

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

Minutes – April 15, 2024

Via Teleconference

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Averill, Ms. Mills
Members Absent: Ms. Boyer, Ms. Woodroffe
Alternates Present: Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Ferreira
Alternates Absent:
Staff: Ms. Tingley
Public: Ms. Maclaren, Mr. McTigue, Mr. Dodd

Chair Hollinger called the public meeting to order at 7:00 pm and seated himself, Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Boyer), Ms. Mills, Ms. Averill, Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Woodroffe) and Mr. Ferreira (Alt)

Public Hearing

Public Hearing 1 Wykeham Road

Chair Hollinger asked the clerk to read the legal notice that was published in the paper regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness application for the installation of two 7x7 granite posts and faux rock over propane dome. Ms. Maclaren spoke briefly to the commission regarding the project. They are installing a generator which will have a buried propane tank. The pillars will be situated to protect the buried tank as it is in the front of the building.

Motion: Motion to close the public hearing made by Chair Hollinger, seconded by D. Rimsky, Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing 157 Calhoun Street

Chair Hollinger asked the clerk to read the legal notice that was published in the paper regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness application for construction of small addition to the house in addition to an accessory structure deck. Mr. McTigue who is representing the owner explained to the commission that they are seeking this COA for a small patio addition to the previous approved accessory structure. Right next to that will be a sunken garden which will have a tunnel that will extend underneath the driveway up to the main residence. This will have a small proposed stair tower to be attached to the lower level of the main residence which will be unconditioned space.

Motion: Motion to close the public hearing made by Ms. Mills, seconded by S. Averill, Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing 12 Ferry Bridge Road

Chair Hollinger asked the clerk to read the legal notice that was published in the paper regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness application for the replacement of 14 windows. Mr. Dodd explained to the commission that he is proposing the replacement of the 14 windows at the residence due to concerns of lead paint that exist on these windows. He informed the commission that they have tried to capture with as much precision as possible a similar design while also maintaining and purchasing a quality/high efficiency window.

Motion: Motion to close the public hearing made by Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by S. Averill, Passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Hollinger called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 pm and seated himself, Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Boyer), Ms. Mills, Ms. Averill, Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Woodroffe) and Mr. Ferreira (Alt)

Consideration of Minutes – March 18, 2024 Meeting

Amendment made to change 12 Kirby Road to 12 Ferry Bridge Road under Upcoming COA Application.

Motion: To accept the minutes for the March 18, 2024 meeting as amended. Motion put forth by Chair Hollinger, seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed unanimously.

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Applications

1 Wykeham Road

Commission considered the application to install two granite posts and faux rock over propane dome for protection of buried propane tank.

Motion: Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1 Wykeham Road for the granite posts and the cover for the top of the dome of the propane tank. This certificate will be valid for one year. Motion made by Chair Hollinger, seconded by S. Averill. Passed unanimously.

157 Calhoun Street

Commission considered the application for construction of small addition to the house in addition to an accessory structure deck. Chair Hollinger pointed out to the commission members that upon the site visit

by him and D. Rimsky, the application as far as the HDC is concerned really only requires a COA for the shed/stair tower.

Motion: Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 157 Calhoun Street for a stair tower shed to be attached to the main house upon completion of the tunnel. This certificate of Appropriateness will be valid for 1 year. Motion made by D. Rimsky, seconded by P. Mills. Passed unanimously

12 Ferry Bridge Road

Commission considered the application to replace 14 windows in the house which although similar to the existing windows will be 6 over 6 Marvin windows as a means to eliminate lead paint issues with current windows.

Motion: Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 12 Ferry Bridge Road for the replacement of 14 windows which will be similar in design to the existing windows but will be new windows not containing any lead paint. Motion made by P. Mills, seconded by S. Averill. Passed unanimously.

New/Other Business

Historic District Signage

No new updates except that J. Brinton is working on this.

Expansion of Historic District

D. Rimsky reached out to two people in regards to New Preston Hill and New Preston Village. They both responded with a tentative maybe but were seeking more information. After a brief discussion with T. Hollinger, he plans on getting back to them with the information they are seeking so that they can evaluate whether they want to participate or not. Chair Hollinger contacted a Nettleton Hollow Association board member who told him that if he could put in writing what the HDC is seeking to do she will present it to the board. Mr. Ferreira offered to reach out to a contact on Old North Road to see if they would be willing to help the commission in assessing the interest in expanding the historic district. Mr. Fairbairn is continuing his research into properties contiguous to existing districts as he has not found anything definitive regarding this matter as of yet.

New Business

Motion: Motion to include business not on the agenda. Motion made by Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by D. Rimsky. Passed unanimously.

Chair Hollinger brought to the attention of the commission members advertising signs that have been placed at the corner of Kirby Road and Route 47 which is the property of the Congregational Church. He asked the clerk to check with the 1st selectman in regards to this matter prior to the commission sending the church a letter stating the HDC does not approve of outside/third party advertising signs.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm by Ms. Averill, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Tingley

Town of Washington

Land Use Clerk

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*Meeting Minutes Subject to approval

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