

**CITY OF NEWBURGH
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION meeting of
May 10, 2011.**

The regular meeting of the City of Newburgh **Architectural Review Commission** was held on **Tuesday, May 10, 2011**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center at 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York.

Members Present: **Mary Crabb, Chairperson**
Brigidanne Flynn
Paula Stevens
John Ledwith, IV
Joseph Minuta

Members Absent: **Michele Basch**
Peter King

Also Present: **Michelle Kelson, Corporation Counsel**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. after a quorum was confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS

AR 2011-15 **169 Liberty Street**
To install new sign.
Applicant: Marie Figueroa

DISCUSSION

A. J. Coppola appeared for the applicant and requested a postponement until next month's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AR 2011-17

406 Grand Street

To install cedar shake siding where porch meets roof; remove chimney; install Trex decking at front porch; cut back exterior wing wall on right side and eliminate side window.

Applicant: Mohammad Majeed

DISCUSSION

A. J. Coppola, project architect, appeared along with Rafiq Majeed. The original project was approved in 2010 and a building permit was issued. The Applicant proposes to amend the original by installing cedar shake siding on the area where the porch meets the roof rather than the HardiBoard originally approved. The area is one continuous arc, starting as siding and ending as roof. Brigidanne Flynn suggested installing the cedar all the way up to the gable. The front facade will be a combination of cedar and HardiBoard and on the side, only the skirt will be done in cedar. The Applicant proposes to remove the chimney because it is in disrepair. The top portion is gone and it will be very expensive to repair. Brigidanne Flynn suggested that the chimney be filled in and remain because it adds character to the house. A. J. Coppola said the bricks at the top are crumbling. Joseph Minuta would also like to see the chimney stay. He said it could be replicated with brick and mortar. Trex decking will be installed on the front porch and a side window not visible from the front will be eliminated. They further propose to cut back the exterior wing wall on the right side to keep three planes to match the flair of the front and give it some balance. The rear is now all on the same plane.

There was no one present to speak for or against this application at the Public Hearing.

A motion to approve this application to amend the previous application by installing cedar shake siding on the front façade of the building from the sloping porch roof to the roof line and on the apron around the building, color to match HardiBoard color, install Trex decking at front porch, cut back exterior wing wall on right side and eliminate side window was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by John Ledwith. The Commission recommended that the chimney be repaired and determined the chimney may not be removed without additional approval by the Commission at a future meeting.

The motion was approved 5-0.

AR 2011-18

182 Montgomery Street

To install a spiral staircase on exterior rear elevation, within the footprint of the existing porch; replace existing skylight on north side of roof.

Applicant: Karen Mejia and Jerry Maldonado

DISCUSSION

Karen Mejia, Jerry Maldonado and Jennifer Lucas appeared. They propose to install a spiral staircase in the rear of the house. No repair will be done to the existing porch. The staircase will be cut out and fitted. They also want to replace the existing dome style skylight with a new Velux skylight.

There was no one present to speak for or against this application at the Public Hearing.

A motion to approve this application as written was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by Paula Stevens.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Minutes of the April Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by Joseph Minuta.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Joan Mason
Secretary
Architectural Review Commission