



**CITY OF HARTFORD
HARTFORD HISTORIC PROPERTIES &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS
260 Constitution Plaza – Hartford, CT**

MINUTES

January 15, 2020

The Hartford Historic Properties & Preservation Commissions held a Public Hearing at **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020** at the Plaza Level Conference Room of 260 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103.

Hartford Historic Properties Commission

Attendance

Present: Chair Michael O'Connell, Commissioners and Albert Gary, Jeffrey Jahnke, Edith Pestana, Virginia Seeley and Alternate Commissioner Jonathan Clark

Absent, Alternate Commissioner Aurelia Gale

Staff Present: Vanessa Walton, Jonathan Hopkins and Aimee Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael O'Connell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

HISTORIC REVIEWS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Hartford Historic Preservation Commission

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CALL TO ORDER

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HISTORIC REVIEWS

1. 414 Edgewood Street

This was a proposal for the repair of the first floor front porch, including the addition of footings, floor boards, posts and to raise the railing height to 42 inches of a 1911 Queen Anne home

located in the Upper Albany National Historic District. Senior Planner Jonathan Hopkins gave an overview of the proposal. The applicant, Mr. Curtis Douglas was not present. Ms. Mary Falvey, Executive Director of Historic Preservation Alliance commented that the home was a Neville Brother's house. There were no other testimony or comments and Chair Michael O'Connell closed the Public Hearing. The Commission entered into deliberation and Commissioner Edith Pestana made a **MOTION** to **AMEND** the resolution to add the following conditions:

1. The vinyl porch skirting be replaced with square wood lattice in framing in order to promote ventilation under the porch to prevent future rotting and to match the historic character of the structure;
2. Handrail and balusters shall be provided around each side of the first floor porch, constructed with top and bottom rails and 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square wood balusters mounted between the top and bottom rail with the top rail at a code compliant height.

Seconded by Commissioner Albert Gary. The **AMENDED** resolution was **APPROVED** by a vote of **5-0**.

**CITY OF HARTFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION
414 EDGEWOOD STREET**

Whereas, The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the proposal to repair the existing front porch; and

Whereas, The property is located in the Upper Albany National Historic District; and

Whereas, The structure is a 2 1/2 story wood frame of Queen Anne style; and

Whereas, The applicant proposes to repair the existing porch as follows:

1. Support the existing porch decks with temporary supports,
2. Pour new concrete footings under the existing wood posts,
3. Replace damaged wood decking in-kind with new tongue and groove wood decking,
4. Repair existing reposts and re-install them on the porch, and
5. Raise the height of the existing railing to conform to building code requirements; and

Whereas, The proposed work does not detract from the historic fabric of the neighborhood; and

Whereas, The proposed repair work is consistent with the City's Historic Design Principals;

Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves the proposed work with the following conditions:

3. The vinyl porch skirting be replaced with square wood lattice in framing in order to promote ventilation under the porch to prevent future rotting and to match the historic character of the structure;
4. Handrail and balusters shall be provided around each side of the first floor porch, constructed with top and bottom rails and 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square wood balusters mounted between the top and bottom rail with the top rail at a code compliant height.

Be It Further,

Resolved, This 15th day of January 2020.

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103 **2. 456-458 Edgewood Street**

104 This was a proposal to cover the existing asbestos shingle siding material with new vinyl siding
105 with a Dutchlap profile on a 1912 Queen Anne residential home located in the Upper Albany
106 National Historic District. Senior Planner Jonathan Hopkins gave an overview of the proposal.
107 The applicant, John Graham was present along with Mr. Lou Rigowski, the contractor for the
108 project, who addressed the Commission. Mr. Graham showed the Commission a photo of what is
109 currently under the asbestos siding. Also there to speak was Ms. Mary Falvey, Executive
110 Director of Historic Preservation Alliance, who commented that the home was a Neville
111 Brother's house. She stated that the Dutchlap would not be appropriate for this home. There were
112 no other comments or testimony from the public and the Public Hearing was closed. The
113 Commission entered into deliberation and Commissioner Virginia Seeley made a **MOTION** to
114 **AMMEND** the resolution to add the following conditions:

- 115 1. New vinyl siding shall have a traditional clapboard profile with a 4-inch reveal
- 116 2. The reveal between the first and second stories shall be maintained with new siding
- 117 3. The window frames shall be built-out and raised above the siding and enclosed with
118 5 ½-inch-wide window trim in metal or PVC.

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120 **Seconded** by Commissioner Albert Gary. The Commission unanimously voted to **APPROVE**
121 the **AMENDED** resolution by a vote of **5-0**.
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123 **CITY OF HARTFORD**
124 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION**
125 **456-458 EDGEWOOD STREET**

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127 **Whereas,** The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the proposal to cover
128 the existing asbestos siding with new vinyl siding; and
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130 **Whereas,** The property is located in the Upper Albany National Historic District; and
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132 **Whereas,** The structure is a 2 ½ story wood frame of Queen Anne style; and
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134 **Whereas,** All siding work will be done in a manner consistent with the historic character of the
135 house; and
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137 **Whereas,** The applicant proposes to cover existing siding with new vinyl siding as follows:
138 Install new vinyl siding per the manufacturers recommendations; and
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140 **Whereas,** The proposed siding work is consistent with the City's Historic Design Principals;
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142 Now Therefore Be It
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144 **Resolved,** The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves the proposed
145 work with the following conditions:
146 4. New vinyl siding shall have a traditional clapboard profile with a 4-inch reveal
147 5. The reveal between the first and second stories shall be maintained with new siding
148 6. The window frames shall be built-out and raised above the siding and enclosed with
149 5 ½-inch-wide window trim in metal or PVC;
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151 Be It Further,
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153 **Resolved,** This 15th day of January 2020.
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156 **3. 51 Squire Street**

157 This was an application for the replacement of the front door of the house, installation of stairs and
158 deck on the second floor of an 1880 vernacular residential building located in the Frog Hollow
159 National Historic District. Senior Planner Jonathan Hopkins gave an overview of the proposal and
160 stated that the work has already been completed on the property. They are seeking the approval of
161 the Commission to complete the project of adding an exterior stair, deck and entrance to the north
162 side of the single family home. The Applicant, Mr. Hisham Sharif was not present to address the
163 Commission. Ms. Mary Falvey of the Hartford Historic Preservation Alliance spoke stated that
164 the agency she represents has a lot of issues with this applicant. She also stated that her research
165 revealed that the home was built around the 1840's. There were no other comments or testimony
166 and the Public Hearing was closed. Chair Michael O'Connell made a **MOTION** to **DENY**
167 **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** the application, **Seconded** by Commissioner Jeffrey Jahnke. The
168 **Commission voted unanimously to DENY THE APPLICATION** by a vote of **5-0**.
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170 **CITY OF HARTFORD**
171 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION**
172 **51 SQUIRE STREET**
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174 **Whereas,** The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the proposal to
175 complete work on exterior stairs, doors, and decks at 51 Squire Street; and
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177 **Whereas,** The property is located in the Frog Hollow National Historic District; and
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179 **Whereas,** The structure is a 2-story wood frame of vernacular style; and
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181 **Whereas,** The applicant proposes to complete construction of the exterior stairs as follows:
182 Construct the stairs to comply with zoning and building regulations; and
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186 **Resolved,** The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby denies the proposed work
187 without prejudice;
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189 Be It Further,
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191 **Resolved,** This 15th day of January 2020.
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194 **4. 23-25 Alden Street**

195 This was a proposal for the rehabilitation of a deteriorated residential structure to make the
196 building habitable. The building is an 1893 Queen Anne residential building located in the South
197 Green National Historic District. Senior Planner Jonathan Hopkins gave an overview of the
198 proposal. The applicant, Reuven Vickman was present to address the Commission. Also there to
199 speak was Ms. Mary Falvey of the Hartford Historic Preservation Alliance stated that this is a
200 Scoville Home and she believes it one of the early ones built. There were no other testimony or
201 comments from the public and the Public Hearing was closed. The Commission entered into
202 deliberation and Commissioner Virginia Seeley made a **MOTION** to **AMEND** the resolution to
203 state the following:
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205 Decking on the front porch shall be replaced in-kind with 5 1/8 inch Douglas Fir tongue
206 and groove wood decking
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208 Repair existing basement woods windows in place or, if prohibitive, install new
209 historically appropriate (i.e. dark brown) vinyl windows
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The electric meters be placed on the side of the building and/or behind plantings to minimize visibility from the street while maintaining access;

Seconded by Commissioner Albert Gary. The **AMENDED** resolution was **APPROVED** by a vote of **5-0**.

**CITY OF HARTFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION
23-25 ALDEN STREET**

Whereas, The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the proposal to rehabilitate exterior features on a residential structure; and

Whereas, The property is located in the South Green National Historic District; and

Whereas, The structure is a 2 ½ story wood frame of Queen Anne style; and

Whereas, The applicant proposes to rehabilitate the structure as follows:

1. Install new electric meters on the building exterior;
2. Replace existing railings with new historically appropriate railing system;
3. Repair existing curved windows and install a single pane of glass or, if prohibitively expensive, plexiglass;
4. Paint existing exterior doors; and

Whereas, The proposed rehabilitation work is consistent with the City's Historic Design Principals;

Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves the proposed work with the following conditions:

1. The electric meters be placed on the side of the building and/or behind plantings to minimize visibility from the street while maintaining access;
2. Repair existing basement wood windows in place or, if prohibitive, install new historically appropriate (i.e. dark brown) vinyl windows;
3. Rotted decking on the front porch shall be replaced in-kind with 5 1/8 inch Douglas Fir tongue and groove wood decking;
4. Handrail and balusters shall be provided on either side of the front porch stairs, constructed with top and bottom rails and 1 ½" x 1 ½" square wood balusters mounted between the top and bottom rail with the top rail at a code compliant height.

Be It Further,

Resolved, This 15th day of January 2020.

MINUTES

December 18, 2019- Approved

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

479 Farmington Ave- At the meeting of December 18, 2019, the Commission had a discussion regarding changes in the approved scope of work for projects that had come before them. At that time, the Commission asked that the applicant come before them for an informal discussion to see if there were any issues with the changes made.

In this regard, Mr. Guy Neumann appeared before the Historic Commission and gave explanation of changes that were made to the building that were not part of the approved plans. He informed the Commission that upon removal of the brick, he discovered a storefront that was hidden, which was the original opening of the building. Because he did not remove or change the storefront, he felt that did not have to reappear before this Commission, and acknowledged that he should have.

The Commission was pleased with the decision to retain the original storefront and determined that Mr. Guy Neumann did not have to come back for this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

Administrative Approvals report for the period of December 9, 2019 – January 6, 2019 was distributed to the Commission for review.

LIST OF PERMITS

No permits to be discussed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5: 56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Vanessa L. Walton, Executive Assistant