

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD  
WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES - AMENDED  
5:00 P.M., Monday April 26, 2021  
West Hartford Virtual Meeting

Regular Meeting:

Present: Full Commissioners: C. Cormier, P. Howard, M. Margolis and A. Tarutin.  
Alternate Commissioners: K. Fransson, J. Harris and S. Schwartz.

Chair Commissioner M. Margolis called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

1. New Business-

a. David Raisner, petitioner on behalf of 136 South Main Street LLC and property of same address, came before the West Hartford Historic District Commission (WHHDC) to represent his Waiver of Delay of Demolition (WDOD) for the property. It was agreed that the property, being over 50 years old and more than 500 sq ft, lacked any historical significance as per Jenny Schofield at the State Historic Preservation Office. The current funeral home is to be razed and replaced with a larger medical office building. Chair Margolis motioned to accept the WDOD and the motion was seconded. The WHHDC unanimously approved the WDOD and Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

b. Katherine Doyle, owner of 1564 Boulevard, submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for an already installed mini-split heat pump at the western side of the house and visible from the streetscape. The exterior portion of the installation was not fully appreciated by the owner and an attempt to install to the rear of the house was not possible due to standing water wetness. The side install was determined to be a better siting functionally. The owner volunteered to install plantings to screen the unit. Chair Margolis motioned to accept the COA as originally submitted to the rear of the house which was motioned was seconded.

The WHHDC declined the COA as it did not reflect the actual installation which was to the side and visible as opposed to to the rear and not visible (in the COA). Chair Margolis requested Mrs Doyle either resubmit a COA to reflect the current installation location "as is", or relocate the installed heat pump to the rear of the house as originally applied for in the COA and invisible from the streetscape and thus out of the WHHDC's purview.

c. Mike Margolis, owner of 11 Flagg Road, submitted a (COA) to install a new wooden shed to the rear of the property and visible from the streetscape. The house, built in 1766, is one of the oldest in town. The proposed shed is 12x16 10 over 12 double with twin doors with a cupola with 6x6 windows to match the house. The current shed being replaced is 8x8 Dutch Colonial and rather nondescript with significant squirrel damage. Vice Chair Tarutin motioned to accept the COA and the motion was seconded. The WHHDC, with Chair Margolis abstaining, voted unanimously to approve the new wooden shed COA. Chair Margolis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

2. Meeting Minutes-

Motion to approve the West Hartford Historic District Commission Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021 "as is" was made and seconded. The WHHDC voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes.

3. Commissioners' Concerns and Comments-

Chair Margolis welcomed Sherri Schwartz as the newest Commissioner to the West Hartford Historic District Commission. Commissioner Tarutin shared a photo of the progress he's made with the with the new addition to the rear of his house.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. All voted in favor, no objections, or abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Lewis