

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Lower Level Small Conference Room
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
December 19, 2019

APPROVED MINUTES

A 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, December 19, 2019, and beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien, Chair
Briggs Tobin, Vice Chair
Sean O’Kane
Rhys Moore
Mark Blandford (Alternate for Joe Gasperino)
Harriet Hanlon (Alternate) – joined the meeting at 7:42pm

AGENDA

- 1) **207 Main Street – Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church – Window addition on church building**
 - 2) **63 High Ridge Avenue – Relocation of recently installed fence**
 - 3) **2 Parley Lane – Roof replacement**
 - 4) **152 Main Street – Keeler Tavern – Discussion of plans for site development.**
- Executive Session**

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. D. O’Brien at 7:33 p.m.

- 1) **63 High Ridge Avenue – Relocation of recently installed fence**

Mark Blandford was present on behalf of the owner Mr. W. Diamond, and was recused.

M. Blandford distributed pictures of the proposed relocation of the fence to the commission members. The feedback he received from the December 15 2019 Site visit was to install the fence six inches below grade level, in addition to moving the fence back approximately 15 feet to 16 feet. D. O’Brien said that viewed from the street, the perception approached approximately half of the height. D. O’Brien said W. Diamond agreed to the trench. S. O’Kane said that was a positive, a vast improvement. D. O’Brien said that was reasonable. S. O’Kane asked if the design and materials were discussed at the site visit. D. O’Brien said the same design and

materials would be used. B. Tobin said that was not really discussed at the site visit. D. O'Brien said the current material used was black, thin and spaced far apart.

R. Moore moved and S. O'Kane seconded a motion to approve as presented the relocation of the existing fence westward to run in a straight line in alignment with the northwest corner of the existing lattice fencing adjacent to the house and terminating at the property line on the North side of the property. Such fence will be installed into a six-inch trench below grade level for its entire length in order to lessen the fence's height above the grade level. Motion passed 4-0.

B. Tobin moved and S. O'Kane seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion passed 4-0 at 7:41pm.

The Commission returned to public session at 8:39 p.m.

2) 207 Main Street Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church – Window addition on church building

The church representatives did not show.

M. Blandford moved and B. Tobin seconded a motion to deny the application without prejudice in view of the expiring time required to hear the application. Applicant is expected to soon refile this application. Motion passed 5-0.

3) 2 Parley Lane – Roof replacement

D. O'Brien said the homeowner was going to repair the roof as opposed to replace the roof. Should they decide to replace the roof, they would apply at the next HDC meeting in January 2020.

4) 152 Main Street – Keeler Tavern – Discussion of plans for site development

D. O'Brien said it was expected that the applicant would appear at the next HDC meeting in January 2020.

5) Approval of the HDC meeting minutes – November 21, 2019

S. O'Kane moved and H. Hanlon seconded a motion to approve the November 21, 2019 HDC meeting minutes, with Commission members who did not attend such meeting abstaining. Motion passed 4-0.

6) Approval of the Site Visit meeting minutes – December 15, 2019

B. Tobin moved and R. Moore seconded a motion to approve the December 15, 2019 Site Visit meeting minutes, with Commission members who did not attend such meeting or who were recused, abstaining. Motion passed 4-0.

R. Moore moved and H. Hanlon seconded a motion to adjourn the Historic District Commission meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Fields
Recording Secretary