

**RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**Town Hall, 400 Main Street**  
**Ridgefield, CT 06877**  
**October 8, 2023**

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 127 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877, on Sunday, October 8, 2023 and beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien, Chair  
Sean O’Kane, Vice Chair  
Rhys Moore  
Sara Kaplan (Alternate for Harriet Hanlon)

**AGENDA**

127 Main Street – Porch Extension removal

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dan O’Brien at 10:00 a.m. The homeowner Ms. Nadia Blair was present.

Ms. Blair walked the commission members over to the North side of the house, showing the current porch stairs and extension.

Ms. Blair said that she believed around the 1930’s/1940’s, the house was converted to a multi-family home. The curved window on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, North side was replaced by a door. And to access this door, exterior stairs were added.

Ms. Kaplan asked if there would be a change to the roof. Ms. Blair said no. The plan is to remove the current stairs. The brickwork behind the stair would then be visible. Mr. Moore asked if they had the curved window. Ms. Blair said they had the original window that had been removed to make room for the stairs. They would be replacing the stairs with that original window.

Mr. O’Kane asked where the deck would end. Ms. Blair said the deck would end at the chimney. They would not be extending the deck. The current column at the end of the porch would remain.

Ms. Blair said they had to repair the porch, railings and possibly redo the front stairs. She has researched and found pictures of the original front stairs. She was concerned about possible railings required for the front stairs due to building codes.

Ms. Blair also mentioned possible railing work on the second floor. Current access to the railing on the second floor was under lock and key. Ms. Blair was looking to restore the deck, railing and front stairs to their original state. Mr. O'Brien said when she was ready to present these plans, to submit an HDC application.

**Ms. Kaplan moved and Mr. Moore seconded a motion to approve the application as presented to remove the porch stairs/extension along the house's North side, remove the porch door in the stairwell, and reinstall the original window in the porch door's place. Motion passed 4-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy L. Fields  
Recording Secretary