**WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Calhoun-Ives, Sunny Ridge and Washington Green Historic Districts**

**Minutes – Regular Meeting/Public Hearing**

**March 21, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Boyer, Tom Hollinger, George Krimsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phyllis Mills, Alison Gilchrist

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Susan Averill, Louise Van Tartwijk

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Sally Woodroofe

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Lindores and Daniel Sachs, Sachs Lindores Architecture, Interiors

 Leslie Carter, Reed-Hilderbrand LLC Landscape Architecture

PUBLIC HEARING

Kathy and Steven Guttman/21 Kirby Road, LLC/restore colonnade, construct reflecting pool concrete shell and surround, trellis, steps, paver path and extend existing steps

Mr. Hollinger opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kathy and Steven Guttman/21 Kirby Road, LLC/restore colonnade, construct reflecting pool concrete shell and surround, trellis, steps, paver path and extend existing steps. Mr. Hollinger seated Louise Van Tartwijk for Alison Gilchrist and Susan Averill for Phyllis Mills. The Legal Notice was read which appeared in Voices March 12 and March 13, 2016.

Leslie Carter of Reed Hildebrand Landscaping started the presentation by displaying

Reed-Hilderbrand LLC Landscape Architecture Proposed Plans dated February 29, 2016.

Partial list of questions asked and answered:

Q. Does the reflecting actually exist right now?

A. No it does not exist right now. It will be a very shallow reflecting pool, 12” deep.

Q. Does this mean that you do not need a fence around it?

A. No, under the zoning regulations you don’t need a fence because it’s not a swimming pool.

Q. Will there be an aerator so that the water doesn’t become stagnant?

A. Yes and instead of aerating from within, the top layer will recirculate, flow over the edge and go into the gutter.

Q. Regarding the Alaskan cedar for the trellis. How does Alaskan cedar weather?

A. Alaskan yellow cedar is strong and hard with a fine texture, straight grain, and its nearly yellow color silvers/grays upon exposure. It’s a very stable and workable wood suitable for the trellis.

Q. Please describe the pavers that will be used for the path.

A. The pavers are recast concrete that will not crack and crumble.

Q. The field that is below the trellis – will that be graded and turned into grass or a lawn?

A. While pointing to the plans, Ms. Carter responded that it will become a meadow. The area just below is a leaching field. They are grading above to make it look as though it is not a leaching field.

Mr. Hollinger asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kathy and Steven Guttman/21 Kirby

 Ms. Boyer, passed 5 to 0.

To hear the complete discussion in its entirety with the commissioners’ questions and the representatives’ answers, the audio of this Public Hearing is available in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot CT.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Regular Business

 A. Call to order

 B. Seating of members, alternates

II. Pending Business

Kathy and Steven Guttman/21 Kirby Road, LLC/restore colonnade, construct reflecting pool concrete shell and surround, trellis, steps, paver path and extend existing steps

There were no additional questions or comments after the public hearing. All commissioners present expressed that they hold Sachs Lindores in high regard and expressed their gratitude for always being the consummate professionals. The firm makes their presentations to the HDC streamlined and each meeting a learning experience. The members added that Reed Hilderbrand Landscape LLC did a superb job and commended that firm as well.

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kathy and Steven Guttman/21 Kirby Road, LLC “The Rocks”/restore colonnade, construct reflecting pool with concrete shell and surround, trellis, steps, paver path and extend existing steps per Reed-Hilderbrand LLC Landscape Architecture Proposed Plans dated February 29, 2016 and Sachs Lindores Architecture, Interiors FTC Restored Colonnade and New Trellis Drawing #DS-055, Project #1414 dated February 26, 2016. By Ms. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Averill,

passed 5 to 0.

III. Other Business

Peter and Barbara Wodtke/ 81 Green Hill Road/home renovations/one year extension on the original Certificate of Appropriateness from April 24, 2016 to April 24, 2017

Mr. Hollinger read the March 1, 2016 letter that Barbara and Peter Wodtke sent to the Commission requesting a one year extension on their COA from April 24, 2016 to

April 24, 2017. Mr. Hollinger asked the members present if there were any questions, comments or concerns. There were none.

MOTION: To approve a one-year extension on the original Certification of Appropriateness for home renovations from April 24, 2016 to April 24, 2017 for Peter and Barbara Wodtke, 81 Green Hill Road, Washington CT. By Ms. Averill, seconded by

Ms. Van Tartwijk, passed 5 to 0.

IV. Consideration of the Minutes – February 22, 2016

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of February 22, 2016 and made no revisions

MOTION: To accept the February 22, 2016 minutes as written. By Ms. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Krimsky, passed 5 to 0.

MOTION: To include subsequent business not already posted on the agenda**:**

 1) Review March 14, 2016 HDC Public Hearing/Special Meeting minutes regarding Klemm, 11 Ives Road silo at the HDC April 18, 2016 meeting.

 2) Jane Boyer - DiscussWendell Minor’s gicleeprint of the barn/silo on 11 Ives Road used on a US Postal service 21 cent postcard. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Boyer, passed 5 to 0.

Review March 14, 2016 HDC Public Hearing/Special Meeting minutes regarding Klemm, 11 Ives Road silo rebuild at the HDC April 18, 2016 meeting

In order to review the March 14, 2016 Special Meeting minutes thoroughly, the Commission decided to consider the minutes at the April 18, 2016 meeting.

Jane Boyer - DiscussWendell Minor’s gicleeprint of the barn/silo on 11 Ives Road used on a

U.S. Postal service 21 cent postcard

 Ms. Boyer discussed an idea regarding the Wendell Minor giclee print of the barn/silo he created as a U. S. Postal Service 21 cent postcard. The postcard is an enduring image showing the barn and the silo as it stood before the silo was demolished. Now that the Historic District Commission and the owners of 11 Ives Road have decided to rebuild the silo, Ms. Boyer suggested that the Commission write an article for local publication and include a photo with

 Mr. Minor alongside the print. It was suggested that it would be best to wait until after the silo was rebuilt. All agreed.

 V. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn. By Ms. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Averill, passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Hollinger adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

 FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

 Janice Roberti, Historic District Clerk