

**Warwick Historic District Commission**

**Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 15, 2008, 6:00pm**

**Warwick City Hall**

**Planning Department**

**The following Commission members and staff were in attendance.**

**Mr. Bill McQuade**

**Mr. Barry O'Brien**

**Ms. Carol Pratt**

**Ms. Ginny Leslie**

**Ms. Donna Tobin**

**The following Commission members were absent:**

**Mr. Robert Kunz, Chairman**

**Mr. Henry Brown**

**Mr. Barry O'Brien**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Commissioner McQuade, acting as Chair.**

**Review of application #06-245-008**

**Petition Residential**

**95 Colonial Avenue**

**Apponaug Village**

**The Petitioner, Erik Thorpe was present for the reinstatement of the**

**Certificate of Appropriateness which had expired. The Commission reviewed the previous approval then a motion was made by Commissioner Leslie to approve the reinstatement of the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-292-459**

**Petition Residential**

**18 Lawrence Avenue**

**Pawtuxet Village**

**The Petitioner was present for the meeting, along with artist James Montfoid, who designed the new entry. The entry has been constructed without out proper permitting and the Petitioner had been cited by the Building Department and was appearing before the Commission in response to this citation.**

**The building is a contributing structure within the district, constructed at the turn of the century, but has been heavily altered. The Petitioner has lived there for approximately 15 years and was seeking a way to distinguish the home.**

**The covered entry is made of pressure treated lumber and decorative iron elements and could be easily removed in the future. A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to approve Petition #08-292-459 citing Secretary of the Interior's Standard #9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-291-023**

**Petition Residential**

**69 Post Road**

**Pawtuxet Village**

**The Petitioners, Mary Sharp and Jim Turner, were present for the meeting for the Petition to demolish an existing detached garage.**

**The demolition is part of a proposed subdivision of the lot.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leslie to approve Petition #08-291-023 to demolish or remove the existing garage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pratt. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-245-018**

**Petition Residential**

**172 College Street**

**Apponaug Village**

**The Petitioner, Jacqueline Alger, was present for the Petition to remove two existing doors and infill the space. The Commission asked the Petitioner for more information regarding the proposed changes, primarily drawing or drawings showing the proposed changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Tobin to continue the Petition to the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pratt. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-274-163**

**Petition Residential**

**25 Reed Street**

**Pontiac Village**

**The Petitioner, Leonard Corey was present for the Petition to remove the existing deck and construct a new deck to different dimensions. This is a multifamily building and is not considered to be a contributing structure. The proposed deck will be 10'x11' and the existing deck is 5'x10'. A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to approve Petition #08-274-163 citing Secretary of the Interior's Standard #9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-274-204 A & B**

**Petition NYLO Hotel/Pontiac Mill**

**400 Knight Street**

**Pontiac Village**

**NYLO Hotels was represented by Stephen Taylor. The Petitioner presented two Petitions. The first Petition is for the hotel signage, building, banners and free standing signs. A motion was made by Commissioner Tobin to approve the signage citing Secretary of the Interior's Standard #9 with the stipulation that none of the signage be internally illuminated. (The building sign will be backlit.) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie. All voted in favor, none opposed**

**The second Petition was for signage on the existing water tower. The tower is part of the mill complex and currently is painted with the word “Warwick.” The Petitioner would like to repaint the tower and paint around the tank 3 NYLO logos. This would be externally illuminated.**

**A motion was made to approve the logo on the water tower as submitted in the application dated May 1, 2008 by Commissioner Leslie with the stipulation that the signage be externally illuminated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-246-231**

**Petition Commercial**

**1 Centerville Road**

**Apponaug Village**

**The Petitioner, Robert Carlson and sign manufacturer, Herb Jackson, were present for the Petition to remove and replace the existing awning. The work has been completed without proper permitting. The Petitioner explained that he had been assured by the sign installer that all necessary permits had been obtained. The Petitioner stated that the primary reason he leased the property is for the existing signage and that it would be an economic hardship to fabricate a new sign. This sign uses the existing structural system but a new covering with the Petitioner’s logo has been installed. Commissioner Pratt explained that there are funds available for**

**façade improvements through the Community Development Office.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leslie to continue the Petition to the June meeting to allow time to research the previous approvals for the awning. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-245-316**

**Petition Commercial**

**3066 Post Road**

**Apponaug Village**

**The Petitioner, John Wisniewski and sign manufacturer, Herb Jackson, were present for the Petition to install a new sign and replace an existing awning. There is an existing internally illuminated sign on the site. The Petitioner would prefer to remove this existing sign and upgrade to the sign as presented. The Commission stated a new sign could not be internally illuminated, but that the existing sign could be refaced. The Commission stated that the awning could be done administratively, as a replacement in kind. A motion was made by Commissioner Pratt to continue Petition #08-245-316 in order for the Petitioner to consider a redesign of the free standing sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**Review of application #08-292-294**

**Petition Residential/Multifamily**

## **47-49 Bayside**

### **Pawtuxet Village**

**The Petitioner, Jennifer Fallon and project contractor, were present for the Petition to remove and replace the existing aluminum windows in the building. The use is currently an owner-occupied, three family residential units. The Petitioner is proposing to replace all of the existing windows with vinyl replace windows due to economic reasons. The Petitioner is also requesting to replace the existing garage doors. A motion was made by Commissioner Leslie to divide the Petition into two Petition #08-292-294 for the windows and Petition #08-292-294A for the doors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pratt. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leslie to continue Petition #08-292-294 to enable the Petitioner to research window options. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pratt. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leslie to approval Petition #08-292-294A citing Secretary of the Interior's Standard #9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin. All voted in favor, none opposed.**

### **Other Business**

**The minutes of the February 21, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia G. Reynolds**

**Department of Planning**