

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

Minutes – May 15, 2023

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

Public Hearing

The Chair called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Woodroofe, and Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Boyer).

Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 1 Wykeham Road

Mr. Buell read the notice which was published in the Voices newspaper regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness application to construct a black iron safety rail at the Gunn Memorial Library.

The Commission asked Ms. MacLaren, Executive Director of the Gunn Memorial Library, if the library had previously had a safety railing between the parking area and the Wykeham Road entrance. Ms. MacLaren indicated that she was unaware of there being a previous safety rail. Ms. Woodroofe indicated that she believed a previous railing did exist.

Mr. Hollinger asked for clarification on the appearance of the proposed railing. He was informed that the railing would be simplistic, black, and would have a straight edge. The Commission briefly discussed the need for a safety railing at this location.

Motion: To close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. by Ms. Woodroofe, seconded by Ms. Mills, passed 4-0.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Mills, Ms. Woodroofe, and Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Boyer).

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 1 Wykeham Road

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for this iron railing at 1 Wykeham Road, at the Gunn Memorial library from the parking lot up to the area of the Wykeham Road entrance of the building by Ms. Woodroffe, seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 4-0.

Consideration of Minutes for the April 17, 2023 Meeting

Ms. Woodroffe asked if the Commission would switch to meeting in person. Following a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to meet in person for the June meeting. *This meeting will also be available via Zoom.*

Motion: To accept the minutes for the April 17, 2023 meeting as written. Motion put forth by Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hollinger. Passed 4-0.

New/Other Business

Motion: To add new business to the meeting agenda. Motion put forth by Mr. Hollinger, Seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 4-0.

Mr. Hollinger informed the Commission that he had spoken with Mr. Brinton, First Selectman about the possibility of having maps created for the Historic Districts. He explained that Mr. Brinton had reached out to a surveying company the town had employed in the past, and that it was possible that these maps may be created during the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Rimsky provided a brief update on the Delay of Demolition Committee.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:27 by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Woodroffe. Passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

Dennis Buell
Town of Washington
Historic District Commission Clerk
5-19-2023

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

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