



WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall - Room 312
Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Mitch Lewis, Chair
Andrei Tarutin, Member
Julie Harris, Alternate
Sherri Schwartz, Alternate

Commissioners Not Present:

Cynthia Cormier, Member
Pam Howard, Vice-Chair
Karl Fransson, Alternate

Mr. Lewis called the West Hartford Historic District Commission (“WHHDC”) to Order at 7:30 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 Bernstein and Merida Certificate of Appropriateness (“COA”). **Susan Bernstein and Alex Merida, owners of 1617 Boulevard**, came before the WHHDC to discuss their COA to renovate/remodel the existing front entrance to be become a tasteful gable dormer covered portico, replacing the deteriorating brick landing and steps with fresh stone and adding two new structural columns alongside a pair of wrought iron railings. The new covered entryway is balanced, proportionate and compatible with the existing structure.

Motion to approve the renovation to the front entrance COA was made and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Harris, Tarutin, and Schwartz.

Vote: The vote was unanimous to approve.

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

2. Mr. Lewis introduced the Hurvitz Certificate of Appropriateness (“COA”). **Lena Hurvitz, resident of 1579 Boulevard**, came before the WHHDC to discuss her COA to install a 6’ stockade wooden fence along the rear perimeter and rear side of the property. The work has already begun and is expected to be completed by mid-Summer.

Motion to approve the wooden fence installation COA was made and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Harris, Tarutin, and Schwartz.

Vote: The vote was unanimous to approve.

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

3. Mr. Lewis introduced the Cooner Certificate of Appropriateness (“COA”). **Nancy Cooner, owner of 1593 Boulevard**, came before the WHHDC to discuss her COA to install a wooden picket fencing 3’ across the midsection of her front yard behind the tree. The wooden fence will be new as well as a replacement to some existing metal wire fencing.

Motion to approve the wooden picket fence installation COA was made and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Harris, Tarutin, and Schwartz.

Vote: The vote was unanimous to approve.

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 February 28th, 2022 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

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

Seated: Harris, and Schwartz.

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.

Robert Garrey audited tonight’s meeting and informed the Commission that he was on the Old Wethersfield HDC and is interested in becoming a Commissioner of the WHHDC. We look forward to his perspective and welcome his service.

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 8:01 p.m.

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