

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

Minutes – December 18, 2023
via teleconference

Members Present: Mr. Hollinger, Ms. Averill, Ms. Mills, Ms. Woodroffe
Members Absent: Ms. Boyer
Alternates Present: Mr. Rimsky, Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Fairbairn
Alternates Absent:
Staff: Ms. Rebillard
Others:

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Chairman Hollinger called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and seated himself, Ms. Averill, Ms. Woodroffe, Ms. Mills, Mr. Ferreira (for Ms. Boyer), Mr. Rimsky, and Mr. Fairbairn

Consideration of Minutes for the November 20, 2023 Meeting

Chair Hollinger noted that minutes should be revised to correctly spell Ms. Woodroffe. In addition, all motions set forth were passed on a 5-0 vote. Final change is regarding demolition discussion. There was a motion to include that as business but no vote on it.

Motion: To amend the minutes for the November 20, 2023, to approve the minutes as amended put forth by Chair Hollinger, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Passed by 4-0 vote.

New/Other Business

Expansion of Historic Districts

Chair Hollinger asked William Fairbairn to discuss the history of the historic districts within town in regards to potential Historic District expansion to include Old North Road and New Preston Hill. Mr. Fairbairn noted in that the process requires a special committee in which they wrote the property owners within those areas. Chair Hollinger noted that it can take up to two years to create a new district in which we would have to discuss with the first selectman to get the special committee in place. Mr. Rimsky questioned if Old North Road would simply be an extension of the green. Procedurally to expand the districts we need to start with a special meeting to not absorb time scheduled for regular meetings.

2024 Calendar Dates

Motion: To approve the 2024 Calendar dates as put forth by Clerk. Motion put forth by Ms. Woodroffe, seconded by Ms. Mills. Passed by 4-0 vote.

Historic District Signage

Commissioners discussed the style signs that were presented in an email by Mr. Ferreria to the Commissioners. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Chair Hollinger asked Clerk if 157 Calhoun responded to our letter. He noted it appears they might not be doing what they are supposed to based on his drive-by the previous day and asked Clerk to call. Clerk will also do a drive by to ensure it matches the rendering on the application.

Mr. Rimsky discussed that 24 Old North Road will be demolished as planned.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm by Chair Hollinger, seconded by Mr. Ferreria. Passed by 4-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justine Rebillard

Justine Rebillard
Town of Washington
Land Use Clerk
12-19-2023

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