



Town of Fairfield
FAIRFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 11, 2019

Hearings were held in the Second Floor Conference Room, Old Town Hall beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Notice of this Hearing was published in the Friday, March 29, 2019 edition of the *Fairfield Citizen*

Attendance and Designation of Voting Alternates: Bohan, Clark
Commissioners Present: Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman, Shea
Commissioners Absent: Negron

Call to Order: Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Public Hearings:

1. Lorraine Fedyna, 81 Main Street, Southport, CT. For property located at 81 Main Street, Southport, CT 06890

Anders Lindquist presented and distributed photos of the property that showed the front walkway and driveway areas. Mr. Lindquist said the current walkway conditions are unsafe and proposed to change the brick for flagstone and add two steps with bluestone treads and brick risers to match. He said they are not changing the footprint path and noted he could not find any historic reference to the brick on the property. Mr. Lindquist said the current driveway is gravel and lined with Belgian Block. He proposed an asphalt base drive and only resetting the Belgian Block.

Commissioner Kufferman said it is more appropriate than what is currently there. Chairman Shea asked Mr. Lindquist if his client would consider removing the Belgian Block and Mr. Lindquist said he will address it with her.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:23 p.m.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wilson, 931 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. For Property Located at 931 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Joe Rynn distributed photos of the garage area where they would like to install a liquid cooled generator. Mr. Rynn said it would be installed on the side of garage to keep private from the neighbors. He said they chose the liquid cooled type generator because it is quieter for themselves and the neighbors. He clarified the location of the generator and said it is not visible from the public way with the fence but could possibly be seen from the road without the fence.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:25 p.m.

3. Johan and Jennifer Andreasson, 981 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. For Property located at 981 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

The applicant, Johan Andreasson showed house photos and the plot plan. He explained that there are two types of siding on the house; shake and clapboard. He proposed to replace the shake siding with clapboard and replace all window trim and molding. He said the trim will be wood. He said the garage also has shake siding and would like to replace with clapboard there as well.

Commissioner Clark asked about the metal trim. The applicant said it is a copper cap that covers the top molding. Commissioner Klyver said given the age of house he believes shingles are more appropriate than clapboard. The applicant said he believes there have been three to four additions to the home and the original house is the shake. He gave examples of neighboring homes that use both styles; shake and clapboard. Commissioner Klyver stated the original home was built in 1840. Chairman Shea asked the applicant if he can tell from looking at the home if the shake siding is older than the clapboard, he replied yes. The various additions were discussed.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:35 p.m.

4. Clara Louisa Baur and Nelson Heuman, 608 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890. For Property located at 608 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890

Jack Franzen referred to display boards of the home which is located across from the yacht club. He said they are proposing a storm/screen door on the existing traditional colonial front door. He said it will be all wood with bronze screening and a winter storm glass. He said the front of the home faces the water and gets hammered with the wind.

Commissioner Bohan said he is concerned that the storm/screen door will cover the existing entry door. He said he googled and found the first storm door in 1878 and didn't find any storm doors on federal style architecture. Mr. Franzen said things have changed a lot since the house was built and it needs to be energy efficient. He said it is a glass door and the side lights will be visible. He said they do not want to change the old historic door which has been weather stripped but still not effective at all when the wind is blowing. Commissioner Bohan commented he would hate to see it on such a beautiful house and believes it would be a mistake.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:41 p.m.

5. John Callies, 140 Rose Hill Road, Southport, CT 06890. For Property located at 140 Rose Hill Road, Southport, CT 06890

William Fitzpatrick requested to remove the existing cedar fence that sits on top of stone wall surrounding the garden. He said it will improve the appearance of the garden.

Commissioner Bohan asked if the patio will be visible from the street. Mr. Fitzpatrick said yes but the stone wall will remain and provide some cover.

Public comment – none.

The hearing closed at 4:43 p.m.

Consideration of Public Hearings 1-5:

- 1. Lorraine Fedyna, 81 Main Street, Southport, CT. For property located at 81 Main Street, Southport, CT 06890**

Commissioner Kufferman moved to approve as presented with the stipulation that the Belgian Block be removed. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion.

Commissioner Klyver stated he doesn't believe we have jurisdiction to request removal of the Belgian Block but we can ask if they are willing to remove it. Commissioner Kufferman questioned what the precedent was in the past if the block was existing. Chairman Shea said we could encourage them to remove it before paving and the presenter indicated that it was going to be reset because it was loose and that it came in with the application. He explained that if it was a new application, we would not approve the Belgian Block per the Historic District Handbook.

The motion failed.

Commissioner Klyver moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Gravanis seconded the motion which carried, 4-1. (Clark, Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman in favor, Shea opposed).

2. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wilson, 931 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. For Property Located at 931 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Commissioner Bohan moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Kufferman seconded the motion. Chairman Shea added the stipulation that the generator be screened by evergreen plantings and maintained in perpetuity. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. (Bohan, Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman, Shea in favor).

3. Johan and Jennifer Andreasson, 981 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. For Property located at 981 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Commissioner Klyver moved to approve B&C and deny A. Chairman Shea seconded the motion.

Commissioner Klyver noted concern with significantly changing the look of the house and that they were probably the original shingles. Commissioner Kufferman feels shingles are more appropriate but doesn't know what was there before. Commissioner Gravanis was unsure of the issue with clapboard and asked if replacing shingles with clapboard generally be inappropriate. Commissioner Klyver replied that it is the texture and appearance from the street. Commissioner Kufferman said it would make it look more modern.

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. (Clark, Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman, Shea in favor).

4. Clara Louisa Baur and Nelson Heuman, 608 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890. For Property located at 608 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06890

Commissioner Gravanis moved to approve A as presented. Commissioner Kufferman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kufferman said it is about practicality and likes the bronze screening. Commissioner Gravanis said the presenter said the historic door is visible through the glass. Commissioner Klyver said it will be obscured with the screen but also agrees people want to have fresh air and let light in.

The motion carried, 4-1. (Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman, Shea in favor and Bohan opposed).

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Commissioner Klyver moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 5-0. (Clark, Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman, Shea in favor).

Approve Minutes from 3-14-19 meeting (Klyver, Shea, Negron, Clark, Bohan)

Commissioner Clark moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Klyver seconded the motion which carried, 4-0. (Bohan, Clark, Klyver, Shea in favor).

Chairman's Report

Repairs:

1. 661 Old Post Road, Fairfield – Replace 3 existing steel sash to match existing, One to allow for egress.
2. 981 Old Post Road, Fairfield – Repair foundation and repair of, replace siding to match existing.
3. 1088 Harbor Road, Southport – Replace decking, railings and trellis with wood to match existing.
4. 575 Harbor Road, Southport – Replace cedar fencing and gates to match existing.
5. 683 Pequot Avenue, Southport – Replace existing cedar roof with new cedar roof to match existing.
6. 564 Harbor Road, Southport – Replace copper gutters and chimney caps on house to match existing.
7. 16 Church Street - Replace rotted stockade fencing with new to match adjacent COA approved fencing

Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Gravanis reported that his neighbor has a crumbling stone wall and would like a Commissioner to join him on a site visit. He said his neighbor has spoken to several trade people and would like informal input from the Commission on how to proceed. Chairman Shea suggested Commissioner Gravanis coordinate an appropriate meeting date and time. Chairman Shea, Commissioners Clark, Klyver and Kufferman all offered to meet with him.

Adjourn

Commissioner Kufferman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 6-0. (Bohan, Clark, Gravanis, Klyver, Kufferman, Shea in favor).

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary