

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

APPROVED MINUTES – SITE VISIT AND SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2020
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The following members were present:

Dan O'Brien
Kam Daughters (Alternate for open seat)
Briggs Tobin
Sean O'Kane

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. Bob Tompkins was attending and representing the owner, his son Aaron Tompkins, who was also in attendance.

The Commission members lead by Bob Tompkins walked around the perimeter of the house as Bob Tompkins pointed out those areas of the exterior where the insulation was needed to be inserted from the exterior wall.

Bob Tompkins stated that the contractor had finished his work in the interior of the house whereby the insulation material had been blown into the walls through holes made in the interior walls. While Bob Tompkins initially believed that it would not be necessary to insert any insulation through exterior walls, it was discovered that certain wall areas could not be accessed through the interior walls such as those areas behind installed appliances and behind the built-in radiators. Accordingly, it will be necessary to insert the insulation through the exterior walls as required. He did not anticipate the second-floor area covered by wood shingles would be disturbed. The exterior process involved removing two lines of clapboard siding – one upper and one lower around the areas needed; insulation to be inserted; and, the original clapboard reattached.

Bob Tompkins explained that the process of removing the clapboard involved the use of a 90-degree saw and slicing the top of the clapboard partially laying under the upper board; removing it; inserting the insulation; and then reattaching the original clapboard. In the event that any of the clapboard becomes damaged, it would be blended in with like material.

After discussion, Briggs Tobin made a motion to approve the application for the insertion of insulation material through certain exterior walls based upon the methodology as presented. Sean O'Kane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel O'Brien, Chair