

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M., Monday July 22, 2019
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 312

Regular Meeting:

Present: Full Commissioners: M. Lewis, and M. Margolis
Alternate Commissioners: D, Cohen, C, Cormier, and J. Harris.

Chair Commissioner M. Margolis called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
Matt Hart, Town Manager of the Town of West Hartford attended tonight's meeting
to listen to New Business item a.

1. New Business-

a. Jim Newbury, President of Bestech and Brooks Fisher, Principal of Newman Architects came before the West Hartford Historic District Commission (WHHDC) to discuss their request for a Waiver of Delay of Demolition (WDoD) to the Library, Social Work and Undergrad buildings at 1800 Asylum Avenue. Fintech Village is intent on developing on the site and the old buildings erected in 1964 are no longer functioning and possess extensive PCB and asbestos contamination.

The WHHDC motioned and seconded to vote on the WDoD.

The WHHDC voted 4-1 to approve the WDoD and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

Due to development financing, the State of CT must also approve the WDoD in order for demolition on the site to begin before the full 90 period has elapsed.

b. Joe Campanella of Design Alliance, on behalf of Eliot Prescott of 48 Four Mile Road, submitted a WDoD to the WHHDC for a detached two car garage built in the 1920s which is to be replaced with a larger detached garage.

The WHHDC motioned and seconded to vote on the WDoD.

The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the WDoD and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

c. Barry Weisman, owner of 7 Buena Vista Rd, came before the WHHDC to discuss his three Certificates of Appropriateness (COA)s to:

COA 1

i) weatherproof an existing three season porch with cedar siding to match the house and four reclaimed wooden windows in the style keeping with the rest of the house

COA 2

i) install either a 3.5' foot tall wooden picket or split rail solid wood fence around the perimeter of the property

COA 3

i) install a 3.5' foot tall wooden split rail fence along the rear of the property

The WHHDC motioned and seconded to vote on each of the three COAs.

The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the three COAs and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

2. Meeting Minutes-

Motion to approve "as-is" the West Hartford Historic District Commission Regular Meeting Minutes for June 24th, 2019 was made and seconded.

The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes "as-is".

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. All voted in favor, no objections, or abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Lewis