



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

APPROVED MINUTES

November 10, 2011

The Fairfield Historic District Commission met on Thursday, November 10, 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 November 2, 2011.

ATTENDANCE AND DESIGNATION OF VOTING ALTERNATES:

Present: Commissioners Ellen Gould, Henry Backe, Timothy Smith and Peter Petron.
Alternate Thomas Dailey.

Absent: Commissioner Margaret Kufferman and Alternate Adam Klyver.
All present will be voting.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Walter and Joanne Shaw, 487 Old Post Road, Fairfield

- a) new 2nd floor addition to garage
- b) new additions to rear and side of garage

No one was in attendance to present the application.

2. Matthew Goldsmith and Cheryl Guibone, 715 Pequot Avenue, Southport

- a) eliminate brick parapet and rehabilitate steps with new rail
- b) eliminate brick spur wall at existing patio

Jack Franzen, architect, presented the application. He presented photos of the brick stoop on the rear facing toward the harbor. He also showed a view of the brick parapet that would be removed and replaced with a wrought iron railing to match the one on the other side of the steps. He stated that the steps would have blue stone treads.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

3. John Callies, 140 Rose Hill Road, Southport

- a) replace windows and doors
- b) remove existing retaining wall and fences
- c) new retaining wall and fences
- d) remove pent roof
- e) new pent roof
- f) replace existing terrace with new terrace

The application was presented by Jack Franzen, architect. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Callies were also present. Mr. Franzen gave a brief history of the house stating that it is listed as a Contemporary style in the HDC Handbook. He believes that the house is Prairie style. He stated that the windows in the house are of poor quality and would be replaced with Marvin simulated divided light. The window frames would be kept the same size but the glass at the bottom would be replaced with paneling. He described the new roof with six-inch columns. He presented drawings of the existing retaining wall and fence and of the proposed. The new fence would stop before the front door and the new retaining wall would be the same height as the existing wall. Instead of cement block, the new wall would be dry wall construction with native stone and very little mortar.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

DECISIONS:

1. Walter and Joanne Shaw, 487 Old Post Road, Fairfield

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- b) new additions to rear and side of garage

MOTION: Mr. Dailey made a motion to deny the application without prejudice. Second by Dr. Backe. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Matthew Goldsmith and Cheryl Guibone, 715 Pequot Avenue, Southport

- a) eliminate brick parapet and rehabilitate steps with new rail
- b) eliminate brick spur wall at existing patio

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Mr. Dailey. Motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION: Dr. Backe made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that the two glass doors be solid panes without dividers and a strong recommendation to use larger square columns at the entrance. Second by Mr. Petron. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of work proposed at Southport Train Station

Mrs. Gould stated that the Fairfield Historic District Commission is a stake holder in the process of the implementation of a new tenant at the train station. This allows them to comment on it. Jack Franzen's architectural firm is the architect for the proposed restaurant that will be named Café Society. He presented drawings of the proposed changes in order for the restaurant to comply with building regulations. There is a proposed exhaust fan on the roof and a make up air vent is proposed to be cut in the west side of the building. The east end of the building will remain a waiting room for the train station.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10/20/11

Mr. Dailey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Smith. Voting in favor of the motion: Mrs. Gould, Mr. Smith, Mr. Petron and Mr. Dailey. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Repair Orders

105 Meeting House Lane, Fairfield (restore stone wall)
219 Main Street, Southport (replace roof with same)
892 Harbor Road, Southport (replace back flat roof, repair rot on wooden railings)
388 Old Post Road, Fairfield (repair canopy, replace rotted column bases to match original, replace rotted column plinths to match original)
986 Old Academy Road, Fairfield (repairs to church exterior)

892 Harbor Road, Southport (requesting to install heating cable on front gable from December to May to prevent ice from damaging inside of house) The commissioners would like to see photographs and check with the Connecticut Historical Commission to see if they have had any experience with these heating cables.

Violations

None

Old Business

New Handbook Revisions

There will be no work meeting on Thursday November 17, 2011.

Mr. Dailey stated that he had nearly completed the edits to the section on the Southport Historic District.

Dr. Backe made a motion to go into executive session at 6:00. Second by Mr. Dailey.

Executive session ended at 6:19

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dr. Backe to adjourn at 6:20. Second by Mr. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Polifka, Recording Secretary