TOWN OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Calhoun-Ives, Sunny Ridge and Washington Green Historic Districts

Minutes – February 28, 2022

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

Members Absent: Ms. Boyer

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

Others: Mr. McTigue, Mr. Kalur, Danielle Restivo, Mr. Rolli, Mr. Grinnell

Clerk: Mr. Buell

Public Hearing

The Chair called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Averill, Ms. Woodroofe, and Mr. Ferreira (for Ms. Boyer.)

Certificate of Appropriateness Revisions for 157 Calhoun Street

Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Buell to read the notice which was published in the paper for the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 157 Calhoun Street. Following this, Mr. McTigue indicated that he represented the project and shared his screen with the Commission. Mr. McTigue explained the revisions which had been made since the project had initially been brought to the Historic District Commission. It was stated that the proposed guest house would be doubled in size, the proposed pool would be moved closer to the main dwelling, and that a new hot tub had been proposed since the Commission's previous review of the project. Following this, Mr. McTigue explained that the proposed wood deck around the pool would be locally sourced with a more economically friendly design.

Mr. Hollinger asked that Mr. McTigue describe the exterior of the guest house. Mr. McTigue shared plans for the footprint of the proposed building with the Commission and described the project in detail. Ms. Mills asked how many square feet the building would be, and was told it was 1,100 square feet. She then asked if work had begun and Mr. McTigue explained that tree clearing may have begun because they had been granted an Inland Wetlands permit. Ms. Woodroofe stated that she felt this project would be difficult to see from the road, and Ms. Averill agreed with this sentiment.

Motion: To close the public hearing for 157 Calhoun Street by Ms. Woodroofe,

seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 5-0.

Certificate of Appropriateness 11 Ives Rd

Mr. Hollinger asked Mr. Buell to read the notice which was published in the paper for the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 11 Ives Road. Mr. Kalur and Mr. Rolli then

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shared their screens and provided the Commission with a detailed presentation of the proposed project.

During this presentation, Mr. Kalur indicated that there would be several additions to the main residence which would include a bluestone terrace, a new mudroom, and the construction of a screened porch.

Mr. Hollinger asked which portion of the house was originally built, and Mr. Kalur provided a short description of the house's history. Mr. Ferreira asked how large the addition would be and Mr. Kalur shared a rendering of the floorplans which displayed the square footage of the proposed porch, mudroom, and bluestone terrace.

Ms. Woodroofe requested clarification of how these alterations would appear from Ives Road, and discussion regarding this ensued.

Mr. Kalur then described the proposed alterations to the barn on the property. He shared a short presentation and explained that this proposal included the renovation of a large portion of the building's interior in addition to multiple exterior renovations.

Mr. Kalur shared renderings of the proposed revisions to the exterior of the barn and explained that the proposal included the rearrangement of multiple windows on the building, the installation of new windows, the construction of a new bluestone terrace, new barn doors, and the renovation of a section of the building which would be converted into a 1 car garage.

Ms. Averill and Mr. Rimsky expressed their belief that this proposal would not drastically alter the view of the property from Ives Road or Baldwin Hill Road.

Ms. Woodroofe asked why standing seam metal had been chosen for a portion of the building's roof, and Mr. Kalur indicated that this has been chosen because of the roof's pitch and concern over how snow would affect this portion of the building if cedar shake roofing was installed in this location. With no further questions or comments, the Commission closed the public hearing.

Motion: To close the public hearing by Ms. Averill, seconded by Ms. Woodroofe.

Passed 5-0.

Regular Meeting

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Averill, Ms. Woodroofe, and Mr. Ferreira (for Ms. Boyer.)

Consideration of Minutes for the January 24, 2022 Meeting.

Motion: To accept the minutes as proposed by Ms. Woodroofe, seconded by Ms.

Averill. Passed 5-0.

Certificate of Appropriateness Extension Request 6 Kirby Road.

Mr. Grinnell briefly described the necessity for an extension to 6 Kirby Road's previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness, and following a brief discussion the Commission approved a motion to extend the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1 year.

Motion: The Certificate of Appropriateness shall be extended for 6 Kirby Road for

the purpose of a year by Mr. Ferreira, seconded by Ms. Woodroofe.

Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Revisions for 157 Calhoun Street.

The Commission briefly discussed the proposed work for 157 Calhoun Street, and following this discussion agreed that this project did not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Motion: After reviewing the revisions to the project the Commission does not feel

that a Certificate of Appropriateness is required by Ms. Averill, seconded

by Ms. Woodroofe. Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness 11 Ives Rd.

Mr. Hollinger stated that he felt that the work proposed for 11 Ives Road would be beneficial to the barn which he felt had previously been neglected to some degree. Mr. Hollinger continued by stating that he did not oppose the proposed changes to the main dwelling. Mr. Ferreira stated he felt the proposal was well thought out and congruent to Washington. He then indicated that the proposal created no red flags for him. Ms. Woodroofe stated she did not agree with the use of a metal roof, but that she understood its necessity following the presentation.

Motion: To approve the renovations and additions at 11 Ives Road and to grant a

Certificate of Appropriateness for the plans as proposed by Ms. Averill,

seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 5-0.

Delay of Demolition.

Mr. Hollinger indicated that this project had been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen, and indicated that following a meeting with these Selectmen, Mr. Brinton, First Selectman, had indicated that he did not believe that the proposed ordinance had been altered since it had last been sent to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission held a short discussion about the changes which had been made to the initial document, Mr. Fairbairn explained the procedure which would be followed for this proposal for it to become a Town Ordinance, and the Commission agreed that Mr. Rimsky and Mr. Hollinger should meet with the First Selectman regarding this proposal to explain the revisions which had been made.

New/Other Business.

No new or other business was discussed by the Commission.

Adjournment.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. my Ms. Woodroofe, seconded by Ms.

Mills. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

Historic District Commission Clerk

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