



WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall - Room 407
Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Mitch Lewis, Chair
Karl Fransson, Alternate
Julie Harris, Alternate
Sherri Schwartz, Alternate

Commissioners Not Present:

Cynthia Cormier, Member
Pam Howard, Vice-Chair
Andrei Tarutin, Member

Mr. Lewis called the West Hartford Historic District Commission (“WHHDC”) to Order at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Lewis then introduced the Board Commissioners to those in attendance and explained the WHHDC meeting procedures.

NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Mr. Lewis introduced the Konover Certificate of Appropriateness (“COA”). **Greg Konover, owner of 25 West Hill Drive and Peter Starr, Contractor**, came before the WHHDC to discuss his COA to replace the exterior accent wooden timbers to the second story of his Tudor Style house. Mr. Starr shared that 5/4 10” cedar or any other natural wood product is presently unavailable at his go-to lumber yards. Mr. Starr shared painted samples of a removed rotten board of wood alongside a Boral board which is an ash/fiber composition product stamped to look like wood and is compatible with the size, scale, and color of the removed original accent timber.

Chair Lewis shared some information from The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, including:

- a. The Konover COA can be considered Preservation in nature as it work to sustain the existing form, integrity and materials of an existing historic property.
- b. Standards for Preservation-
 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of

craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.

6. The existing condition of historic features will be evaluated to determine the appropriate level of intervention needed. Where the severity of deterioration requires repair or limited replacement of a distinctive feature, the new material will match the old in composition, design, color and texture.

c. In cases where the greatest degree of intervention, limited replacement in kind should prevail. Replacing in kind (i.e., with wood,)... The new work should match the old in material, design, scale, color and finish.

d. Lastly, regarding, Wood Rehabilitation, “Smooth-surfaced cementitious siding may be used to replace deteriorated wood siding only on secondary elevations that have minimal visibility.¹

Motion to approve the replacement accent wooden timbers COA was made and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Fransson, Harris, and Schwartz.

Vote: The vote was split 3/1 to approve; Lewis, Fransson and Schwartz approving, Harris declining.

The **motion is carried** and Commissioner Lewis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. **WHHDC Meeting Minutes:** The WHHDC Commissioners reviewed the March 28th, 2022 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes, was made and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Fransson and Harris.

Vote: Unanimously approved

The **motion is carried** and Commissioner Lewis will inform the Town Clerk’s Office.

3. **Commissioners’ Concerns and Comments:**

The WHHDC is continuing to look for a new Commissioner.

4. **Public Comment:**

None.

5. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Lewis, Chair
Historic District Commission
West Hartford, CT

¹ Kay D. Weeks and Anne E. Grimmer, The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service Technical Preservation Services Washington, D.C., 1995, Pps, 2, 28, 40 and 92. <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/treatment-guidelines-2017.pdf>