



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

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**APRIL 14, 2011**

The Fairfield Historic District Commission met on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of Old Town Hall, Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Legal notice of the Public Hearing was published in *The Fairfield Citizen News* on April 06, 2011.

**ATTENDANCE AND DESIGNATION OF VOTING ALTERNATES:**

**Present:** Commissioners Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning and Peter Petron.  
Alternates Adam Klyver (arrived at 4:44) and Thomas Dailey.

**Absent:** Commissioners Henry Backe and Timothy Smith  
All present at the time of the public hearing will be voting.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ellen Gould, Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. George and Mary Lou Colesworthy, 174 Old Post Road, Fairfield**

- a) new edging

George Colesworthy, homeowner, presented the application. He stated that he had removed the Belgian Block from around the tree and presented a sample of the red brick that he would like to install in its place.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

**2. Christopher and Tina Ahlberg, 229 Old Post Road, Fairfield**

- a) remove deck
- b) new stairs
- c) new patio

Tina Ahlberg, homeowner, presented the application. She presented a drawing of the proposed work which included the removal of the deck and addition of new stairs. She stated that the patio

would be presented at a later time. She stated that the material to be used would be the same as the existing.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

### **3. Susan Albright and Shane Keegan, 349 Beach Road, Fairfield**

- a) new pool
- b) new wood fence/gates
- c) new vinyl fencing
- d) new outdoor shower
- e) new pergola
- f) new walkway
- g) new lighting

The application was presented by Susan Albright and Shane Keegan, homeowners. They presented a plot plan showing the location of the requested changes. They stated that the pool would be 16' x 32' and located behind the existing garage. It would have bluestone coping with no patio. The pergola would be 8' tall with square columns and also be located to the rear of the garage. It would be painted white with natural fieldstone base with grass between. A black vinyl chain link fence was proposed for the perimeter of the property. They presented drawings of a white picket fence proposed for the street elevation. It would be similar to the fences on the adjoining neighbor's properties. The pool equipment would be located in the front of the fence. The proposed lighting consisted of 6 lights with 35 watt bulbs on dimmer switches. The outdoor shower would be attached to the garage and painted white. They presented drawings of the proposed light fixtures and pergola.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

### **4. Matthew Goldsmith and Cheryl Guibone, 715 Pequot Avenue, Southport**

- a) new addition
- b) new porch roof
- c) demolish garage
- d) new garage/new location
- e) new driveway/modifications
- f) new fencing/gates
- g) new wall
- h) new siding/shingles
- i) new porch decking/lattice
- j) new gutters
- k) new walkways
- l) new chimney caps

The application was presented by Jack Franzen, architect. He presented photographs of the house from 1906 and later. He explained some of the changes that have taken place since that time. He presented a drawing of the proposed mudroom addition. It will have a masonry foundation with lattice between. He also presented drawings of the proposed driveways and walkways. He stated that there would be a proposed pullout off the driveway to allow 2 vehicles to pass each other. He also stated that the driveway for the new garage would use the existing curb cut. The proposed chimney caps would be bluestone with brick piers. He presented a drawing of the proposed new porch roof which would be located to the left side of the porch. He gave a brief history of the previous and the existing garage and presented a rendering of the proposed garage. It would be 33' wide, 36' deep and 1½ stories high with a yoga studio and home office on the second floor. The doors would be overhead but look like doors that fold outward. He presented drawings of the proposed fence and stated that the homeowners have small children and feel that due to the amount of traffic in the front of the house, the fence is a necessity. The homeowners voiced their concerns about the necessity of the fence and stated that they felt that this was a better solution to their problem of safety for their children rather than planning a tall hedge that would block the view of the house from the street. They stated that previously traffic studies had been done by the town but they were not sure of how many accidents had actually occurred at the intersection. Mr. Franzen presented photographs of houses located on corners in the Southport Historic District that have existing fences. Mr. Franzen gave a description of the different materials that would be used.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

Adam Klyver read a letter from Brenda Ungerland of 1014 Pequot Avenue in favor of the application. Ellen Gould stated that she had received a letter from Lori Hashizume of 1059 Pequot Avenue in favor of the application.

