

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

**Minutes – April 19, 2021**

**Members Present:** Ms. Averill, Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Woodroffe, Ms. Mills, Ms. Boyer  
**Alternates Present:** Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Ferreira  
**Clerk:** Mr. Buell  
**Others:** Ms. Davis, Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Markert

**Public Hearing**

The clerk read the legal notice which was published in the paper for a Certificate of Appropriateness, COA, application which was submitted by St. John's Foundation, 78 Green Hill Road, for a repair in kind of the church doors, and to install an awning structure on the east side door of the building. Mr. Hollinger clarified to the Commission that Mary Davis is the representative of the St. John's Foundation, which is a separate entity to St. John's Episcopal Church. Mr. Hollinger went on to state that the primary focus of this Certificate of Appropriateness application would be on the proposed awning structure because the rest of the application was a repair in-kind which does not require a COA from the Historic District Commission.

Following this, Mr. Hollinger asked Ms. Davis to describe the proposed addition to the Commission. She stated that the doors on the church are in sad need of repair, and that they will need to be repaired and repainted. Ms. Davis went on to state that this door is presently being damaged by water pouring off of the building, and that an awning structure would help preserve the door going forward. She also noted that this awning structure would help to prevent ice from building up on the handicapped ramp during colder months.

Mr. Pleasants stated to the Commission that he understood that the Historic District Commission does not have any say over the color of the proposed awning structure, but that in an effort to conceal it more, the church planned to go with a slate grey coloring for it.

Ms. Woodroffe asked what the awning would be made of and was informed that it would be galvanized steel poles with a canvas cover. The Commission then held a short conversation about the shade of red presently on the doors of the church, though they admitted that this was not within their purview.

Mr. Ferreira asked which example of the awning would be used as 2 examples were presented in the Certificate of Appropriateness application, and Ms. Davis explained that they had submitted 2 examples incase the Historic District Commission found one to be inappropriate. She went on to state that they wished to use the example which had a front covering.

With no further questions or comments a motion was passed to close the public hearing.

**Motion:** To adjourn the public hearing for the Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by St. John's Foundation, 78 Green Hill Road, for a repair in kind of the church doors, and to install an awning structure on the east side door by Ms. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed unanimously.

### **Regular Meeting**

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Averill, Ms. Mills, Ms. Boyer, and Ms. Woodrooffe

### **Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness application for 78 Green Hill Road**

Ms. Averill stated that with this awning, ice would still be an issue for the handicapped ramp, and Mr. Hollinger stated that more than anything, the awning would be installed to preserve the door from continued water damage.

**Motion:** To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by St. John's Foundation, 78 Green Hill Road, for a repair in kind of the church doors and install an awning structure on the east side door by Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 5-0.

### **Consideration of Minutes for the March 15, 2021 Meeting**

Mr. Hollinger asked the Commission if any of its seated members had any additions, questions, or comments for the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Averill stated that on the second page of the minutes, the Gunn Memorial Museum's Historical Society was referred to as the "Town Historical Society, and that though they are within Washington, they are not an entity owned by or led by the town of Washington. She requested that the minutes be amended to clarify this.

**Motion:** To approve the amended minutes for the March 15, 2021 meeting by Ms. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Mills, passed 5-0.

### **Delay of Demolition**

A subcommittee to amend the existing proposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance was made with Mr. Rimsky and Ms. Woodrooffe as members, and they will report back to the Historic District Commission after they have finished amending this ordinance.

Mr. Markert joined the zoom call at this time.

**Installation of Stone Sculpture on the Ground of the Rocks, Kirby Road Without Getting a Certificate of Appropriateness.**

Mr. Hollinger stated that he had noticed that on “the Rocks” property a large gate had been constructed without approval from the Historic District Commission. He asked if any other members had seen this structure and they discussed the fact that several large sculptures had also been put in place without H.D.C. approval. Mr. Hollinger suggested that a letter be drafted by the Commission clerk, Mr. Buell, to discuss the repeated installation of structures on this property without obtaining authorization from the Historic District Commission.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:33 by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Boyer. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:



Dennis Buell  
Historic District Commission Clerk  
4-22-2021