TOWN OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Calhoun-Ives, Sunny Ridge and Washington Green Historic Districts

Minutes – August 16, 2021

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

Alternates Present: Mr. Ferreira

Members Absent: Ms. Woodroofe, Ms. Boyer Alternates Absent: Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Rimsky

Others: Mr. Stewart, Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Ciarlone, Ms. Tagley

Clerk: Mr. Buell

Public Hearing

The Chair called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Mr. Ferreira, and Ms. Averill.

Public Hearing 10 Kirby Road

The Chair asked the clerk, Mr. Buell, to read the notice which was published in the paper for the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Mr. Martinetti, 10 Kirby Road, to install 2 wall mounted A/C units, and 1 ground unit. Following this, Mr. Hollinger stated that the Commission had conducted a site visit during which they had determined that of the 3 units mentioned in the application, only 1 would be visible from the road. He then asked that Mr. Ciarlone, the contractor who would be preforming the installation of these units, to described the proposed work. Following a brief summary of the installation, Mr. Hollinger asked if the Commission had any questions to ask of Mr. Ciarlone, and with no further questions asked, a motion was passed to close the public hearing.

Motion: To adjourn the public hearing for the Certificate of Appropriateness application

submitted by Mr. Martinetti, 10 Kirby Road, to install 2 wall mounted A/C units,

and 1 ground unit, by Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 4-0.

Public Hearing 1 Kirby Road

Mr. Hollinger asked the clerk, Mr. Buell, to read the notice which was published in the paper for the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The First Congregational Church of Washington, 1 Kirby Road, to erect 2 signs, the first near the street by the driveway, and the second by the left rear corner of the building. After this notice was read, Mr. Hollinger stated that at the last meeting it had been determined that they Commission had felt it to be more appropriate for one of the signs to be affixed to the side of the building opposed to on its own post, and that at this meeting the Commission would consider the installation of the second sign.

Mr. Hollinger asked if the Commission had received the images which had been provided by Mr. Stewart, and asked if Ms. Guillemette had been agreeable to this new sign. Ms. Averill stated

and the clerk stated that no motion was passed regarding this second sign. Ms. Averill stated that she would like to encourage business within Washington and that she felt this sign would help to accomplish this.

At this time Mr. Hollinger began to have technical difficulties and was disconnected from the Zoom call. Ms. Tagley who had joined the meeting approximately 15 minutes after it had started asked the Commission if they had considered the application for a sign, and was informed that the Public Hearing section of the meeting had ended. Mr. Hollinger then called Ms. Averill who put him on speaker so that he could participate in the rest of the meeting.

With no further questions or comments the Commission then passed a motion approving this application.

Motion:

To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 2 signs at 1 Kirby road with the stipulation that the smaller sign be affixed to the building, and the second sign be on the same post as the sign for Washington Home Care, and in the same configuration that was provided to the Commission in a photograph submitted by Mr. Stewart. This Certificate of Appropriates will be good for 1 year, by Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 4-0.

Delay of Demolition

Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Buell if he had heard back from Attorney Olson regarding the Proposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance. Mr. Buell stated that he had not, and that he would reach out again.

New/Other Business

Mr. Hollinger stated that the Commission needed to add the consideration of minutes to the agenda with a motion under "Other Business."

Motion:

To add other business to the agenda including the consideration of minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting, by Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 4-0.

Consideration of Minutes

With no comments, the Commission passed a motion to accept the minutes as written for the June 21, 2021

Motion:

To accept the minutes for the June 21, 2021 meeting as written by Ms. Averill, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 4-0.

Following the consideration of minutes, Mr. Hollinger stated that the day of the meeting, Mr. Buell had received and forwarded a complaint regarding the signs which have been leaned against the First Congregational Church of Washington. The Commission determined that as these signs are not permanent structures which are affixed to the ground, the issue is not within