



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

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**July 08, 2010**

The Fairfield Historic District Commission met on Thursday, July 08, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of Sullivan Independence Hall, Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Legal notice of the Public Hearing was published in *The Fairfield Citizen News* on June 30, 2010.

**ATTENDANCE AND DESIGNATION OF VOTING ALTERNATES:**

**Present:** Commissioners Ellen Gould, Henry Backe and Margaret Browning. Alternate Adam Klyver.

**Absent:** Commissioner Tim Smith and Alternate Thomas Dailey  
All 4 members present will be voting..

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ellen Gould, Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Yvonne Ferris, 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, architect with Roger Ferris Architects. He stated that he had modified the plans that he had presented at the June 10, 2010 meeting. He presented a site plan showing the location of the carriage house/garage at the rear corner of the property. He also presented photographs of the 4 sides of the carriage house. On the East elevation the door would be removed and replaced with shingles. The South elevation had no changes. On the West elevation the existing double garage doors would be removed and replaced with a single garage door. A drawing of the proposed door was presented. It was made like a classic barn door. On

the North elevation a door with sidelights was proposed. Mr. Marx presented a rendering of the existing and the proposed.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application

## **2. Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, 986 Old Academy Road, Fairfield**

- a) Replace wood on steeple with stealth material painted to look like wood

The application was presented by David Vivian from AT & T and Naish Artaiz, architect with URS Corporation of Rocky Hill. They presented a sample of one of the proposed materials. They also stated that this was not the preferred option. They would prefer to remove the entire spire and replace it with a molded fiberglass shell. Currently there is a T Mobil antenna in the bottom part of the steeple. The proposed antenna would extend approximately 10 feet higher and would occupy the top part of the spire. They further explained the process used to form the new spire and replace it at the top of the steeple. It would be painted to match the existing church building. Chuck Ellis, a representative from the church, is working on the project but was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

### **For Informational purposes only**

Presentation by Matthew and Susan Rush, 224 Old Post Road, Fairfield

Regarding installation of Belgian block along the driveway **Continued to August 12, 2010**

### **RECESS:**

None was taken.

### **DECISIONS:**

#### **1. Yvonne Ferris, 89 Westway Road, Southport**

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

**MOTION:** Henry Backe made a motion to approve the application. Second by Adam Klyver. After a discussion of the proposed garage door, Henry Backe amended his motion to approve the application as presented with a notation that the applicant may use the garage door presented at this hearing or the garage door presented at the June 10, 2010 hearing. The applicant must submit a drawing of the door that is chosen. Second by Adam Klyver.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, 986 Old Academy Road Fairfield**

- a) Replace wood on steeple with stealth material painted to look like wood

**MOTION:** Adam Klyver made a motion to approve the application as presented. Henry Backe seconded for purpose of discussion.

Henry discussed the importance of investigating whether the steeple is original to the church or whether the original was replaced. He felt that a representative from the church should attend a meeting and give the Commission more details.

Ellen Gould, Henry Backe, Margaret Browning and Adam Klyver opposed the motion.

Henry Backe made a motion to deny the application without prejudice. Second by Margaret Browning. Motion carried unanimously

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Margaret Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting. Second by Adam Klyver. Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning and Adam Klyver voted in favor. Henry Backe abstained since he was not present at the meeting. Motion carried.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

### **Repair Orders**

725 Old Post Road, Fairfield (replace roof on SIH)

205 Beach Road, Fairfield (repair porches and bulkhead door; replace rotted shingles; replace roof over front door)

290 Beach Road, Fairfield (replace existing windows to match existing)

207 Main Street, Southport (replace wood frame half-screens and rotted storm sash to match existing)

319 Harbor Road, Southport (replace roof and siding to match existing ó storm damage)

The above repairs were approved.

### **Violations**

Rush, 224 Old Post Road, Fairfield ó Install Belgian block along driveway

The Rushsø sent a letter including photographs of other houses where Belgian block was used. Ellen stated that many of these houses are not within the Historic District. The Rushsø will speak to the Commission at the August 12, 2010 meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

No second meeting in July.

The Pequot Library application will be ready for the September meeting. The Commission will wait to see how many applications are on the September schedule before deciding whether to schedule a special meeting to hear the Pequot Library application.

Tom Steinke spoke to the Commission regarding different types of tide gates. He stated the reason for needing a new one on Harbor Road was due to decades of flood conditions. The

original pipe installed to alleviate the flooding filled with sediment. It was cleaned but immediately filled with debris. A second pipe was installed but it allowed salt water to back up and kill the fresh water plants in the area. He presented drawings of different types of tide gates and explained how each one worked. He stated that his preference is the self regulating type.

After the Commission adjourns, they will join Mr. Steinke at the tide gates located on Ash Creek at Riverside Drive to observe them at work.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Henry Backe to adjourn at 6:20. Second by Adam Klyver. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Polifka  
Recording Secretary