

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

Minutes – September 19, 2022

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

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

Public Hearing

Public Hearing 81 Green Hill Road

Mr. Hollinger asked the clerk to read the public notice which was published in the newspaper regarding the installation of a ramp at 81 Green Hill Road. Following this, Mr. Hollinger asked that Mr. Wodtke explain why they had chosen to deviate from the Historic District Commission's original approval. Mr. Wodtke explained that he and his wife are growing older and they feared that in the coming years they would be unable to navigate stairs. He stated that they had considered this concern during construction and that they had opted to install the ramp while the workers were on site for the rest of the project.

Mr. Hollinger expressed concern over the fact that the applicant had chosen to deviate from the original approval, and indicated that this was why the Commission had requested that the applicant return to obtain approval for this ramp. Mr. Fairbairn indicated that he felt that the project was appropriate especially when the Commission takes the age of the Wodtkes into consideration.

Mr. Fairbairn went on to state that the Commission reserves the right to inform residents of the historic districts that they must remove projects which were constructed without the Commission's permission in the future, and that potential approval for 81 Green Hill Road's ramp does not set a precedent for future approvals. A short discussion ensued.

Motion: To close the public hearing for 81 Green Hill Road at 7:08 p.m. by Mr. Rimsky, seconded by Mr. Averill, passed 5-0.

Regular Meeting

Seating of Members and Alternates

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and seated Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Woodrooffe, Ms. Averill, Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Mills), and Mr. Fairbairn (for Ms. Boyer).

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriates Application for 81 Green Hill Road

Mr. Hollinger asked that the clerk read the public notice which was published in the newspaper regarding the installation of a ramp at 81 Green Hill Road. With no further comments a motion was passed to approve the ramp for 81 Green Hill Road.

Motion: To approve this Certificate of Appropriateness for the ramp and low wall that have been constructed. Motion put forth by Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Minutes for the August 15, 2022 Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes for the August 15, 2022 meeting by Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by Ms. Averill. Passed 5-0.

Report on Formation of the Historical Review Committee.

Mr. Rimsky reported that the Historical Review Committee had held their first meeting and indicated that they would hold a second meeting on Thursday September 22, 2022. He indicated that at this meeting they would elect officers, and would discuss meeting with the new Building Official to go over the Delay of Demolition Ordinance with him. The Commission then discussed the process for demolitions, and recent demolition projects within the town.

New/Other Business

No new or other business was discussed by the Commission.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. Woodrooffe, seconded by Mr. Rimsky. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

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Historic District Commission Clerk

9-21-2022

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