



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

APPROVED MINUTES

February 9, 2012

The Fairfield Historic District Commission met on Thursday, February 9, 2012 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 February 1, 2012.

ATTENDANCE AND DESIGNATION OF VOTING ALTERNATES:

Present: Commissioners Ellen Gould, Henry Backe, Timothy Smith and Margaret Kufferman. Alternates Adam Klyver and Thomas Dailey.

Absent: Commissioner Peter Petron.

Adam Klyver will be voting on the application.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gould, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Southport Realty Corporation, 789 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) remove entry porch
- b) raise existing structure 5 feet
- c) new foundation with stone exterior
- d) extend existing hip roof over existing flat roof structure
- e) alterations to existing east side of structure
- f) replace existing windows
- g) replace entry
- h) replace wood shingle roofing
- i) replace existing wood pilings deck, pier and dock
- j) replace driveway surface with oil and native stone
- k) new bluestone walk and edge
- l) replace grade level wood deck with bluestone and planted deck

The application was presented by David Preusch, architect. He gave a detailed history of the structure dating back to its original construction in the 1800s. He also detailed the changes made to the structure over the years. He stated that the dock and pilings were erected around 1960 with DEP approval and have no architectural significance. He stated that a variance has already been received from Zoning Board of Appeals to raise the structure five feet, which will alleviate the flooding that occurs during hurricanes. He presented historic photographs showing the different changes over the years. He stated that currently the building is in the early stages of collapse.

Mr. Preusch read from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Structures and stated that the proposal complies with the guidelines.

He introduced Jim DeStefano, the engineer for the reconstruction.

Mr. Preusch also stated that the windows are not original windows and will be replaced with custom double hung windows. A drawing of the proposed entry door that will be moved to the rear was presented. He presented a drawing showing 3D views from the NE, SE and E. He presented an existing site plan and a proposed site plan. He stated that new wood cedar shingles would be installed on the roof and walls of the building. The wall of the house facing the harbor would consist of glass set behind a timber frame. The frame would be steel clad in wood. There would be three glass panels on the 1st floor and two panels on the 2nd floor. The wood shutters and the chimney would be removed.

He gave a description of the bluestone walk, a proposed parking area for three cars and the planted deck that was proposed.

He stated that the guard rails on the back deck are not fully designed, therefore they are not part of the current application.

Speaking in favor of the proposed application:

- 1) John Koren, 968 Harbor Road
- 2) Sharon Klammer, 406 Harbor Road
- 3) Gene Gorab, 920 Harbor Road

Mr. Klyver read letters from the following people in favor of the application:

- 1) John and Diana Herzog
- 2) Hugh and Sally Smith
- 3) Terry and Denise Quinn
- 4) John and Ellen Levinson
- 5) Ann Estelle
- 6) Lisa Borter
- 7) Scott and Laura Balkan

DECISIONS:

1. Southport Realty Corporation, 789 Harbor Road, Southport

- a) thru l) above

MOTION: Dr. Backe made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Mr. Klyver. Voting in favor of the motion: Mrs. Gould, Dr. Backe, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Kufferman and Mr. Klyver. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes for 1-12-12 and 1-13-12:

Mrs. Kufferman made a motion to approve the minutes with some grammatical and punctuation changes. Second by Dr. Backe. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Repairs:

432 Old Post Road, Fairfield (repair wood stairs and railings)

669 Harbor Road, Southport (replace rotted deck and wooden columns with same)

212 Center Street, Southport (replace cedar shingles on garage with same)

Violations:

3171 Bronson Road, Fairfield : Belgian block installed along driveway

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Steinke is looking into the Hoydens Hill barn as a possible Historic Property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Gould presented photos of the snow guards that Peter Helie (corner of Harbor Road and Old South Road) presented to her regarding the proposed installation on his roof. It was decided that he would need to submit an application before installation.

Mrs. Gould distributed the current additions to the handbook.

She also stated that it was brought to her attention that three houses on Westway Road had installed LED lighting without commission approval. She also stated that a house on Pequot Avenue has a large spotlight shining on a bench in the garden.

Mrs. Gould also discussed a letter sent to the Zoning Board of Appelas regarding a variance due to hardship for 211 Harbor Road.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to adjourn at 6:25. Second by Dr. Backe.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Polifka, Recording Secretary