

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

Minutes – November 20, 2023

via teleconference

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Averill, Ms. Mills
Members Absent: Ms. Boyer, Ms. Woodruff
Alternates Present: Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Fairbairn
Alternates Absent:
Staff: Ms. White, Ms. Rebillard
Others:

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Chairman Hollinger called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and seated himself, Ms. Averill, Mr. Rimsky, and Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Woodruff) and Mr. Ferreira (for Ms. Boyer).

Consideration of Minutes for the October 16, 2023 Meeting

Chair Hollinger noted that minutes should be revised to state that Ms. Woodruff visited the Frederick Gunn School not Ms. Mills therefore Ms. Woodruff made the observation. It was also noted that the Washington Club generator being visible might not necessarily be a HDC standard but to check with COA.

Motion: To amend the minutes for the October 16, 2023, to approve the minutes as amended put forth by Chair Hollinger, approved by Mr. Fairbairn seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Passed by 6-0 vote.

New/Other Business

Historic District Signage

The Commission discussed adding Historic District signage to town. The topic had been brought up in the past and there was pushback from town members. Mr. Ferreira discussed how in his experience traveling around, seeing a Historic District sign would entice him to take in the area some more. The general consensus of the Commissioners was in favor of adding this signage to town. Mr. Fairbairn noted having to verify locations with zoning but living in a Historic District himself he believes it would be great. Ms. Mills and Ms. Averill who also live in Historic Districts are in favor so long as the signs are not egregious. Mr. Ferreria will compile a collection of various Historic District signs for the commission to review at the next meeting.

157 Calhoun COA Expiration

The commission will be writing letter to the owner of 157 Calhoun regarding the COA set to expire 12/19/23 to see if the need to apply for an extension so long as there have been no changes to the design since COA was issued, if so they would need to come back to the Commission.

Executive Session

Motion: To start Executive Session at 7:29pm to discuss membership. Motion put forth by Chair Hollinger and unanimously approved by 6-0 vote.

Motion: To come out of Executive Session at 7:32pm. Motion put forth by Chair Hollinger and unanimously approved by 6-0 vote.

Commission resumes meeting 7:32pm

Motion: To add update of partial demolition of the building at 24 Old North Rd. Motion put forth by D. Rimsky, seconded by Chair Hollinger. Passed by 6-0 vote.

D. Rimsky noted site visit last Tuesday (14th) the entire interior has been gutted but he noted likely for the better given the condition of the property. The north wing is going to have to be demolished and reconstructed however D. Rimsky noted the architect has put forth a very thoughtful design that corresponds to the original design of the building.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm by Chair Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed by 6-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justine Rebillard

Justine Rebillard
Town of Washington
Land Use Clerk
11-21-2023

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