

# CITY OF HARTFORD

# DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - PLANNING DIVISION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

For consideration: August 19, 2020

#### STAFF REPORT

To: HARTFORD PRESERVATION COMMISSION

FROM: Aimee Chambers, Director of Planning

Email: oneplan@hartford.gov

**PROJECT:** 43 Annawan Street

Parcel ID: 250-57-9173

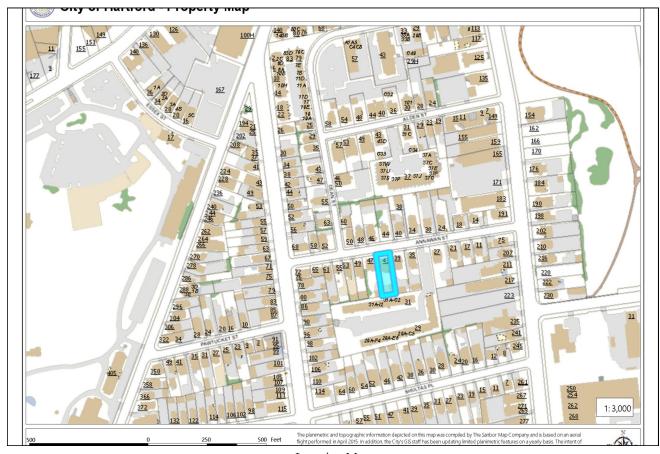
**ZONE:** N5-3 **HISTORIC DISTRICT:** Shultas Place—Annawan Street State Historic District

TYPE: ARTICLE XII HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Sec. 28-170 through 28-221

**APPLICANT:** Villwell Builders I LLC

OWNER: US Bank National Association Trustee



Location Map

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The applicant is seeking retroactive approval for the demolition of a garage which occurred without permits. The applicant seeks the approval for the property record as it is being transferred to a new owner.

The applicant received administrative approval for work done to the principal structure in April

#### LEGAL STANDARD

The Commission reviews and acts upon all applications for Document of Suitability. No person or entity may, without first applying and obtaining the approval of the Commission, file an application for a demolition permit, or for a building permit for any protected property as designated in the Historic Preservation Ordinance Sec. 28-219.(c)

Demolition of a protected property shall be approved by the commission only if the applicant establishes, to the satisfaction of the commission, that (1) there is no economically feasible alternative to demolition or (2) the property, through no fault of any owner of the property after the effective date of this chapter, does not contribute to the architectural or historic character of the district and its demolition will not detract from the architectural or historic character of the district.

#### STANDARD SPECIFIC TO THE USE

The commission shall adopt the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Hartford Guidelines for Renovations and Additions to Historic Buildings.

According to page 27- "Designing Alterations and Additions" of the adopted Guidelines for Renovations and Additions to Historic Buildings; "Alterations and Additions which are in character with the style, detail and massing of the existing building. Alterations and minor additions may reproduce historical style. Larger additions may be contemporary in style and detail, as long as they are compatible in materials, massing and scale to the original.

#### FINDING OF FACTS

CURRENT USE: Residential/ Garage PROPOSED USE: Demolition
YEAR BUILT: 1893 STYLE: Queen Anne

**Particular Mention in historic nomination:** 2 story frame (vinyl) hipped roof two family house. Large central 3-story 3 sided bay, rising to front cross gable is flanked by enclosed entrance porches. Narrow 1-over -1 windows paired in bay.

**Current Conditions:** The application for demolition is for the two-story three-bay garage at the rear of the property. Photos indicate that the garage was in poor condition. The stairs to the second story were unusable and the building suffered from significant weather damaged and wood rot.

Condition of other properties in neighborhood: Other properties in this neighborhood are in fair to good condition. Much of the historic character on the street has been retained and there are several contributing structures for the district.

#### **COMMENTS RECEIVED** (None requested or received as of August 16th 2020)

#### **ANALYSIS**

The request is for retroactive approval for the demolition of a 2-story 3 bay garage. The approval is being sought so the applicant can obtain the proper permits to allow for the sale of the property.

The garage was in poor condition. From the photos supplied by the applicant, it appears unlikely that the structure could've been easily saved. The applicant reports that the structure's roof collapsed and that it was beyond repair.

The applicant received administrative approval for work at 43 Annawan Street in April. In June, the applicant emailed inquiring about the demolition. It was not immediately clear whether the demolition had occurred already when the applicant first inquired about it. Staff informed the applicant that the request would need to be reviewed by the Historic Commission.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Although it is unfortunate that the demolition took place prior to the Historic Commission's review, staff recommends approval.

