

January 25, 2023

TUCKAHOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Village Hall – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	Jennie Steinhagen	Chairperson
	Josh Gaccione	Member
	Ladislao Castellanos	Member

Also in Attendance:

Gary Gjertsen	Village Attorney
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Chairperson Steinhagen announced the agenda as follows:

Item #1 - 101 Main Street, aka “The Washington Hotel” - To determine if a recommendation shall be made to the Village Board of Trustees to designate 101 Main Street as an historic local landmark

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Chairperson Steinhagen noted that the public hearing was open.

No Public Comments

Chairperson Steinhagen motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by member Castellanos and carried unanimously.

Member Gaccione offered the following resolution in the form of a motion.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY AT: 101 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY 10707 AKA: “The Washington Hotel”

We, the duly appointed members of the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Commission, do this 25th day of January, 2023, adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as set forth in the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation legislation, the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Commission may recommend landmarks and districts of historic and cultural significance for designation by the Tuckahoe Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Commission received and accepted a completed landmark nomination for 101 Main Street, filed on November 15, 2022, and announced the opening of a Public Meeting for review and discussion of the nomination at its meeting on November 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS a Public Meeting on the potential designation of 101 Main Street was held on December 15, 2022 at Tuckahoe Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation legislation provides the following criteria to qualify the recommendation of the designation of an individual property if it:

- (a) Possesses special character or aesthetic value as part of the cultural, architectural, social, or economic history of the Village; or
- (b) Is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history; or
- (c) Is the birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance; or
- (d) Embodies the distinguishing characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or design style, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
- (e) Is representative of the work of a designer, architect, or builder; or
- (f) Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the community by virtue of its unique location or singular physical characteristic; or
- (g) Has yielded or may be likely to yield information important to the study of the prehistory or history of the region, state, or nation

WHEREAS the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Commission has made the following findings of fact concerning the proposed designation:

The property located at 101 Main Street is an architecturally significant Tuckahoe structure that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction. The

foundation and facade of the Washington Hotel consist of blocks of marble that were excavated from Tuckahoe's once thriving marble quarries that operated for approximately 100 years, from the 1820s to 1930. These same quarries also provided marble to many historically significant structures of the 19th century, including Federal Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, and the Washington Square Arch in New York City; the Washington Monument and the United States Capitol Building in Washington, DC; the Vanderbilt "Marble House" mansion of Newport, RI, designed by renowned architect Richard Morris Hunt; as well as the Immaculate Conception Church and Masonic Temple in Tuckahoe.

The Washington Hotel, because of its direct relationship to the Tuckahoe marble industry, has played a pivotal role in the cultural, social, and economic history of Tuckahoe. The Washington Hotel was built in 1883 for Samuel Fee, a superintendent of the Eastchester Marble Quarry Company, who was an effective intermediary between the workers and the owners of Tuckahoe's marble quarries and who participated in economic bargaining and negotiations. The Washington Hotel functioned as a meeting hall and community center and provided lodging for members of the Journeymen's Stonecutters Union, which had a branch in Tuckahoe going back to April of 1839. The Washington Hotel served as a social center not just for members of the quarry industry, many of whom lived in and raised their families in Tuckahoe, but also years later for the Village of Tuckahoe, who used the large meeting rooms at 101 Main Street to accommodate large groups. The Washington Hotel represents the industry that brought growth to the immediate area and played an important role in shaping the development of Tuckahoe.

The Washington Hotel at 101 Main Street strongly meets the following criteria:

- (a) Possesses special character or aesthetic value as part of the cultural, architectural, social, or economic history of the Village;
- (b) Is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history;
- (d) Embodies the distinguishing characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or design style, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;
- (f) Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the community by virtue of its unique location or singular physical characteristic

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the duly appointed members of the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Commission do this 25th day of January, 2023 determine that 101 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY meets the criteria defining a landmark as set forth in the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Legislation, and, accordingly, we recommend to the Tuckahoe Board of Trustees that they hold a Public Hearing and take a vote to make this individual site a Tuckahoe local landmark.

The motion was seconded by member Castellanos and was carried unanimously by the Commission with a vote of 3-0.

There being no further comments from the public or business before the Commission, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.