

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

**Minutes – October 21, 2019**

**Members Present:** Ms. Woodrooffe, Mr. Hollinger  
**Members Absent:** Ms. Averill, Ms. Mills, Ms. Boyer  
**Alternates Present:** Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Van Tartwijk  
**Alternates Absent:** Mr. Fairbairn  
**Clerk:** Ms. Buell  
**Others:** Ms. Locker, Mr. Pleasants

With a quorum present, and Ms. Van Tartwijk was seated for Ms. Boyer, and Mr. Rimsky seated for Ms. Averill. Mr. Hollinger called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

**97 Calhoun Street:** 2:15

The Clerk read the legal notice for a Certificate of Appropriateness, CoA, 97 Calhoun Street, this public hearing is a continuance from September’s meeting. Ms. Locker shared the landscaping plan with the commission that her landscaper proposed to help hide the two basketball stanchions that were installed. She shared the planting suggestions with the Commissioners. Ms. Locker stated that she wants to be a good neighbor and if needed she will remove the visible basketball hoop. Ms. Van Tarkwijk expressed concern that the commission does not see landscaping, and hiding the basketball hoops behind trees is not what the Commission stands for. Mr. Hollinger gave an explanation why Ms. Locker was bringing landscaping plans to the commission for review. They had a brief discussion about what the process is for applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Locker is trying to remedy the situation and is willing to work with the commission.

***Motion:*** *To close the public hearing for Ms. Locker, 97 Calhoun St. for a Certificate of Appropriateness for installing two basketball hoops on driveway and paving existing driveway. By Ms. Woodrooffe seconded by Mr. Rimsky Passed 4-0*

**129 Calhoun Street:** 11:19

The Clerk read the legal notice for a Certificate of Appropriateness, 129 Calhoun Street, this is a

continuance from September's meeting. The Clerk also read an email that was sent to her on October 2, 2019 from Ms. Chase asking for a repair in kind for the roof on the main house and the dairy barn.

***Motion: To close the Public hearing for Mr. and Mrs. Chase, 129 Calhoun St. for a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacing asphalt shingle roof with a metal roof. By Mr. Hollinger seconded by Ms. Woodroffe Passed 4-0***

**5 Wykeham Rd: 12:50**

The Clerk read the legal notice for a Certificate of Appropriateness, 5 Wykeham Rd. the Gunn Historical Museum for installing a handicap access ramp. Mr. Pleasants the representative that spoke on behalf of the Gunn Museum showed the commission members the two site plans that the Museum is considering. Mr. Pleasants explained the difference between the two plans which included pitch, length of the ramp and which door at the Museum will be used. Mr. Pleasants showed pictures of the materials that will be used to construct the ramp. The commission asked which of the two ramps the Museum preferred and how the parking lot will be impacted by the ramp.

***Motion: To close the public hearing for Ms. Chapin, 5 Wykeham Rd Gunn Memorial Museum, for a certificate of Appropriateness for installing a handicap ramp at the entrance of the Gunn Historical Museum. By Mr. Rimsky seconded by Ms. Woodroffe Passed 4-0***

The Clerk read the legal notice for a Certificate of Appropriateness, 5 Wykeham Rd. the Gunn Memorial Library, for a propane hatch. The Gunn Memorial Library has an approved CoA, and the motion stated they needed to come back to the commission with site plans for the hatch. Mr. Pleasants showed the commission members the site plans from the stone masons and explained the factors involved with having the hatch installed. Mr. Pleasants stated they would like to use pressure treated mahogany for the hatch.

***Motion: To close public hearing for the Gunn Memorial Library, 5 Wykeham Rd. to work on the hatch of their propane tank. By Mr. Rimsky seconded by Ms. Woodroffe Passed 4-0***

**Regular Meeting: 32:54**

Mr. Hollinger called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and seated Ms. Woodroffe Mr. .Hollinger, Ms. Van Tartwijk (for Ms. Boyer) and Mr. Rimsky (for Ms. Averill)

**Unfinished Business:**

**97 Calhoun Street:** 33:22

Mr. Hollinger gave a brief review of what was said during the September 16, 2019 meeting regarding 97 Calhoun Street. The commission spoke about what the applicant stated during the public hearing. Ms. Van Tartwijk shared her disapproval with hiding the basketball stations with trees and shrubbery. The Historic District Commission does not see shrubbery and hiding something visible after the fact with shrubbery is not what the commission stands for. Ms. Van Tartwijk believes the Historic District has rules and they should be followed. Ms. Woodroofe believes we have standards that need to be followed. Mr. Rimsky feels as though there might have been an improper execution of permits and a good compromise is having the hoops hidden with shrubbery until the sale of the home then at that time basketball hoops have to be removed. The commission members made brief remarks about Ms. Locker's earlier statement that a clerk told her she didn't need a Certificate of Appropriateness in July of 2018.

***Motion: To deny the Certificate of Appropriateness and require the applicant to remove the basketball stations as they now exist on 97 Calhoun St. By Ms. Van Tartwijk seconded by Ms. Woodroofe Passed 3-1***

**129 Calhoun Street:** 49:35

The application for a Certificate of Appropriateness was withdrawn by the applicant.

**5 Wykeham Road:** 49:40

The commission members preferred the shorter handicap ramp that was presented to them during the public hearing.

***Motion: To approve the shorter handicap access ramp at the Gunn Museum as proposed by the drawings supplied by the Gunn Museum. By Ms. Hollinger seconded by Mr. Rimsky Passed 4-0***

There was a brief discussion regarding the propane hatch.

***Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the propane cover in stone as propose by the Gunn Memorial Library which would then be covered by a wooden hatch made of pressure treated mahogany thus giving the appearance of an abandoned well, with the recommendation that there is a lock by Mr. Rimsky seconded by Ms. Woodroofe Passed 4-0***

**114 Woodbury Road:** 53:11

There was an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a propane tank under the

Back porch. Mr. Hollinger and Mr. Rimsky did a site visit and said the propane tank will not be visible so there is no need for a CoA.

**Update on Delay of Demolition:** 53:57

Mr. Hollinger and Mr. Fairbairn went to the Board of Selectmen meeting and presented the draft delay of demolition to them for review. They asked very good questions and Mr. Hollinger spoke to both candidates that are running for the first selectmen position. After the election they will present the draft to the new board of selectmen. This will require a special town meeting to get approved.

**Consideration of Minutes:** 55:53

The members reviewed the minutes from September 16, 2019 and made no corrections.

***Motion: To approve the minutes of September 16, 2019 as written, by Ms. Van Tartwijk seconded by Mr. Rimsky Passed 4-0***

**New/ Other Business:** 56:44

Mr. Hollinger told the commission about a meeting he had with Ms. White, the Land Use Administrator, regarding making a change to the Zoning Application. The Clerk showed the commission members the current applications that are used for Zoning, Building and Driveway Ordinance. The Commission would like to have Historic District added to the current applications to make sure that there are no mistakes with the permitting process. Mr. Hollinger would like to meet with Ms. White to inform her about tonight's motion and find out about the permitting process. He would like to call Attorney Olsen regarding the motion that was made.

***Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:17p.m., by Mr. Hollinger seconded by Mr. Rimsky Passed 4-0***



Respectfully Submitted

Karen Buell, Historic District Commission Clerk

October 25, 2019