

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Calhoun-Ives, Sunny Ridge and Washington Green Historic Districts

Minutes – June 20, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger Ms. Woodroofe
Members Absent: Ms. Boyer, Ms. Mills, Ms. Averill
Alternates Present: Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Fairbairn
Clerk: Mr. Buell
Others: Mr. Wodtke, Mr. Deacon

Public Hearing

Public Hearing 81 Green Hill Road

The Chair called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Woodroofe, and Mr. Rimsky. Following this, Mr. Hollinger asked that the clerk, Mr. Buell, read the notice which was published in the newspaper for the Certificate of Appropriateness application to replace the existing fieldstone patio with bluestone, erect an 18-inch-high stone wall around this patio, and construct a new bluestone patio adjacent to the existing stone patio at 81 Green Hill Rd.

Following this, Mr. Deacon, the contractor hired for this project, provided the Commission with a short presentation. Ms. Woodroofe asked if the proposal would include 3 entrances to the existing patio, and Mr. Deacon confirmed this. Mr. Hollinger asked if the proposed wall would be limited to an 18-inch height, and Mr. Deacon indicated that this was correct.

With no additional questions a motion was put forth to end the public hearing

Motion: To close the public hearing at 7:03 by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Ms. Woodroofe.
Passed 3-0.

Regular Meeting

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and seated Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Boyer), Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Averill), Mr. Hollinger, and Ms. Woodroffe.

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 81 Green Hill Road

Mr. Hollinger indicated that he would like to review the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 81 Green Hill Road prior to considering the minutes. With the Commission in agreement, he went on to ask if the Commission had any comments or concerns regarding the project. Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Woodroffe, and Mr. Fairbairn all voiced support for the proposal and a motion was put forth to accept the application.

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 81 Green Hill Road to replace the existing fieldstone patio with bluestone surrounded by a stone wall not to exceed 18 inches, and the construction of a new patio below the existing patio in the yard. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Woodroffe. Passed 4-0.

Consideration of Minutes for the May 16, 2022 Meeting

Mr. Hollinger indicated that he had found two corrections for the May 16, 2022 Historic District Commission meeting. He stated that the motion to approve the previous month's minutes had been worded ambiguously and requested that this be amended. Following this, Mr. Hollinger stated that on the final page of these minutes, the word "barn" had been used in place of garage, and asked that this be amended.

Motion: To accept the May 16, 2022 minutes as amended. Motion put forth by Ms. Woodroffe, seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 4-0.

Discussion of Enforcement

Mr. Hollinger stated that Ms. Haverstock is currently the enforcement office for the Inland Wetlands and Zoning Commissions. He indicated that in the past, former Land Use enforcement officers had been granted the role of Historic District Enforcement Officer, and indicated that for Ms. Haverstock to be named the enforcement officer for the Historic District Commission, this would need to be voted on by

the Commission. Mr. Buell informed the Commission that a conversation with Ms. Haverstock should occur prior to any final vote to designate her as the enforcement officer for the Commission. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Hollinger then informed the Commission that following the approval for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 75 Green Hill Road, two large pillars had been constructed which had not been included with the approval for this Certificate of Appropriateness. He indicated that the approval granted by the Commission had specified that this retaining wall would be a maximum height of 18 inches, and explained that these pillars had been constructed in a manner which does not coincide with this approval. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hollinger went on to explain that following a conversation with Mr. Buell, a letter had been drafted to the owner of 75 Green Hill Road to address this inconsistency.

Mr. Buell was asked to read aloud the letter which he had been asked to draft. Following this, Mr. Fairbairn indicated that the letter should be reworded to encourage the property owner to come to the Historic District Commission to apply for a revision to their initial approval. Further revisions to the letter were recommended, and Mr. Buell indicated that he would send a new draft of the letter to Mr. Fairbairn and Mr. Hollinger with the so noted revisions.

Mr. Hollinger seated Mr. Ferreira for Ms. Mills at 7:21 pm.

Further discussion ensued.

Delay of Demolition

Mr. Hollinger indicated that while reading minutes for other Commissions, he had come across an application for the demolition of a building and expressed concern over the continued absence of a Historical Review Committee. Following a discussion of these concerns, Mr. Rimsky was asked to draft a letter to the Selectman's Office to voice the Commission's concern regarding the continued absence of the Historical Review Committee. A brief discussion ensued.

New/Other Business

No new or other business was addressed by the Commission.

Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. by Mr. Rimsky Seconded by Ms. Woodroffe. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

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Historic District Commission Clerk

6-22-2022

A link to access a recording of this meeting is below.

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