A draft resolution follows;

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Photos of the Subject Property
- 2. Email Correspondence between the applicant and DDS staff
- 3. Contractor's License and Insurance

REVIEWED,		
Aimee Chambers, Director		



### CITY OF HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION

#### **43 ANNAWAN STREET**

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROPOSAL

Whereas,	The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the request for the
ŕ	demolition of 43 Annawan Street; and

Whereas, the property is located in the Shultas Place—Annawan Street State Historic District; and

**Whereas,** the structure is a 2 story wood frame garage associated with a 2 story Queen Ann style house; and

Whereas, the applicant proposes to demolish this wood frame accessory building to allow for site improvements; and

Whereas, these site improvements facilitate the sale of the property; and

Whereas, the applicant has submitted all documents required for a building demolition review; and

Whereas: staff are unable to determine whether rehabilitation of this building might be economically feasible due to the fact that the structure has already been demolished; and

Whereas, the proposed demolition is not consistent with the City's Historic Design Principles;

Now therefore be It

**Resolved,** The City of Hartford Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves the proposed demolition with the following condition:

Be It Further,

**Resolved,** This 19th day of August 2020.















#### **Attachment B:** Emails regarding demolition request

From: Hopkins, Jonathan

To: Chambers, Aimee

**Subject:** Fw: 43 Annawan St, Historic Property Demolition

**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 4:01:03 PM

Aimee,

My understanding is that a garage in the backyard of 43 Annawan Street was demolished without Historic approval. The owner is seeking retroactive approval for the demolition. This was supposed to be discussed at June's HPC meeting, but we ran out of time. I don't know if the Commission would want to review this as an application, or if they would be fine with it being administratively approved (which I'm not sure is possible for a demolition).

From: Villwell Builders <villwellsg@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:25 PM

**To:** Hopkins, Jonathan < Jonathan. Hopkins@hartford.gov> **Subject:** Re: 43 Annawan St, Historic Property Demolition

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Hello Jonathan,

Reaching out about \$3-45 Annawan . The bank needs to know when this permit will be taken care of . The sale of the property is being held back due to this .

THank you Nicole

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 12:17 PM Hopkins, Jonathan < <u>Jonathan.Hopkins@hartford.gov</u>> wrote:

I will let the Commission know about this demolition at this Wednesday's meeting and I'll see what they say. Is the applicant coming in now trying to get Building Permits after they demolished the garage?

**From:** Fry, Sandra

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:53 AM

**To:** Cruz, Carlos < <u>Carlos.Cruz@hartford.gov</u>>; Hopkins, Jonathan

<Jonathan.Hopkins@hartford.gov>

Cc: villwellsg@gmail.com

**Subject:** RE: 43 Annawan St, Historic Property Demolition

The way the ordinance reads is that any demolition in a historic district requires historic approval, whether or not the structure is visible from the street. We did an administrative approval of a garage that was not visible from the street a year ago and the Commission

made clear that no demolitions, even of structures that are not visible from the street, can be approved without first coming before the Commission. Don't know if there have been any changes to this more recently. I will let Jonathan weigh in on whether this needs to come to the commission now.

Sandy Fry
Senior Project Manager
Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Department of Development Services
City of Hartford

From: Cruz, Carlos

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 10:16 AM

**To:** Hopkins, Jonathan < <u>Jonathan. Hopkins@hartford.gov</u>>; Fry, Sandra

<<u>Sandra.Fry@hartford.gov</u>>
Cc: villwellsg@gmail.com

**Subject:** 43 Annawan St, Historic Property Demolition

Good morning,

A detached garage at this historic property was demolished, the roof was collapsed and building was beyond repair and not visible from the street per the applicant, garage was in the rear of the property. Is this something that Historic would have wanted to look at prior to demolition or still needs to look at?

Respectfully,

Carlos L Cruz
Zoning Enforcement Officer
City of Hartford - Department of Developmental Services
250 Constitution Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
860-757-9275
carlos.cruz@hartford.gov

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Subject: Fwd: 43-45 Annawan

From: Villwell Builders <villwellsg@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 04, 2020 9:31 am

To: Andrea Fortier <afortier@villwell.com>

Thank you Jay Rainville Villwell Builders I LLC W:888-256-3780 F:203-568-0334 C:203-509-4103 Sent from my iPhone

Please give us a review on Angies list: http://www.angieslist.com/AngiesList/Review/7677604

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cruz, Carlos" <Carlos.Cruz@hartford.gov>
Date: July 29, 2020 at 10:13:54 AM EDT
To: Villwell Builders <villwellsg@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: 43-45 Annawan

#### Good morning,

We do not have a pending application for 43 Annawan in our system, tgis type of application would require approval from the Historic Preservation Commission. The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is on August 19, 2020 and the deadline for submission is August 4, 2020. Please make an appointment for submission by calling 860-757-9307 or 860-757-9239. You can also apply online at hartfordct.gov and search "apply for historic review".

Respectfully,

Carlos L Cruz
Zoning Enforcement Officer
City of Hartford - Department of Developmental Services
250 Constitution Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
860-757-9275
carlos.cruz@hartford.gov

From: Villwell Builders

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:28 PM

To: Cruz, Carlos

Subject: 43-45 Annawan

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I needs a statues on this property application for the demolition of the garage, This is holding up the sale of the property. I called multiple times no one is getting back to me. Your mailbox is unfortunately full.

Thank you Nicole

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Expiratio s 11/30/2020

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