



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut
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SPECIAL MEETING AND SITE VISITS MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

152 Main Street & 164 Main Street

Attendees

Dan O'Brien, Chair
Briggs Tobin, Vice Chair
Sean O'Kane (recused on 152 Main Street)
Mark Blandford (Alternate for Sean O'Kane on 152 Main Street)
Elizabeth DiSalvo (Alternate for Harriet Hanlon)
Kam Daughters (Alternate for Rhys Moore)

152 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Dan O'Brien at 5:30 p.m. Sean O'Kane was recused from this matter as a Commission member and was representing the property owner as architect and applicant. Hildegard Grob, Executive Director of the Keeler Tavern Museum, was in attendance.

Sean O'Kane proceeded to outline the various aspects of the proposed Garden House canopy addition and the related terrace renovations. Specifically, the project entails the addition of a glass/metal canopy on the north entrance of the Garden House with wall sconces; restoration of the existing French doors and hardware below the canopy; and, significant renovation and changes to the terrace in front of the north doors to the Garden House including realignment of the brick walk including use of brick throughout the terrace to be similar to the more historic appearance of the brick currently in use in a portion thereof, rebuilding of the present brick retaining wall, and the addition of new metal railing and posts, new metal guardrail, new marble step and marble copings. Also, included are the additions of recessed lights on the steps and landscaping lights. Certain driveway modifications related to the terrace changes are also required.

Commission members asked a number of questions on the proposed project elements, all of which were answered by Sean O'Kane. Mr. O'Kane presented pictures of the lantern type lighting fixture planned for the two exterior spaces between the French doors. Briggs Tobin inquired about the brightness of such lighting, and Sean O'Kane indicated that the lighting and type of bulb used would not be bright.

Kam Daughters made the following motion which was seconded by Mark Blandford:

To approve the proposed canopy addition, related lighting, and various terrace renovations as enumerated.

The motion was approved 5-0.

164 Main Street

The Commission then took up the matter of the residing of certain dormers at 164 Main Street which is the residence of Commission alternate member Mark Blandford and the applicant on this matter. Mark explained that siding on certain of the dormers (North, South and East) was older and did not match the clapboard on the West facing dormers done more recently and that the application was to reside those dormers with clapboard to match the West facing dormers.

Mark Blandford also informed the Commission that he will not be proceeding with the following elements of a renovation plan previously approved by the Commission: adding railings and stairs to back porch; adding a front porch; and, adding railing to widows walk on roof.

Briggs Tobin made the following motion which was seconded by Kam Daughters:

To approve the residing of the dormers to match the clapboard on the existing West facing dormers.

The motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. O'Brien, Chair