

Washington Historic District Commission
PUBLIC HEARINGS - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2014

7:30 PM

Upper Level Meeting Room

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Boyer, Alison Gilchrist, Tom Hollinger,
George Krinsky, Phyllis Mills
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Susan Averill, Louise Van Tartwijk Novey, Sally
Woodroofe
STAFF PRESENT: Janice Roberti
ALSO PRESENT: David Teh, George Queral and Steve Godwin
(McGiver Morgan), Robert L. Fisher, Jr. (Cramer
& Anderson LLP), Julie Goodyear, Peter Talbot
(Peter Talbot Architects), William Deacon
(Arthur Deacon & Sons)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

David and Robin Teh/8 Kirby Road/Install new front storm door.

Ms. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by David and Robin Teh for the installation of a new storm door on the front of their house.

Ms. Boyer and Ms. Gilchrist expressed concerns about the type of glass that would be used for the door due to the amount of light that might be shed onto the street. Ms. Woodroofe expressed concerns about the general appearance and whether it would detract from the town green area. Mr. Teh explained that the current wood door that was in place would be closed so excessive light would not be emitted from the front entry hallway. He explained that people entering the front of the home needed a practical way to enter. As it is currently, visitors have to step down and back.

Ms. Boyer also inquired about the clapboard that had been removed recently with replacement boards on the front of the house. Mr. Teh informed the committee that during the winter there was an ice dam which caused damage to the front siding. The boards were damaged beyond repair. Replacement was required. Replacement in kind was made and did not require the need for a new COA. This information was on the original COA.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by David and Robin Teh, 8 Kirby Road, to install a new front storm door. By Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Gilchrist.

Ms. Boyer closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM.

Terry and Kelley Pillow/132 Calhoun St. /Construct new home, pool house and barn.

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Terry and Kelley Pillow, 132 Calhoun St. for the construction of a new home, pool house and barn. Mr. George Queral and Mr. Steve Godwin from McGiver-Morgan were present

representing the applicants. The Commissioners looked over the revised plans noting that these plans were more in line with the historic district neighborhood. Mr. Queral explained some of the revisions such as making the gables smaller, front entry smaller, smaller roof and lower house profile. The placement of stone in the front of the house is designed to lower the magnitude of the size of the wings. Ms. Boyer asked for pictures of the type of stone that will be used. Ms. Boyer commented to the committee that the stones would not look like the old stone wall. Mr. Queral stated that local stone will be used. Ms. Gilchrist asked for qualification on the type of stone, how the stones will be cut, pattern (random in size and shape) and whether the stones would look like fieldstone. Ms. Gilchrist commented that using stones like those used on the homes in New Preston might be appropriate. Mr. Godwin suggested looking at a house on Rt. 109, on the left before the light as the stones on this house might be acceptable. Mr. Queral said he will contact his client regarding this discussion on stones.

Ms. Gilchrist then inquired about the types of windows being installed and whether there would be too much light being emitted from the inside of home. Ms. Gilchrist stated that the historic area prefers that exterior lighting shine down rather than up.

The Committee asked McIver-Morgan to return to the committee with the following information:

- Type, material, color of fencing for the pool and whether the fencing will be camouflaged by shrubbery or some other method.
- Interior and exterior lighting design and configuration.
- Type of stone and how it will be laid.
- The pool house and barn visibility from the road.

MOTION: To continue the Public Hearing for consideration of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Terry and Kelley Pillow, 132 Calhoun Street for the construction of a new home, pool house and barn. By Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hollinger and passed 5 to 0.

Julie C. Goodyear/23 Nettleton Hollow Rd. for a one story wood framed addition & expansion of stone terrace.

Ms. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 8:20 PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Julie C. Goodyear, 23 Nettleton Hollow Rd. for a one story wood framed addition & expansion of stone terrace.

Ms. Goodyear, property owner and Peter Talbot, architect, were present and responded to questions from the committee members regarding the visibility of the addition and porch expansion from the road and surrounding neighbors. Ms. Goodyear and Mr. Talbot passed around pictures showing that the house and porch were surrounded by trees and miscellaneous greenery and shrubs confirming that the house was not visible. Committee members made comments that they hadn't noticed this home due to its setting within many trees. Ms. Boyer asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Julie Goodyear, 23 Nettleton Hollow Road, for a one story wood frame addition and expansion of the stone terrace. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Gilchrist.

West Indies, LCC/96 Calhoun Street/install in-ground swimming pool, fence and mechanicals

Mrs. Boyer opened the Public Hearing at 8:35 PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by West Indies, LCC. 96 Calhoun Street to install an in-ground swimming pool, fence and mechanicals.

Robert L. Fisher, Jr. (Cramer & Anderson LLP) was the representative for West Indies, LLC. Attorney Fisher passed around pictures and plans. Committee members asked if the pool would be visible from Calhoun St. and Mr. Fisher responded that it would not be visible.

Ms. Boyer asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Boyer called the meeting to order at 8:45 PM and seated members. All regular and alternates members were present.

David and Robin Teh/8 Kirby Road/Install new front storm door

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by David Teh, 8 Kirby Road, for the installation of a new front storm door. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Mills, 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Passed 3 to 2.

West Indies, LCC/96 Calhoun Street/install in-ground swimming pool, fence and mechanicals

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by West Indies, LLC, 96 Calhoun Street to install an in-ground swimming pool, fence and mechanicals. By Ms. Woodroffe, seconded by Mr. Hollinger and passed 5 to 0.

Julie C. Goodyear/23 Nettleton Hollow Rd. for a one story wood framed addition & expansion of stone terrace.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Julie Goodyear, 23 Nettleton Hollow Road for a one story wood framed addition and expansion of the stone terrace. By Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hollinger and passed 5 to 0.

Peter and Barbara Wodke, 81 Green Hill Road, Town of Washington:

Ms. Boyer asked Mr. Bill Deacon, representative for Peter and Barbara Wodke to summarize the proposed exterior window modifications for those members not present at previous meetings. Mr. Deacon explained that the Wodkes would conform to whatever decision the commission deemed appropriate regarding keeping existing original windows in the older part of the home as is and not disturb the integrity of this section of the home.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Peter and Barbara Wodke, 81 Green Hill Road for exterior window modifications. The two-story part of the house is to remain a consistent 12 over 1 window design while the windows in the old section on the right side of the home facing Green Hill Road remain 12 over 12 as previously approved. By George Krinsky, seconded by Mr. Hollinger and passed 5 to 0.

Simon Kneen & Paolo Secchia/18 Sunny Ridge Road/pool house addition, owner roofing material selection

A letter from Joe Mellito of Crisp Architects dated 3/10/14 was mailed to the committee as a follow up to the conditional Certificate of Appropriateness approved by the Commission on 12/16/13. The condition was for the owners to inform the Commission of their choice of either metal or cedar shake roofing material. The owners have decided to opt for metal seam roofing. This is the result of the Commission requesting that they be notified of such decision by letter which was done.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia, 18 Sunny Ridge Road, for a pool house addition with metal seamed roofing. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Mills and passed 5 to 0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To accept the 3/17/2014 Regular Meeting minutes as written. By Tom Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 5 to 0.

Subsequent Business Not on the Agenda

Ms. Boyer indicated that she would like to form a committee to review the Washington Historic District Rules and Regulations. This discussion will be continued at the 5/19/14 meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hollinger. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
Respectfully submitted,

Janice P. Roberti, Clerk