Ellen Reilly of 158 Westway Road spoke against the application because of the concerns with the expanse of the fence and massing of the garage.

Diana Erdmann of 211 Westway Road also spoke against the massing of the garage.

Sharon Klammer of 406 Harbor Road spoke as a representative of the Sasquanaug Association. She stated that they were in favor of putting up poles to visualize the effect of the structure on the streetscape.

Ellen Gould spoke with Jack Franzen regarding the tabling of the application until the May 19, 2011 work session meeting so that poles could be erected.

**MOTION:** Peter Petron made a motion to table the application until May 19, 2011. Second by Margaret Browning.

Thomas Dailey felt that the discussion during the decision making process could be helpful to the applicant and shed light on changes necessary to receive approval.

Jack Franzen stated that he felt he had received enough information during the presentation to make any necessary changes.

Voting in favor of the motion: Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning, Peter Petron and Adam Klyver. Abstain: Thomas Dailey

## **DECISIONS:**

### **1. George and Mary Colesworthy**

- a) New edging

**MOTION:** Margaret Browning made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Thomas Dailey. Voting in favor of the motion: Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning, Peter Petron and Thomas Dailey. Motion carried unanimously.

## **2. Christopher and Tina Ahlberg, 229 Old Post Road, Fairfield**

- a) Remove deck
- b) New stairs
- c) New patio

**MOTION:** Margaret Browning made a motion to approve a) and b) as presented. Second by Thomas Dailey. Voting in favor of the motion: Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning, Peter Petron and Thomas Dailey. (c) new patio not a part of this application.

## **3. Susan Albright and Shane Keegan, 349 Beach Road, Fairfield**

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- c) new vinyl fencing
- d) new outdoor shower
- e) new pergola
- f) new walkway
- g) new lighting

**MOTION:** Ellen Gould made a motion to deny a) thru g) without prejudice. Second by Thomas Dailey. Voting in favor of the motion: Thomas Dailey. Voting against the motion: Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning, Peter Petron and Adam Klyver. Motion denied.

**MOTION:** Adam Klyver made a motion to approve a) with the stipulation that the pool equipment is not included, d) as presented and f) as presented. Second by Margaret Browning. Voting in favor of the motion: Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning, Peter Petron and Adam Klyver. Abstain: Thomas Dailey. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Adam Klyver made a motion to deny b), c), e) and g) without prejudice. Second by Margaret Browning. Voting in favor of the motion Ellen Gould, Margaret Browning, Peter Petron, Adam Klyver and Thomas Dailey. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3/3/11 AND 3/10/11**

Ellen Gould stated that Timothy Smith had some changes to the minutes. Therefore, voting will take place when he is present.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

### **Repair Orders**

- 698 Old Post Road, Fairfield (remove roof railing posts)
- 95 Main Street, Southport (replace roof to match existing)
- 1081 Hillside Road, Fairfield (replace roof to match existing)

1199 Hillside Road, Fairfield (replace walkway, repair retaining walls, repair tennis court fencing and resurface clay court)

229 Old Post Road, Fairfield (repave driveway)

608 Harbor Road, Southport (repair front fence posts)

72 Willow Street, Southport (repair portions of rear and front porch roofs)

**Violations**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Ellen Gould had a discussion with Mike Tetreau regarding a lack of presence of the Historic District Commission on the town web site. Mrs. Gould worked on a web page giving basic information about the commission such as meeting dates, deadlines, and the phone number of the person to contact with any questions regarding the Historic District. Mrs. Gould read a letter from George Wiswell commending the commission's decision on the proposed demolition of the house at 935 Harbor Road. She also stated that there was a letter in everyone's file from the Pequot Library thanking the commissioners for their hard work on the Pequot Library application. \The commissioners had a short discussion on the use of the Historic District Handbook.

It was also stated that Peter Petron had worked on the Southport section of the handbook that will be discussed at the April 21, 2011 work meeting.

Thomas Dailey made a motion to go into executive session at 7:40. Second by Peter Petron.

The recording secretary and the assistant to the commission left the room.

The commission came out of executive session at 8:15.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Thomas Dailey to adjourn at 8:16. Second by Peter Petron. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Polifka

Recording Secretary