



WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall - Room 312
Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Mitch Lewis, Chair
Pam Howard, Vice-Chair
Cynthia Cormier, Member
Karl Fransson, Alternate
Robert Garry, Alternate
Sherri Schwartz, Alternate

Commissioners Not Present:

Julie Harris, Alternate
Andrei Tarutin, Member

Chair Lewis called the West Hartford Historic District Commission (“WHHDC”) to Order at 7:33 p.m. and then introduced the Board Commissioners to those in attendance and explained the WHHDC meeting procedures.

NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Chair Lewis introduced the Perron Certificate of Appropriateness Application (“COA”). **Robert and Maribeth Perron, owners of 1585 Boulevard**, came before the Commission to share their proposal for a new rooftop solar atop the South facing (non-streetscape facing) side of their house. An additional electrical panel will be installed and located next to the existing electrical meter at the side of the house.
Motion to approve the COA was made.
Seated: Cormier, Garry, Howard, Schwartz and Lewis.
Vote: The vote was unanimous to approve.
The **motion carried** and Chair Lewis will inform the Building Department at the next earliest convenience.
2. Chair Lewis introduced the Mussomeli Certificate of Appropriateness Application (“COA”). **Isaac Mussomeli, owner of 1562 Boulevard**, came before the Commission to share his just completed repair work to his front porch, front steps and brickwork about the house. Isaac replaced the deteriorated front steps with tasteful bluestone treads and stone risers and installed a continuous bluestone cap to the porch walls, as well as, repointed the brickwork as needed and finally applied a fresh coat of paint atop the brick.

Motion to approve the COA was made.

Seated: Cormier, Garry, Howard, Schwartz and Lewis.

Vote: The vote was unanimous to approve.

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

3. Chair Lewis introduced **Barrett Kritzmeyer, owner of 208 N. Main Street**, who has three COAs: two for wooden fencing and one for a gravel turnaround to the front South/West side of the property. The fencing is a tasteful and new horizontal look in keeping with the existing lines of the Saltbox design. Fencing will be of cedar 8' x 6" by 6" throughout and budget depending, 8" is also acceptable. The gravel drive turnaround will be in keeping with the existing stone composition and be contained with a brownstone edging.

Motion to approve the COA was made.

Seated: Cormier, Garry, Howard, Schwartz and Lewis.

Vote: The vote was unanimous to approve.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. **Commissioners' Concerns and Comments:**

The WHHDC Chair appreciates Preservation Connecticut and SHPO for conducting their educational event on May 10th at the West Hartford Town Hall. Special thanks for Stacey Vairo, Brad Schide and Mary Dunne for their time and expertise. There was a free and generous sharing of best practices and knowledge transfer regarding materials, solar and windows. It was also great to meet neighboring Town Commissioners. We welcome more of these as time and occasion permits.

2. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made Howard. The vote was unanimous to approve. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.**



Mitch Lewis Historic District Commission Chair/Secretary