

Windham Historic District Commission Meeting
September 24, 2008

Commissioners present: W. McMunn, Chair; C. Thorpe, D. Johnson (alt.), Alice Burns-Decelles, D. Masopust, and N. Ames

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Loretta Smith, representing Andrew Smith, presented an application to install exterior storm windows on the house at 80 Windham Center Road (Property 19).

The first and second floor windows of the front of the house, excepting the casement window and the two sidelights over the portico, will be fitted with wood-framed double-hung double track Marvin windows. The wood will be painted white.

Double-hung triple-track white aluminum framed Mercuryexcelum XL400 windows will be installed on the side and back of the house excepting the large picture window at the kitchen.

Low-E glass will be used on some or all of the storm windows.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:46 pm and the Commission Meeting was called to order.

Dave Masopust moved to accept the application as presented with the proviso that the Commissioners be informed when a decision is made regarding the three windows above the portico and the picture window.

Nancy Ames seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued regarding the Commission preference for wood windows or interior storm windows over exterior aluminum windows.

The motion passed. Bill McMunn, Dave Masopust, Alice Burns-Decelles, and Nancy Ames voted yes. Charlie Thorpe voted no.

Bill McMunn and David Johnson reported about a workshop on managing historic districts they attended the previous week. The workshop was a joint effort of the CT Trust for Historic Preservation and the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism.

Alice Burns-Decelles informed the Commissioners that the Congregational Church may re-gravel the parking area. There may also be the need for some changes to the porch supports that will require the Commission's attention.

Nancy Ames reported that she had been contacted by Michelle McGeowan regarding the roof at 63 Windham Center Road (Property 28). The asphalt shingle roof will be replaced by another asphalt shingle roof. Nancy Ames informed Michelle McGeowan that no Certificate of Appropriateness is necessary.

The Commissioners agreed that a follow-up for more details needs to be made to Bill Niarhakos regarding work at 23 Scotland Road, (Property 7).

Nancy Ames informed the Commissioners about The Last Green Valley grant awarded to the Windham Free Library for a condition assessment of the library and the Dr. Hunt office. As a result, plans to replace the Library roof are on hold. Bill McMunn reminded the Commissioners that applications not acted upon in 65 days are considered approved and suggested that the Library withdraw its application. Nancy Ames will make that suggestion at the next Library Board meeting.

The Commissioners discussed changes, additions, and corrections they would like to see made to the Town's website. Bill McMunn requested that the commissioners look at the website and email their comments to him so that he can put together a list of items to be addressed with Jim Finger.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ames