

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

Minutes – June 21, 2021

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Woodroffe, Ms. Mills, Ms. Boyer, Ms. Averill

Alternates Present: Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Ferreira

Others: Mr. Grinnell, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Guillemette

Clerk: Mr. Buell

Public Hearing

With a quorum present, the chairman called the public hearing to order at 7:01

Public Hearing 1 Kirby Road Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Mr. Hollinger asked the Commission's clerk, Mr. Buell to read the notice that was published in the paper regarding the application for a Certificate of Appropriates which was submitted by the First Congregational Church of Washington and following this, asked Mr. Stewart to present the application to the Commission.

Following a short description of the application by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hollinger asked for him to explain the need to have 2 signs opposed to just one. Mr. Stewart indicated that his designer had recommended an additional sign. The Commission then held a short conversation and determined they felt it would be more appropriate to have this second sign affixed to the building opposed to being on a post.

Mr. Fairbairn commented that he felt that there is beginning to be a proliferation of signs on the Green and suggested that the signs for businesses located at 1 Kirby Road be attached to the same post in a uniform fashion. The Commission agreed that this seemed like a more appropriate form of signage for this location, and asked Ms. Guillemette for her thoughts on this matter.

Ms. Guillemette stated that she understood the Commission's concerns and that she also felt that their suggestions would be appropriate. The Commission then asked Ms. Guillemette how many tenets could be in this location, and she indicated that presently there are 3 renters, but that in the future there could potentially be a total of 5.

Mr. Grinnell indicated that he also wanted to avoid a proliferation of signs on the Green, and stated that he felt that the idea of having multiple signs affixed to the same posts

seemed appropriate. The Commission then held a conversation regarding the logistics of combining these signs and the zoning regulations that exist regarding signage.

Mr. Stewart indicated that he strongly desired a separate sign for his business, and the Commission asked if he would like to end the public hearing portion of the Certificate of Appropriateness application. The Chair suggested that Mr. Stewart continue the public hearing at a later meeting, and encouraged Mr. Stewart to collaborate with the building's other tenants and the First Congregational Church of Washington to create a combined sign which would allow for the possibility of 5 tenants at this location. Mr. Stewart agreed to continue this public hearing at a future meeting. A motion was put forth to continue this public hearing at a later hearing was passed.

Motion: To continue the public hearing for the Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by the First Congregational Church of Washington, 1 Kirby Road at a future meeting by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Woodroffe. Passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

With a quorum present, the chairman called the regular meeting to order at 7:36 and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Woodroffe, Ms. Boyer, and Ms. Averill.

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Application 1 Kirby Road

Mr. Hollinger stated that this item on the agenda would not be considered at this time as the public hearing for this application would be continued at a later date.

21 Kirby Road Sculpture Installation

Mr. Hollinger stated that the Commission had conducted a site visit at 21 Kirby Road, and that he felt this was a "dead issue" after reviewing the original C.O.A. for the restoration of the property which indicated that they wished to restore the original sculptures that had been on the property. He requested that Mr. Buell reach out to the Guttman's to inform them that no further action would be needed on this issue.

Delay of Demolition

Mr. Hollinger stated that the latest draft of the proposed Delay of Demolition ordinance had been sent to Attorney Olson but that she had not received it. Ms. Woodroffe and Mr. Rimsky presented the Commission a short description of the changes they had made to the initial document. These changes included a change in the process, and after this short summary Mr. Hollinger clarified that the review Committee which would be created under this ordinance would be elected by the Town Selectmen and that they are not part of the Historic District Commission. The Commission then spent a short

time discussing various small changes that need to be made to the document, and indicated that this document needed to be submitted to Attorney Olson as well.

New/Other Business

Consideration of Minutes

Ms. Averill indicated that the consideration of minutes had not been included on the agenda, and the Commission considered these minutes as part of new/other business.

Motion: To approve the minutes for the May 17, 2021 meeting as written by Ms. Averill, seconded by Ms. Woodroffe, passed 5-0.

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Mr. Hollinger stated to the Commission that the town does not presently have a Zoning Enforcement Officer and asked the clerk for an update on this matter. Mr. Buell had no update to provide to the Commission.

Barn Project

Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Ferreira to report on his barn project. Mr. Ferreira stated that the project had turned out to be more time consuming than he had initially expected, and that he did not feel it would be done within the timeframe which he had planned. Mr. Rimsky volunteered to assist Mr. Ferreira in this endeavor.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:51 by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

Historic District Commission Clerk

Town of Washington

6-28-2021

