

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Lower Level Small Conference Room
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
May 16, 2019

APPROVED MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

A special 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, May 16, 2019, and beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien, Chair
Briggs Tobin, Vice Chair
Joseph Gasperino
Sean O’Kane
Rhys Moore
Mark Blandford (Alternate)
Kam Daughters (Alternate)
Harriet Hanlon (Alternate for Sean O’Kane)

AGENDA

- 1) **Keeler Tavern Museum 152 Main Street – Addition of front storm door and change of transom window over front door to window with museum name**

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. O’Brien at 8:30 p.m.

- 1) **Keeler Tavern Museum 152 Main Street – Addition of front storm door and addition of glass with signage over existing transom window**

S. O’Kane presented on behalf of the Keeler Tavern and was recused. K. Daughters recused herself as an alternate. H. Hanlon served as alternate replacing S. O’Kane.

S. O’Kane presented drawings of the proposed storm doors. He said the Keeler Tavern Museum was having a grand opening on July 1st. They wanted to be able to install the storm/glass doors in time for their grand opening.

The pair of storm doors with panels will match the wood behind it. The storm doors are wood style and have rails. The transom windows will remain, with a glass panel over them with the Keeler Tavern name and logo. The signage will be a transfer that goes on the glass. D. O’Brien asked if it would be etched. S. O’Kane said no. That would be extremely expensive. M. Blandford asked if it would be lit. S. O’Kane said no. He said there would be no light in the soffits. There would be low voltage ground lighting. D. O’Brien asked if that was indicated in the application. S. O’Kane said no, but that he would add it and provide cut sheets.

M. Blandford asked if words on the signage were needed. He thought just the logo would look nice. S. O’Kane said he would be happy to go back to his client. D. O’Brien suggested signage be as low key as possible, a less commercial look.

B. Tobin asked about the history of the building. S. O’Kane said Cass Gilbert Jr. designed the building with the express idea of storing his Dad’s work. H. Hanlon asked where the museum hours would be posted. S. O’Kane said the hours probably would be added to the street sign. D. O’Brien said the proposed glass signage looked somewhat busy.

J. Gasperino asked if there was a direct line of site from the street with the landscape lighting. S. O’Kane said no, there was no direct line of site with the landscape lighting. The lights are directed downward. S. O’Kane said he would provide the cut sheets.

H. Hanlon moved and J. Gasperino seconded a motion to approve the application as presented subject to review and approval of: (1) the proposed signage wording for the overhead glass panel, and (2) the cut sheets for the landscape lighting. Motion passed 5-0.

K. Daughters moved and M. Blandford seconded a motion to adjourn the Historic District Commission meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Fields
Recording Secretary