

## **March 17, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Chute, Mr. Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Gilchrist, Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Crumrine, Miss Alana Crumrine, Miss Kristine Averill

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **The Washington Club, Inc.(Cont'd) /92 Green Hill Road /Install sign on building**

Mr. Smith reconvened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 1/8/08 by the Washington Club, 92 Green Hill Road, to place a sign on the building. He seated the members, Alternate Rives and seated Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist. Mrs. Crumrine represented the Washington Club.

Mrs. Crumrine and her daughter Alana showed the members the old original Club Hall sign they found that used to hang over the front entrance. She said they are in negotiations to purchase the sign from an antiques dealer. Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Crumrine if everyone else connected with the Club was in agreement with her about the sign. She said she did not know, but thought they would be thrilled and asked the members what they thought. Mrs. Mills said she thinks it is a perfect solution. Mrs. Rives stated she thought the old sign was not appropriate. A smaller sign would be better. Mrs. Crumrine said she would like to place this sign back over the door where it used to hang. Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Rives if she considered the sign to be a change of character for the building. She replied yes - the Club members know where the building is located. Mrs. Crumrine said many of The Gunnery buildings have signs to identify them.

Mr. Chute asked if the Club had to ask HDC for permission since this was the original sign. Mr. Smith said the sign requires HDC approval since it has been off the building for so long.

Mrs. Rives asked if the Club is planning a new commercial enterprise since it has been advertising. Mrs. Crumrine said the Club has been advertising for the past 20 years.

Mr. Smith asked the members if there were any additional questions. There were none. There was no one else present to speak for or against this application.

**MOTION:** To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The Washington Club, 92 Green Hill Road, to place a sign on the building. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 4-0.

Mr. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 7:50PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded on tape. The tape is on file in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

**Pinnacle Peak, Inc.(Cont'd) /132 Calhoun Street /Construct new house, detached guest-pool house, pool, fieldstone wall**

Mr. Smith reconvened the Public Hearing at 7:55PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 1/25/08, by Pinnacle Peak, Inc, to construct a new house, detached guest-pool house, pool and fieldstone wall at 132 Calhoun Street. He seated the members, Alternate Rives and seated Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist.

Mr. Smith read a letter from Attorney James R. Healey, of Secor, Cassidy & McPartland, P.C., dated 3/6/08, advising the Commission that he and his client, Pinnacle Peak, Inc, were withdrawing their application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. A copy of this letter is filed with these minutes and the original is in the applicant file.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Pinnacle Peak, Inc., to construct a new house, detached guest-pool house, pool and fieldstone wall at 132 Calhoun Street. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 4-0.

Mr. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 8:00PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded on tape. The tape is on file in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

**Estate of Jean P. Averill /250 Calhoun Street /Build wood shed**

Mr. Smith opened the Public Hearing at 8:03PM to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Samuel and Susan Averill on behalf of the Estate of Jean P. Averill, 250 Calhoun Street, to build a wood shed. He read the legal notice which appeared in **Voices** on 3/9/08. Mr. Smith seated the members, Alternate Rives and seated Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist. Mr. and Mrs. Averill were out of town and sent a letter authorizing their daughter, Kristine Averill, to represent them.

The commissioners looked at the drawing which had been submitted with the application along with a photo taken from Calhoun Street. Miss Averill told the members that the furnace is already installed and now they need a shed where the wood can be stored. The shed is partially erected and sits near the furnace, 225ft away from Calhoun Street. Mrs. Rives said it seems alright to her. The members agreed. Mr. Chute said it adds to the farm scene.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none. There was no one else present to speak for or against this application.

MOTION: To close the Public Hearing to consider the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the Estate of Jean P. Averill, 250 Calhoun Street, to build a wood shed. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mrs. Mills and passed 4-0.

Mr. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 8:10PM.

This Public Hearing was recorded on tape. The tape is on file in the Land Use Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:12PM and seated the members, Alternate Rives and Alternate Mills for Ms. Gilchrist.

**Washington Club, Inc.(cont'd) /92 Green Hill Road /Install sign on building.**

Mr. Smith asked the members if they would like to have additional discussion on this application.

Mrs. Rives stated she did not like the sign and would not like to see it go up again. Just because it is old, does not mean it is nice. Other signs are more discreet.

Mr. Chute said it is history and, in his opinion, the commission is supposed to be preserving history. He also thought Mrs. Crumrine should check with the Club Board for their approval.

Mrs. Mills commented that the signs on the Green are all different. A sign on a building would not draw so much attention. She suggested Mrs. Crumrine should bring in a picture showing the sign in place so the members would have a better idea of how it will look.

Mr. Smith said a picture would be good, or the commission could actually go look at the sign on the building. He stated the Commission would like, 1) to see what the sign will look like, and 2) it is important to affirm that this sign is the preference of all the Washington Club members. It was decided to deny this application without prejudice until all necessary information is received.

MOTION: To deny without prejudice the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 1/8/08, by The Washington Club, 92 Green Hill Road, to place a sign on the building because adequate information was not presented as to how the sign would appear on the building. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 4-0.

**Pinnacle Peak, Inc.(cont'd) /132 Calhoun Street /Construct new house, detached guest-pool house, pool, fieldstone wall**

Application has been withdrawn.

**Estate of Jean P. Averill /250 Calhoun Street /Build wood shed.**

MOTION: To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted 2/19/08, by the estate of Jean P. Averill, 250 Calhoun Street, to build a wood shed as described in the application and located near the wood boiler as shown in the drawing submitted with the application. This work is to be completed by March 17, 2009; or else this approval shall be void. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Mills and passed 4-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 2/11/08 minutes as written. By Mrs. Rives, seconded by Mr. Chute and passed 4-0.

The Selectmen's office gave the members two names of residents who may be interested in serving on the Commission. After a brief discussion, it was decided it would be advantageous to have an attorney on the Commission but would invite both attend a future meeting.

The members discussed the budget and determined that it would not need to be adjusted for the next fiscal year.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mrs. Rives.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:45PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk