

MINUTES
WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2025
HYBRID MEETING, ROSE ROOM, TOWN HALL
275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

Present: Chairperson Dupont-Diehl, Commissioner Yeich, and Alternate Commissioner Olson

Also Present: Mitch Vye, Assistant Town Planner, Town of Windsor, Jordan & Araceli Rial,
Applicants/Homeowners

Commissioner Dupont-Diehl called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

- I. New Business
 - A. Minutes
 - Minutes April 9, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Yeich moved to approve the minutes of April 9th, 2025 as amended. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.

- II. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 180 Palisado Ave., Roof replacement, Rial

Jordan and Araceli explained that the roof is being replaced due to its poor condition and stated that replacing the slate roof with in-kind materials would cost up to \$100,000. They are proposing fifty-year architectural shingles that have a similar aesthetic. Commissioner Yeich asked how many houses on Palisado had slate roofs. Jordan responded that a few do. Commissioner Yeich stated that it was a shame that the cost was so prohibitive. Araceli stated that they tried to find a way to repair the roof, but the damage is too extensive. Alternate Commissioner Olson asked if synthetic slate was considered. They responded that they asked about alternatives and the contractor did not mention synthetic slate as an option. Jordan added that synthetic can be expensive because only a few people do that work. Commissioner Yeich wondered if there were any grants they could get. Jordan stated that they are new to this and that the project is time sensitive. Commissioner Dupont-Diehl asked about the appearance of the proposed roof. He stated that the color will match, so the appearance won't change much from a roadside view. The Commission reviewed photographs of shingles similar to those proposed. Mr. Vye said that the Historic District Handbook states that replacing with the same color and materials should be considered, but architectural shingles are usually appropriate.

Motion: Commissioner Yeich moved to approve the application 180 Palisado Ave., Roof replacement, Rial. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.

III. Old Business

Commissioner Dupont-Diehl stated that Erin Fink of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development may be able to join the November 19 meeting to discuss the Historic Homes Tax Credit.

Commissioner Yeich liked the plan for a two-page summary of the Historic District Handbook. Mr. Vye stated that there is a draft of this and it would be added onto the town's updated website.

IV. Miscellaneous

- Appointment of Historic District Commission Liaison

Mr. Vye stated that the Historic District Commission liaison is typically the Assistant Town Planner, but it is currently Todd Sealy. A vote is required to change the liaison.

Motion: Commissioner Yeich moved to appoint Mitch Vye as the Historic District Commission Liaison. Alternate Commissioner Olson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.

V. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Dupont-Diehl made the motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m., Commissioner Olson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.