

OXFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Historic District Commission was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Costigan, on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other commission members in attendance were James Deerin, Suzanne Litty, Jennifer Stanley, and Patricia Ingram.

The minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2018 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following permits were reviewed by the commission:

1. Permit #18-07, Andreas Bauer, 101 Stewart Avenue, 14' x 20' garage with garage door in front, 2 windows and door on left side, weather wood shingles to match house, white doors and windows, on concrete pad, anchored to ground; gable roof to match house. Mr. Bauer provided photos to the members as to what his proposed garage would look like explaining that it would be 14' x 20', all wooden, with covered in "Smart Siding," similar to T-111, that is resistant to rot and moisture. The building would sit on a pad and would not be highly visible from the street. It would have architectural shingles that would match the house and would also be painted to match the house. It would also have three windows and a door along with a regular garage door. Mr. Bauer explained that because the new accessory structure was going to disturb 280 sq. ft. he needed to mitigate by having three rain barrels, which would be similar to those used by the Oxford Community Services Building, to be attached to the downspouts of his home. Mr. Costigan asked if the structure was going to be delivered to the property. Mr. Bauer responded that the building would be brought in a section at a time and built directly on the site. Mr. Deerin asked about the shutters on the building that were shown in the photos Mr. Bauer had attached to the application. Mr. Bauer responded that the garage comes with them but that he could take them off if the commission wanted him to. He added that he would not be raising the garage but that it would be vented and anchored on the pad on which it would sit. Mrs. Stanley made a motion to accept the garage plans for 101 Stewart Avenue as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deerin who added that it would include the use of rain barrels. The motion was unanimously approved without further discussion.
2. Permit #18-06, Andreas Bauer, 101 Stewart Ave., Oxford fence with 40" pickets, approximately 5" off the ground on left side of property and on both sides of house matching neighbor's fence to the right and across the street; 2 gates on the front; fence to be white with black hardware. Mr. Bauer explained that there is currently an existing wood fence along the right hand side of his property which becomes a split rail fence along the back. His neighbor on that side already has white Oxford fencing and had indicated to Mr. Bauer that he would welcome Mr. Bauer's request to take the old fencing down and continue with the Oxford style fencing along that entire side. The plan also calls for new Oxford fencing all along the left hand side as well with a single gate on the left hand side of the front of the property and a double gate to the right side of the property. The existing wood fence along the back of the property would remain as is. Mrs. Stanley made a motion to approve the plan for the fence at 101 Stewart Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Litty and unanimously carried without further discussion.
3. Addendum to Permit #18-02, Andreas Bauer, 101 Stewart Ave., replace existing K-style gutters with new ones attached to 3 fifty gallon rain barrels. Mr. Costigan commented that the historic commission does not get involved with requests for rain barrels. Mr. Bauer noted that he had

informed the commission about his desire to use the rain barrels because they would be placed in the front of his house and he wanted to make the commission aware of that. Ms. Litty made a motion to approve the gutters as shown. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanley and unanimously carried with all in favor.

4. Permit #18-02, Andy Bauer, 101 Stewart Ave., installation of new siding. The commission revisited Mr. Bauer's plans for the siding on his house. Mr. Bauer explained that he took the advice of the commission of removing the aluminum siding from his house and discovered that it was clad in wood. The wood siding under his front porch looked to be in good shape. However, the siding on both sides of the house was in bad shape, especially on the left hand side. Mr. Bauer proposed to remove the better planks on the side of the house in order to replace some of the wood siding on the front and to bring the front of the house back to its original look. As for the sides and rear of the house, Mr. Bauer, at the request of the commission, found some better vinyl siding with a 5" profile that he wanted to use that would be in the color "seagrass." The wood siding on the front would be painted to match the vinyl. All trim would be painted white. Mr. Deerin asked if the vinyl had to be 5". Mr. Bauer responded that it did and that it created the perfect fit along with matching the width of the existing wood siding. Ms. Litty asked about the steps leading into the house. Mr. Bauer responded that the steps would go back in place in the same location following the completion of the raising of this house. They would go straight out over a concrete pad in the grandfather location that had been approved by the Oxford Commissioners. Mr. Costigan asked if it was possible for Mr. Bauer to salvage the wood siding on the sides and back. Mr. Bauer responded that it could be done but that it was too expensive for him to consider doing. Mr. Deerin asked if Mr. Bauer would be putting shutters on the house. Mr. Bauer responded that he would not and that the house did not have them when he bought it. Mr. Deerin asked if Mr. Bauer would have to add railing onto the front porch. Mr. Bauer responded that he may have to if the porch ends up being more than 30" above the ground but he would have to wait until his house get lowered to see. However, Mr. Bauer did produce some photos of the type of railing he would like to use. The railing would be wood, painted white, with white handrails going along the front steps. The commission agreed that could approve the railing as Mr. Bauer provided the commission enough specifications. Neighbor to Mr. Bauer Stuart Parnes addressed the commission encouraging them to support Mr. Bauer's proposals. He felt Mr. Bauer had come up with a great compromise and that all the neighbors were totally in favor of all that Mr. Bauer wanted to do to improve the property. Mrs. Stanley made a motion to accept the plan for porch railings, if they should be needed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Litty and unanimously carried. Mr. Deerin made a motion to approve the renovation of the existing wood siding on the front of the house and the painting of that to match the seagrass color of the vinyl siding to be installed on the sides of the house, including the addition on the back and backside of the house which will also be seagrass in color, shown as CertainTeed Main Street Siding. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried with all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk