

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

Minutes – January 25, 2021

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

With a quorum present, the chairman seated Ms. Averill, Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Boyer, and Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Woodroofe) and called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing 00:57

The Clerk read the public notice that was published in the paper for the Certificate of Appropriateness, COA, application which was submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia for 18 Sunny Ridge Road to replace the existing cedar shake roof of the house and detached garage with a standing seam metal roof in Dove Grey. Following this, Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Ferreira to present the proposed work to the Commission.

Mr. Ferreira explained to the Commission that approximately 2 years ago his insurance company had requested that they replace the existing roof. After considering the tremendous cost of maintaining a cedar shake roof they began to believe that it would be financially sensible to switch to a standing seam metal roof, and that they had found a color for this roof which would closely resemble the existing cedar.

Ms. Woodroofe joined the Zoom call at this time, but due to technical issues could not be seen or heard by the Commission. 6:14

Mr. Ferreira asked Mr. Buell if he could present the roof sample that he had sent to town hall for the Commission to review, but due to technical issues this could not be done. Mr. Ferreira then showed a sample of the coloring that had been chosen to the Commission and shared his screen to show a rendering of what the house would look like following the project.

Mr. Hollinger asked if the detached garage would also need to have its roof replaced in this proposal, and indicated that the initial Certificate of Appropriateness application did not mention the garage whatsoever. Mr. Ferreira apologized for the confusion and stated that the roof of the garage would also be replaced. Following a short summary of the garage's history, Mr. Hollinger asked what the 26 G on the application was in reference to and was told that this indicated the weight of the metal shingles used. Mr. Ferreira stated that they had selected a heavier roofing so that it would not be damaged by hail or other inclement weather.

At this time Ms. Woodroffe reconnected to the Zoom call but still could not be seen or heard. Mr. Ferreira and several commissioners attempted to help her troubleshoot her connection issues for a short time. 8:30

Ms. Boyer asked if the metal roof could be a darker shade of grey, and Mr. Kneen explained that the roof could be made to be any color desired, but that the Dove Grey which they had chosen would most closely resemble the existing roof. With no further questions, the Commission closed the public hearing.

Motion: To close the public hearing for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia at 18 Sunny Ridge Road to replace the existing cedar shake roof of the house and detached garage with a standing seam metal roof in Dove Grey by Mr. Rimsky and seconded by Ms. Boyer. Passed 5-0. 10:38

Regular Meeting

With a quorum present, Mr. Hollinger called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Boyer, Ms. Mills, Ms. Averill, and Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Woodroffe).

Consideration of the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 18 Sunny Ridge Road 11:50

Mr. Hollinger asked the Commission if there were any comments or questions regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 18 Sunny Ridge Road. Ms. Averill indicated that she had driven by the property and that she did not believe that the proposed work would change the character of the neighborhood, and Mr. Rimsky agreed. The Commission then put forth a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by Simon Kneen and Paolo Secchia at 18 Sunny Ridge Road to replace the existing cedar shake roof of the house and detached garage with a standing seam metal roof in Dove Grey by Ms. Averill and seconded by Ms. Boyer. Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Minutes November 16, 2020 Meeting 13:45

Motion: To approve the minutes for the November 16, 2020 regular meeting as written by Ms. Averill and seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 4-0.

Consideration of Minutes November 9, 2020 Meeting 14:49

Motion: To approve the minutes for the November 9, 2020 special meeting as written by Ms. Mills and seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 4-0.

Consideration of Minutes December 21, 2020 Meeting 15:41

Motion: To approve the minutes for the December 21, 2020 regular meeting as written by Ms. Averill and seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 4-0.

Reconsideration of Minutes August 17, 2020 Meeting 15:45

Mr. Hollinger asked the Commission if it's members could express any questions or comments that they had regarding these minutes. Ms. Woodroofe, who had up to this point been unable to speak in the Zoom call, stated to the Commission that she was having difficulty with connecting to Zoom, and that she had been the one to request that these minutes be reconsidered. Ms. Woodroofe went on to state that she had been confused about the use of the word "muntin" in these minutes and after a short discussion the Commission agreed that this verbiage was correct and that no change to these minutes was required.

Delay of Demolition 18:46

Mr. Hollinger stated to the Commission that because of the Coronavirus Pandemic town meetings are much harder to hold so it will be very difficult to have a vote on this proposed town ordinance as of now. He stated that he felt it would be best to post a notice regarding this on the Town of Washington's website closer to the spring when it would be more viable to discuss this at a town meeting.

Recommendations for a New Alternate Member 19:45

Mr. Hollinger indicated to the Commission that Mr. Ferreira, who had just presented the 18 Sunny Ridge Certificate of Appropriateness application, had been requesting to join the Historic District Commission as an alternate for some time. He went on to state that he also felt that the Commission's former clerk, Karen Gallagher, should also be considered for this position. Mr. Hollinger asked if anyone else on the Commission had any other recommendations and Ms. Woodroofe suggested a few possible candidates. Mr. Hollinger emphasized his belief that the Commission should reach out to a broader constituency before going on to state that he would also reach out to Mr. Brinton, First Selectman, for other recommendations as well.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:23 by Ms. Boyer and seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell
Town of Washington
Historic District Commission Clerk

