**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**WASHINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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

**Minutes – August 20, 2018**

Members Present: Susan Averill, Jane Boyer, Tom Hollinger, Sally Woodroofe

Members Absent: Phyllis Mills

Alternates Present: Dimitri Rimsky, Bill Fairbairn, Louise Van Tartwijk

Staff: Janice Roberti Historic District Clerk

 Richelle Hodza, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Others: Washington Club:

 Phillip Farmer, President

 Tanya Cicarelli, Club Hall Manager

Mr. Hollinger called the meeting to order at 7:05 and seated Bill Fairbairn for Phyllis Mills

Application for COA/The Washington Club/92 Green Hill Road/construct a platform tennis court

Mr. Phillip Farmer represented The Washington Club. Mr. Farmer started his presentation by providing the reasons for proposing a paddle tennis court:

* to reinvigorate the lower level of the Club Hall
* having a platform tennis court would draw new membership
* having a winter activity to replace tennis for people who like competition and enjoy being social

Mr. Farmer distributed a hand-drawn site plan of the proposed court and recreation area. He provided the specifications, what materials would be used for the court, positioning of the court, parking, lighting, and access. The Club hired Mike Alex to do an A2 survey.

Q. What material will be used for the steps?

A. Unsure at this time, possibly nice stone or railroad ties or combination of both and would result in something permanent and look nice

Q. Will there be railings?

A. Yes

Q. Are all the tress that are there now (pointed to plan) being cut down?

A. Yes but will be replanted with something appropriate

The discussion continued with members asking numerous questions about all aspects of the recreation area and the court. It was the consensus of all the members that the Washington Club return to the HDC with formal design plans, an A-2 and complete information necessary for the members to make an informed decision.

MOTION:       To continue the application for a COA submitted by The Washington Club, 92 Green Hill Road for the construction of a paddle tennis court. By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Woodroofe, passed 5 to 0.

Consideration of the Minutes for June 18, 2018

Members reviewed the minutes for June 18, 2018. There were no corrections.

MOTION: To approve the June 18, 2018 minutes as written. By Ms. Woodroofe, seconded by Mr. Rimsky, passed 3 to 0. Ms. Averill and Ms. Boyer were not present at the 6/18/18 meeting.

Pending Business

Delay of Demolition

 Attorney David Miles is no longer the Town Attorney. Mr. Fairbairn placed a call to the new attorney,

 Randy DiBella and will continue working on the project with the new attorney.

Other Business

The Village Districts Act

Mr. Hollinger reached out to Greg Farmer of the CT Trust for Historic Preservation, but was unable to connect. He was given a contact person in the City of Norwich. In mid-June the City of Norwich’s Commission on the City Plan voted to give a favorable recommendation to add regulations for a Village District.

HDC members authorized Mr. Hollinger to investigate with Zoning the possibility of using the Village Districts Act as a more expeditious way to preserve New Preston Center and parts of New Preston Hill.

Business Not on the Agenda

MOTION: To include items not on the agenda.

1) Guttman Residence (“the Rocks”), 21 Kirby Road, additional sculptures.

 By Mr. Hollinger, seconded by Ms. Woodroofe, passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Hollinger noticed there are additional sculptures within view of the road at 21 Kirby Road. On

October 16, 2016, the Guttmans were issued a COA allowing the installation of two specific sculptures with the proviso that if additional sculptures are planned in the future, sculptures will need to be approved by the Commission. The clerk will send a letter to the Guttmans

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

Submitted subject to approval

Janice Roberti

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Janice Roberti, Historic District Clerk August 27, 2018