

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

**Minutes – January 27, 2020**

**Members Present:** Ms. Averill, Mr. Hollinger,  
**Members Absent:** Ms. Woodroofe, Ms. Mills Ms. Boyer  
**Alternates Present:** Mr. Rimsky  
**Alternates Absent:** Mr. Fairbairn, Ms. Van Tartwijk  
**Others:** Mr. Woodward, Mr. Barnet, Ms. Allen  
**Clerk:** Ms. Gallagher

With a quorum present, the chairman seated Ms. Averill, and Mr. Hollinger and Mr. Rimsky, for Ms. Boyer, and called the public hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Public Hearing:** 6:11

The Clerk read the public notice that was posted in the paper for the Certificate of Appropriateness, COA, application that was submitted by Mr. Woodward representative for Mr. and Ms. Fineman, 32 Sunny Ridge Rd. for removing a single double hung window on right side wing of house and replace with two double awning windows to match existing house. Mr. Woodward, representative for Mr. and Ms. Fineman, showed the commission members pictures of the existing window on the house. Mr. Woodward showed plans and pictures of the purposed window to be installed. He explained to the commission the materials that will be used and the height and width of the purposed window to be installed.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Mr. and Ms. Fineman, 32 Sunny Ridge Rd. to remove existing single double hung window on right side wing of house and replace with two double Awning windows to match existing house by Mr. Hollinger seconded by Ms. Averill passed 3-0.

**Regular Meeting:** 13:17

Mr. Hollinger called the regular meeting to order at 7:13p.m. He seated Ms. Averill, Mr. Hollinger and Mr. Rimsky for Ms. Boyer.

### **Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness for 32 Sunny Ridge Rd.:**

The Commission had a brief discussion regarding what was presented during the public hearing.

**Motion:** To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Mr. and Ms. Fineman, 32 Sunny Ridge Rd. to remove existing single double hung window on right side wing of house and replace with two double Awning windows to match existing house by Ms. Averill seconded by Mr. Rimsky passed 3-0

### **92 Green Hill Rd.:** 14:50

The Commission invited the Washington Club to the meeting to discuss the air conditioner units that were installed on the property. Mr. Barnet the treasure of the Washington Club and Ms. Allen the business manager of the Washington Club attended the meeting. Ms. Balfor, President of Washington Club was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Barnet stated that the Washington Club was not ready to submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at this time. He told the commission that the air conditioner units were installed in 2008. Mr. Barnet explained that the units became visible when the diseased trees had to be removed. Mr. Barnet stated that they have spoken with an architect about possible screening solutions for the units, he knows that landscaping is not a viable option because the Historic District Commission “does not see landscaping”. Mr. Barnet explained that the air conditioning units vent up and can not go under the porch. They commission talked to him about possible solutions such as; putting lattice around the units so they are not visible from the road. Mr. Barnet was concerned about the look of lattice around the units, and also possible zoning issues due to setbacks. Ms. Allen showed pictures that shrubs have been planted to help make the units less visible from the road. Ms. Allen asked if they could get a waiver in lieu of getting a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Hollinger will ask Attorney Olson about waivers, and what possible circumstances a waiver might be acceptable.

### **Delay Of Demolition:** 30:17

Mr. Hollinger wrote a narrative to go onto the town’s website to inform the residents about the purposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance. The commission reviewed the narrative, Mr. Hollinger asked the clerk to send the narrative to the other commission members. If there are no further concerns about the narrative a copy will be sent to the First Selectman Mr. Brinton and put on the website along with the purposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance.

### **97 Calhoun Street:** 36:50

Mr. Hollinger said that the basketball stanchions that were installed last year on the driveway have been removed. Mr. Hollinger had the commission review a thank you letter that was written

to Ms. Locker. The Commission thought the letter was fine and asked the clerk to send it to her.

**Consideration of the Minutes:** 38:01

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting as written by Mr. Rimsky seconded by Ms. Averill passed 3-0

**Other Business:** 39:55

No other business

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Hollinger seconded by Mr. Rimsky Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted by;

*Karen Gallagher*

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Karen Gallagher  
Historic District Commission Clerk  
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