



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

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**April 8, 2010**

The Fairfield Historic District Commission met on Thursday, April 8, 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 March 31, 2010.

**ATTENDANCE AND DESIGNATION OF VOTING MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Commissioners Ellen Gould, Bruce Graham, Henry Backe.

Alternates: Thomas Dailey and Adam Klyver arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Thomas Dailey will be voting on all applications. Adam Klyver will be voting on application #4.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ellen Gould, Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. She informed the applicants at 458 Post Road that Henry Backe would be recusing himself from the application and that it would require a positive vote from the 3 remaining members for approval. They decided to proceed with their application.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. Lisa Deutsch, 564 Harbor Road, Southport**

- a) revise chimney

The application was presented by Matt Connors, contractor. He stated that the owner was installing an outdoor fireplace on the rear patio and the chimney would need to be revised to accommodate the fireplace. Only the top 10 feet of the chimney would be visible from Harbor Road. He presented a photograph of the existing house. The existing chimneys are 2 feet x 4 feet. The revised chimney would be 4 feet x 4 feet.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application

**2. William C. and Karen K. Winget, 458 Old Post Road, Fairfield**

- a) revise windows

Henry Backe recused himself and left the room.

The application was presented by Louis DiBerardino, architect and the builder David Williams from S & S Builders who specialize in the restoration of historic homes. They stated that the original application was presented in December, 2009 and then they returned in February, 2010. They presented a sample of the reconstructed window that they would like to use and described the Bi-Glass process that was used to reconstruct it. They stated that this process is included in the directory for the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. The architect stated that the existing storm windows would be removed. He stated that a glass specialist was hired to estimate the age of the existing glass and that only approximately 25% of it was antique – 1930's or older. A drawing was presented showing which windows would be replaced. Photos of the current and original house were presented.

Bruce Graham read into the record a letter from Connecticut Glass and Mirror dated April 7, 2010 stating the approximate age of the existing glass. He also read a letter from the property owners stating the necessity for changing the windows.

No one spoke in favor of the application

No one spoke against the application.

Henry Backe returned to the room.

### **3. Cynthia Baldwin French, 115 Main Street, Southport**

- a) new fence and gates

The application was presented by Jack Franzen, architect. He gave a brief description of the desired work and then requested that the commission deny the application without prejudice so the applicant could make some changes and return next month.

### **4. Joan Frost, 1000 Harbor Road, Southport**

- a) new porch
- b) change previously approved windows
- c) change slider
- d) change kitchen windows
- e) iron hoops

Jack Franzen, architect, presented the application. He presented photos of the existing porch and described the desired changes. He stated that the porch will be made of "wrought iron" because the house is located in a wind hazard zone. It will be painted to look like wood. Drawings were presented of the approved addition with the approved windows. They requested a change from 1 to 2 windows on the side facing south, and change the grouping of the kitchen windows. The drawing also showed the approved sliding door. The requested change makes the door 7 feet high. Photographs were presented of the South side of the house where the iron hoops will be installed. There will be 2 iron hoops used to train vegetation.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

### **RECESS:**

No recess was taken

**.DECISIONS:**

**1. Lisa Deutsch, 564 Harbor Road, Southport**

- a) revise chimney

**MOTION:** Tom Dailey made a motion to deny the application. Second by Bruce Graham. Voting in favor of the motion Ellen Gould, Bruce Graham and Tom Dailey. Against the motion Henry Backe. Motion carried 3 to 1

**2. William C. and Karen K. Winget, 458 Old Post Road, Fairfield**

- a) revise windows

**MOTION:** Bruce Graham made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that the existing storm windows be removed. Second by Tom Dailey.

Voting in favor of the application Ellen Gould, Bruce Graham, Tom Dailey. Recused – Henry Backe. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Cynthia Baldwin French, 115 Main Street, Southport**

- a) new fence and gates

**MOTION:** Bruce Graham made a motion to deny the application without prejudice. Second by Tom Dailey. Voting in favor of the motion Ellen Gould, Henry Backe, Bruce Graham and Tom Dailey. Motion carried unanimously

**4. Joan Frost, 1060 Harbor Road, Southport**

- a) new porch
- b) change previously approved windows
- c) change slider
- d) change kitchen windows
- e) iron hoops

**MOTION:** Bruce Graham made a motion to approve a-e with the stipulation that a revised drawing of the proposed double window on the south elevation be submitted and approved. Voting in favor of the motion Ellen Gould, Henry Backe, Bruce Graham, Tom Dailey and Adam Klyver. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tom Dailey made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-11-10. Second by Bruce Graham. Motion carried unanimously.  
No vote was taken on the 3-18-10 minutes since there was not a quorum present.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**Repair Orders**

2720 Bronson Road, Cemetery (repair stone wall)  
860 Pequot Avenue, Southport (repair chimney)  
1005 Old Post Road, Fairfield (replace fence removed by neighbor)  
1060 Harbor Road, Southport (replace portion of cedar roof)

**Violations**

323 Old Post Road, Fairfield (tree house) – No application for certificate of appropriateness found in folder  
114 Westway Road, Southport (flagpole) – No application for certificate of appropriateness submitted.  
1177 Hillside Road, Fairfield (shed and fencing) – Several letters sent a few years ago but were never followed up on. Starting new.  
172 Center Street, Southport (stone wall) – Homeowner constructed wall on neighbor's property.  
224 Old Post Road, Fairfield (tree house and Begian Block) – They failed to answer the violation that was issued on 9/11/03 for the installation of Belgian Block.  
A Cease, Desist and Restore order has been issued and a Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 4/15/10.  
75 Meeting House Lane, Fairfield (flagpole) – The flagpole was approved with the stipulation that the homeowner return to the Commission with application describing the material, size and location. A Cease, Desist and Restore order has been issued and a Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 4/15/10.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ellen stated that the new yellow Historic District Commission brochure incorporates the changes made in January 2010. It is free and copies have been left in the Building Department.

**ADJOURN**

Henry Backe made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.  
The secretary and those other than commissioners left the room.  
Executive session ended at 6:35 and those that left returned.  
Henry Backe made a motion to adjourn at 6:36. Second by Tom Dailey.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathy Polifka  
Recording Secretary