would match the existing. It would be native fieldstone with blue stone cap.
No one spoke in favor of the application.
No one spoke against the application.

Ellen Gould and Margaret Browning recused themselves and left the room.

7. Kathleen M. Flynn, 1220 Hillside Road, Fairfield

- a) demolish garage
- b) demolish breezeway
- c) remove dormers
- d) remove windows and doors
- e) new windows and doors
- f) new addition
- g) new walkways
- h) change fence
- i) remove light post

The application was presented by Alfred McNeil. Kathleen Flynn, homeowner was also present. Mr. McNeil presented elevation drawings of the proposed additions. He stated that the existing garage would be demolished and a 2 story 3 car garage would be built. He stated that the existing roof is gambrel and the proposed would be A frame. There would be a 2nd story connection from the garage to the existing house. The current proposal has less glass on the garage doors than the previous proposal.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application

6. Ferris of 89 Westway Road, Southport

- a) remove garage door
- b) install new garage door
- c) remove door
- d) new door with sidelights

The application was presented by Rob Marx from Roger Ferris Architects. The proposed application is for the carriage house/garage that is located in the rear corner of the property. Mr. Marx presented proposed and existing elevations. The 2 overhead garage doors would be removed and a larger single door installed in its place. On the back of the carriage house, the door would be removed and the 2 original windows would remain. On the North elevation where there is currently no opening, a door and 2 windows would be added. He presented photographs of the existing 4 sides of the carriage house and views from the street. He also presented photographs of existing carriage houses in the area. He also stated that the carriage house was formerly occupied by a speakeasy.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

RECESS:

Taken from 5:45 to 5:48

DECISIONS:

1. David and Jean Rosow, 575 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) Revise deck railings

MOTION: Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that a letter be presented withdrawing the previous approval. Second by Margaret Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Joan Frost, 1000 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) Revise iron hoops

MOTION: Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Margaret Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Southport Congregational Church, 524 Pequot Avenue, Southport

- a) New air compressors

MOTION: Bruce Graham made a motion to approve with the stipulation that there be a planting screen. Second by Margaret Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Scott and Lisa Balkan, 780 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) new gates

MOTION: Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Margaret Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Jennifer Dow Murphy, 104 Main Street, Southport

- a) new addition
- b) enlarge terrace
- c) new steps
- d) new gate

MOTION: Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Tom Dailey. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Yvonne Ferris, 89 Westway Road, Southport

- a) remove garage door
- b) install new garage door
- c) remove door
- d) new door and sidelights

DISCUSSION: The commissioners discussed the North elevation. They felt that the Palladian window should be the dominant part of this elevation and that the proposed door and sidelights were not appropriate.

MOTION: Adam Klyver made a motion to deny the application without prejudice. Second by Bruce Graham. Voting in Favor: Ellen Gould, Bruce Graham, Margaret Browning and Adam Klyver. Opposed: Tim Smith

7. Kathleen M. Flynn, 1220 Hillside Road, Fairfield

- a) demolish garage

- b) demolish breezeway
- c) remove dormers
- d) remove windows and doors
- e) new windows and doors
- f) new addition
- g) new walkways
- h) change fence
- i) remove light post

Ellen Gould and Margaret Browning recused themselves

MOTION: Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Tom Dailey. Motion carried unanimously/Bruce Graham, Tim Smith, Adam Klyver and Tom Dailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2010 meeting. Second by Tim Smith. Voting in favor: Ellen Gould, Bruce Graham, Tim Smith, Margaret Browning and Adam Klyver

Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting. Second by Tim Smith. Voting in favor: Bruce Graham, Tim Smith, Margaret Browning, Adam Klyver and Tom Dailey.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Repair Orders

- 1020 Old Post Road, Fairfield (replace roof on garage)
- 1081 Hillside Road, Fairfield (repair front walkway)
- 105 Meeting House Lane, Fairfield (replace barn door to match existing; repair barn sliding doors)
- 612 Pequot Avenue, Southport (replace fence to match existing)
- 683 Pequot Avenue, Southport (replace rotted shingles to match existing)
- 46 Station Street, Southport (repairs to garage)
- 62 Center Street, Southport (rebuild chimney to match existing)

The above repair orders were approved.

Violations

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of new clerk

Bruce Graham is resigning from the Historic District Commission therefore it is necessary to

elect a new clerk to take his place.

Bruce Graham nominated Adam Klyver to the position of clerk. Second by Margaret Browning. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Tom Dailey to adjourn at 6:06. Second by Bruce Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Polifka
Recording Secretary