

MINUTES
WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

Present: Chairman Rubino, Commissioner Raney, Commissioner Dupont-Diehl, Commissioner Yeich, and Alternate Commissioners Hinckley and Grant-Yockman.

Also Present: Assistant Town Planner, Todd Sealy

Chairman Rubino called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

I. New Business

1. Minutes February 10, 2021

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021 as amended. Commissioner Yeich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; 5-0-0

2. Minutes March 3, 2021

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2021 as amended. Commissioner Yeich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; 5-0-0

II. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness

A. 316 Palisado Ave. – Demolition of existing garage and shed, Construction of new three car garage.

Steve Ernest, owner of 316 Palisado Ave. was present and addressed the Commission. Mr. Ernest stated that two older sheds would be torn down and a new three car garage would be constructed in their place. Mr. Ernest explained that he has an IWWC application and a variance application for the size of the garage with ZBA pending. Mr. Ernest said that the building is a broken back salt box which would have a workshop in it. The parking for this would be located underneath the building in the back.

Commissioner Yeich asked what part of the building would be seen from the street. Mr. Ernest stated that a door and several windows seen by the street. The Commission was given a drawing of each side of the building to refer to.

Commissioner Hinckley said that this is the best application we have ever had and she appreciated the drawings that were submitted. Commissioner Hinckley stated that her only concern was the scale of the building to the house itself. Commissioner Hinckley asked if Mr. Ernest knew what height the building would be. Mr. Ernest said that the current barn is twenty feet high and the new one would be twenty-two feet high.

Chairman Rubino asked is Mr. Ernest's workshop would be upstairs. Mr. Ernest said that no, it's going into the lean-to section of the garage.

Commissioner Hinckley asked if there was any chance the design would change once you get the drawings. Mr. Ernest said that it should not.

Chairman Rubino said that Mr. Ernest underscored the windows as one of the features and it looks like the intent is to have the windows resemble the ones from the house. Chairman Rubino asked if the roof was tin. Mr. Ernest stated that it has asphalt shingles.

Commissioner Hinckley asked:

1. If he knew the building was moved from another place.
2. If the materials from the demo would be salvageable.

Mr. Ernest said that yes he knew building was moved. Mr. Ernest stated that there is a salvage place in Talcott and he would contact them. Some of the bottom boards are rotted so might not be salvageable. Mr. Ernest said that the wood had been reclaimed when he moved to the property. Commissioner Hinckley said that Preservation CT have people who want reclaimed wood for projects. Mr. Ernest would appreciate that contact information. Commissioner Hinckley asked about the shed. Mr. Ernest stated that the shed was already falling apart and isn't salvageable.

Commissioner Raney asked when you go down the driveway, do you drive straight in or where is the entrance. Mr. Ernest asked the Commission to refer to the plan he submitted and he described to the Commission where it is located.

Commissioner Dupont-Diehl asked if the doors would be framed in the same fashion as the red garage example. Mr. Ernest said that it would be natural look and the doors and windows would be white.

Chairman Rubino asked what the timeframe would be. Mr. Ernest stated that he would like it done before next winter, but hopefully by August or September.

Commissioner Raney moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dupont-Diehl seconded and it passed unanimously; 5-0-0

The Commission agreed that the application and presentation was very well done and a motion can be made to proceed.

Commissioner Hinckley stated that the demolition should be included in the motion. Chairman Rubino said that looks like the wood has been repurposed more than once and doesn't see a need for that. Any demo would need an application through the Building Department.

Commissioner Dupont-Diehl moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness at 316 Palisado Ave. – Demolition of existing garage and shed, Construction of new three car garage, Steve Ernest. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; 5-0-0.

III. Old Business

A. Review pamphlet, handbook review process, and flyer

Commissioner Yiech said that the flyer looks terrific.

The Commission had a discussion of the pamphlet, handbook review process, and flyer to make changes.

Commissioner Hinckley asked to have the age of the house put onto the application. The application will be updated and put on the website.

IV. Miscellaneous

The Commission agreed to take a poll regarding meeting dates.

V. Adjournment

Motion: Chairman Raney made the motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Commissioner Dupont-Diehl seconded and it passed unanimously 5-0-0.