

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Lower Level Small Conference Room
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
October 19, 2017

APPROVED MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Ridgefield Historic District Commission (“HDC”) was held in the lower level small conference room of the Town Hall, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877, on Thursday, October 19, 2017, and beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Briggs Tobin, Vice Chair
Rhys Moore
Joseph Gasperino
Sean O’Kane (Alternate)
Harriet Hanlon (Alternate)
Dan O’Brien (via Cell Phone – Non-voting)

Absent: Eric Pashley and Kam Daughters (Alternate)

AGENDA

- 1) Main Street Area – Proposed placement of pet litter receptacles at various locations off Main Street.

MEETING

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tobin at 7:30 p.m.

- 1) Main Street Area – Proposed placement of pet litter receptacles

Nicole Connors and Logan Lachemann were present as members of the Dog Waste committee.

N. Connors distributed pictures of the receptacles with reduced height located at the corner of Main Street and Gilbert Street to the HDC members. N. Connors said that in the three weeks since installation, the areas were cleaner. In the past week, L. Lachemann has twice refilled the receptacles with bags.

N. Connors said the committee was looking to put another receptacle at the intersection of Branchville and Main Street. B. Tobin asked if tucked in the bushes. N. Connors agreed. H. Hanlon said she wouldn’t like to see the receptacle by the church as it was too open. H. Hanlon asked if the sidewalk easement was on town property. N. Connors said she would check with R. Marconi. N. Connors said they were looking at the South side of Main Street and Branchville. T. Briggs said it was more like Southeast corner of that intersection.

N. Connors said they were also looking at the intersection of West Lane and Main Street, North side, near the hedge, inside the sidewalk on Town property. N. Connors said she would ask R. Marconi to make sure

the proposed area would be on town property and check with CBYD prior to receptacle placement. S. O’Kane said she should also check with R. Marconi regarding any state regulation.

N. Connors said to bear in mind that these stations were easily removed. The posts are not cemented in ground and are placed two feet below ground. N. Connors said she had spoken to Pete Hill of the Highway department who had helped in installing the receptacles.

S. O’Kane said that the top part of the receptacle looked a bit unfinished due to having no signage at the top of the post. S. O’Kane said if they could make the post flush with the top cover. N. Connor said the reason for the extra piece of post was so that the cover wouldn’t break. S. O’Kane said it looked unfinished. He preferred to have it made flush so that it wouldn’t stick up. Also, the receptacle by Ballard Green was not plumb and as a result looked crooked. N. Connor said she would ask to have it made level. S. O’Kane said that since the receptacle was part of the street furniture, it should be level.

J. Gasperino asked if there were other receptacles outside the Historic district. N. Connors said they had about six. J. Gasperino asked which receptacle was at the most Southern part of Ridgefield. L. Lachemann said it was by Deborah Ann’s. H. Hanlon said Logan had done a good job. J. Gasperino said the HDC would revisit the placements in one year.

H. Hanlon moved and J. Gasperino seconded a motion to approve the placement of two additional dog litter receptacles off the SE corner of Branchville Road & Main Street and NW corner of West Lane & Main Street in the Historic District, on the conditions that (1) such receptacle installations be limited to a receptacle with dog waste bag dispenser attached thereto; (2) the physical locations of such receptacles are installed in such a way as to minimize the prominence of the receptacle as much as possible and set back from the sidewalk on Town property as identified by the Town; 3) the top metal post is made flush with the cover of the receptacles and are installed in a “plumb” fasion (i.e. verticle, not askew); and (4) installation of such receptacles are limited to a one-year period beginning on the date of such installation, after which its longer term installation is subject to Commission approval at or before such one-year anniversary. Motion passed 5-0.

2) Approval of the HDC Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2017

The HDC members took a moment to review the September 14, 2017 HDC meeting minutes. Harriet Hanlon abstained as she did not attend last month’s HDC meeting.

S. O’Kane moved and J. Gasperino seconded a motion to approve the September 14, 2017 HDC meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Gasperino moved and R. Moore seconded a motion to adjourn the Historic District Commission Meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Fields