

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

Minutes – February 22, 2021

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Woodroofe, Ms. Mills, Ms. Boyer

Members Absent: Ms. Averill

Alternates Present: Mr. Fairbairn

Alternates Absent: Mr. Rimsky

Others: Mr. Grinnell, Ms. Jagaczewski, Mr. Averill

Clerk: Mr. Buell

Public Hearing

With a quorum present, the chairman called the public hearing to order at 7:01 and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Woodroofe, Ms. Boyer, and Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Averill).

Public Hearing 6 Kirby Road Certificate of Appropriateness Application 1:12

The Clerk read the legal notice which was published in the paper for the proposed Certificate of Appropriateness, COA, application for 6 Kirby Road, and Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Grinnell to present the COA to the Commission. Mr. Grinnell explained that 2 years ago while performing maintenance on the church it was discovered that much of the wooden support structure had become rotten. He went on to explain that the proposed repairs for this project would be done in late summer or early fall which would allow the church time to apply for grants to help offset the cost of the repairs. He stated that the repairs would potentially take up to a month to perform and that scaffolding and a lift would be present for the project. Ms. Jagaczewski, who represents the engineering team which created the repair plan, explained some of the specific elements of the project to the Commission. Mr. Fairbairn asked if there would be a fundraiser to help pay for the project and Mr. Grinnell explained that a fundraiser is being planned.

Motion: To close the public hearing for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The First Congregational Church of Washington, 6 Kirby Road to repair and replace the bell support structure, and to replace the roof around the belfry by Ms. Mills, and seconded by Ms. Woodroofe. Passed 5-0.

Public Hearing 250 Calhoun Street, Certificate of Appropriateness Application

8:13

The Clerk read the legal notice which was published in the paper for the proposed Certificate of Appropriateness, COA, application for 250 Calhoun street, and Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Averill to present the proposed work to the Commission. Mr. Averill explained that previously the house had aluminum gutters but they had been removed some time ago. He continued by explaining that he wished to again put gutters on the residence and that instead of reinstalling the previously used aluminum gutters he wished to put up copper gutters which are more historic. Mr. Averill went on to state that there are presently copper gutters on a small portion of the house, and that they would like to finish installing gutters on the rest of building. With no further questions or comments, the Commission passed a motion to end the public hearing.

Motion: To close the public hearing for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Samuel Averill, 250 Calhoun Street to install copper gutters on the residence by Ms. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Woodroffe. Passed 5-0.

Regular Meeting

With a quorum present, the chairman called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Woodroffe, Ms. Boyer, and Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Averill).

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness application for 6 Kirby Road 10:30

Mr. Hollinger asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 6 Kirby road. With no further comments or questions, a motion was put forward to the Commission.

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by The First Congregational Church of Washington, 6 Kirby road, to repair the belfry to support the bells, with the understanding that minimal exterior work will be done, and the louvers will be replaced at the conclusion of the project, by Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by Ms. Boyer. Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness application for 250 Calhoun Street 12:15

Mr. Hollinger asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 250 Calhoun street. With no further comments or questions, a motion was put forward to the Commission.

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by Samuel Averill, 250 Calhoun Street for the installation of copper gutters on the residence by Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Minutes for the January 25, 2021 Meeting 13:28

Motion: To accept the minutes for the January 25, 2021 meeting as written by Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 5-0.

Delay of Demolition 14:00

Mr. Hollinger indicated to the Commission that the proposed Delay of Demolition ordinance would still need to be brought forward at a town meeting when circumstances allowed. The Commission then had a short conversation regarding potential demolition at the Nell Door property.

Recommendation for Third Alternate Member 16:03

Mr. Hollinger explained to the Commission that two candidates had applied for the alternate vacancy on the Commission. He went on to give a short summary of their application letters. Following this, the Commission held a short discussion regarding the necessary qualifications that should be considered for this vacancy, and there was some further discussion regarding whether the Commission is obligated to be aware of party affiliation of potential members. Some members stated that they did not believe that political affiliation should not be taken into consideration for this decision. The Chair was instructed to reach out to the First Selectmen's office to follow their recommendation.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:32 by Ms. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Buell

Historic District Commission Clerk

Town of Washington

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