

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

Minutes – April 17, 2023

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills
Members Absent: Ms. Boyer, Ms. Averill, Ms. Woodroffe
Alternates Present: Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Ferreira
Alternates Absent: Mr. Fairbairn
Clerk: Mr. Buell

Public Hearing

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

Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 11 Kirby Road

Mr. Hollinger indicated that the proposal is not visible from the road, and that he did not feel that further discussion was required for this proposal.

Motion: To close the public hearing for 11 Kirby Road at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Passed 4-0.

Regular Meeting

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, and Mr. Rimsky (For Ms. Boyer), and Mr. Ferreira (For Ms. Averill).

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 11 Kirby Road

Mr. Hollinger stated that Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Averill, and himself had conducted a site visit for the proposal at 11 Kirby Road, and that this site visit revealed that the proposal is in no way visible from the road. The Commission then passed a motion to confirm that no Certificate of Appropriates is required for this proposal.

Motion: It is the Commission's determination that no Certificate of Appropriateness is required for 11 Kirby Road for the installation of a

propane tank and AC condensing unit behind the garage. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 4-0.

Consideration of Minutes for the February 27, 2023 Meeting

Motion: To approve the February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed 4-0.

New/Other Business

Motion: To accept new or other business by Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Passed 4-0.

Mr. Hollinger stated that he was concerned about the height of the new home movie theater at 157 Calhoun Street and asked that Mr. Buell inquire about whether this building's height conflicts with the town Zoning regulations.

Mr. Hollinger indicated that after receiving a lot line revision application for a property within one of the town's historic districts, Mr. Buell had reached out to Attorney Olson to inquire about how lot line revisions impact the purview of the Historic District Commission. He went on to explain that following this conversation, Mr. Buell had asked that the Commission consider requesting updated maps of the town's historic districts.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Buell clarified that Attorney Olson had stated that lot line revisions do not impact the purview of the Historic District Commission. He then explained that according to Attorney Olson, when the town established the Historic District Commission, the boundaries of the historic districts were based on the property boundary lines as they existed when the ordinance was passed. He indicated that the development of new maps would allow the Commission to more accurately regulate activity within the historic districts. Mr. Hollinger indicated that he would reach out to the Board of Selectmen to discuss this request. Mr. Buell volunteered to participate in this discussion if needed and stated that if the town agrees to have these maps created, it was likely that the maps will not be created until the 2024/2025 fiscal year due to budget constraints.

Mr. Buell was asked to update the Commission on an upcoming Certificate of Appropriateness proposal for the Gunn Memorial Library to install a safety railing. Mr. Buell explained that he had spoken with the library's director and that he expected to receive an application for this proposal in the coming weeks.

The Commission then discussed the possibility of returning to in-person meetings. Following this discussion, Mr. Rimsky updated the Commission on the Delay of Demolition Committee. He indicated that a database of buildings which fall under the purview of this Committee is under development, and work on the website for this Committee is ongoing.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. by Mr. Ferreira, seconded by Mr. Rimsky.
Passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

Dennis Buell
Town of Washington
Historic District Commission Clerk
4-20-2023

A link to access a recording of this meeting is below.

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