

**RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**Town Hall, 400 Main Street**  
**Ridgefield, CT 06877**  
**May 2, 2022**

Policy: Historic District Commission meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.

**APPROVED SITE VISIT AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A site visit and special meeting of the Ridgefield Historic District Commission (“HDC”) was held at 304 Main Street on Monday, May 2 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien, Chair  
Rhys Moore  
Sean O’Kane  
Harriett Hanlon  
Kam Daughters (alternate)  
Marc Blandford (alternate)  
Sara Kaplan (alternate)

**AGENDA**

**The meeting was called to order by Mr. O’Brien at 6:59 p.m.**

The homeowners, Mr. Dan Tewes and Mrs. Leslie Tewes were present. The group met behind the house at the Market Street driveway.

**Propane Tanks Location:**

Mr. Tewes said they were concerned about the Magnolia tree, which was close to where they were looking to place the propane tanks. The tanks would be behind the white picket fence on the Market Street side of the property. Mr. O’Brien asked if they would appear above the picket fence. Mr. Tewes said it would not. The tank height was approximately 30”. The length was 9 feet. The fence was four feet. Mr. O’Kane said they should check with the Zoning department on the placement. They might have to put boulders in front of the stone wall as a barrier to the propane tanks.

**Pool Equipment Location:**

Mr. Tewes said he was proposing to put the pool equipment on a concrete pad in front of the picket fence on the Market Street driveway. It would be blocked by the trash cans. There was a tree that had died which they would remove, and move the bushes to make room. Mr. O’Kane suggested they put the trash cans where the tree died and in front of that put a seven-foot piece of fence, parallel with the current white picket fence which would effectively hide the pool equipment from view. Mr. and Mrs. Tewes said that sounded like a good idea. Both Ms. Daughters and Mr. Moore agreed.

**Pool Site:**

The pool site was staked out which would be approximately 16 feet by 38 feet. The surrounding proposed patio area was outlined in orange. Mr. Tewes said they would put plantings around it. There was a lot of shade in the back.

**Rain Garden:**

Further in the back, there were red cones where the rain garden would be located. Mr. Tewes distributed additional literature showing how the rain runoff was collected, what plants and type of soil were used and the ultimate outcome. Previously, it had been wet in the back. Their neighbors had put in French drains and the Tewes turned off their sprinklers. That effectively remedied the wetness.

**Fencing:**

Mr. Tewes showed where the current fencing was located. He said all posts were of natural wood. He said the deer fencing qualified as pool fencing. Mrs. Tewes said she had already ordered the pool locks for the gates. Mr. Tewes in the Southwest corner was an old horse fence. He was going to replace it with two pool gates. He asked if the house veranda was open to the pool. Mrs. Tewes said yes. Mr. O'Kane said they might have to add alarms to the doors if they were using the house as a pool fence. He suggested they speak with the Zoning and Building departments as this was not an HDC issue.

**Mr. O'Kane moved and Ms. Hanlon seconded a motion to approve the application as presented for the installation of a pool and pool patio, including placement of the related propane tanks and equipment pad and rain garden for drainage near the south-east corner, on the condition that an approximately seven-foot piece of white picket fence be placed in front of the equipment pad. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Ms. Hanlon moved and Mr. Moore seconded a motion to adjourn the Historic District Commission Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Fields  
Recording Secretary