



WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town Hall - Room 312

Monday, 6th January, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Special Meeting - Minutes

Commissioners Present: Mitch Lewis, Chair/Secretary; Robert Garrey, Vice-Chair; Aileen Bastos, Member; Kevin Flood, Member; Brian Clemow, Alternate and Matt Schreck, Alternate.

Absent: Sherri Schwartz, Member and Karl Fransson, Alternate.

Chair Lewis called the West Hartford Historic District Commission (“WHHDC”) to order at 7:32 p.m., then introduced the Board Commissioners to those in attendance and gave a brief description of the WHHDC’s meeting agenda and procedures.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Lewis introduced the Martin Certificate of Appropriateness Application (“COA”).

Chair Lewis moved to open discussion on the Martin COA and was seconded.

Steve and Sara Martin, owners of 14 West Hill Drive, COA to replace the deteriorated original wooden gutters with 5 inch K-Style galvanized steel retaining existing downspouts. Commissioners appreciated the owners’ plans to minimize impact by using a mahogany styling as shared in submitted photographs.

Chair Lewis introduced the Design Review for infill development to 136 - 152 Raymond Road.

Chair Lewis moved to open an informal discussion on the Design Review and was seconded.

Jack Kemper, Architect for the infill development to 136-152 Raymond Rd shared a detailed site layout and plans for the development including a duplex similar in form, massing, setback, proportion and style to the existing houses directly along Raymond Rd. In addition, he shared site plans for an additional bank of 5 townhouses and accompanying new attached garages and one new freestanding garage, several new additional parking spaces, to be erected to the rear of the property site and along TroutBrook, all serviced by a new one-way entry/exit-way. Commissioners appreciated Mr Kemper’s thorough review of the plans for the site development and openness to questions, but shared serious concerns with the proposed: increase in building density, the loss of neighborhood character, diminishment of distinct property identity and finally, detriment to the nature scape. The infill development plans shared tonight would negatively impact the existing character and current state of the Boulevard/Raymond Road Historic District.

SPECIAL MEETING

Deliberation of Public Hearing Item:

Steve and Sara Martin, owners of 14 West Hill Drive, COA to replace the deteriorated original wooden gutters with 5 inch K-Style galvanized steel retaining existing downspouts. Move to adopt the COA as submitted was made by Schreck, and seconded.

Seated: Lewis, Garrey, Bastos, Flood and Clemow.

Vote: The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

Commissioner's Updates

Chair Lewis welcomed new Commissioner Members Aileen Bastos and Kevin Flood to the WHHDC.

Move to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:52 p.m. by Mr. Clemow, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be held on Monday 27th January, 2025 in Town Hall Room 312 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitch Lewis Historic District Commission Chair/Secretary