

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Lower Level Small Conference Room
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
June 20, 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, June 20, 2019, and beginning at 7:30 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)

AGENDA

- 1) **63 High Ridge Avenue – Erection of a new fence**

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. O’Brien at 7:30 p.m.

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Mark Blandford presented on behalf of the owner William Diamond, and was recused.

M. Blandford presented drawings of the proposed fence. He said the Diamonds have two dogs that escape their property regularly, despite having an invisible fence. Their solution was to construct a fence. They have tried to position the fence far back from the street. Pushing it further back makes for an awkward position. D. O’Brien asked if the fence was right on the ridge line of the property. M. Blandford said that would be farther back. He said the owners had put up one section already when the pictures were taken, so that you could see how it looked.

Currently, there is a deer fence on the neighbor’s north side. Also, there is another piece of fencing on the driveway side. D. O’Brien said the new fence appeared to be visible from the street. The properties on High Ridge road all have open vistas. M. Blandford said the Diamonds tried to take that into consideration. D. O’Brien asked if the fence was east of where the dogs come out. M. Blandford showed D. O’Brien on the plans where the dogs come out of the house. D. O’Brien asked if the fence could be pushed further back. M. Blandford said that would split up the yard. D. O’Brien said the proposed fence would already split the yard.

B. Tobin asked the height of the fence. M. Blandford said it was 4 feet high.

M. Blandford suggested a site visit. D. O'Brien, J. Gasperino and S. O'Kane agreed. B. Tobin asked if the Diamonds were set on this type of fence. M. Blandford said Mrs. Diamond liked this fence because of the cleaner lines and that being black, it disappeared more readily.

D. O'Brien told M. Blandford to urge the Diamonds not to put up any more sections as they were in violation given that plans for the fence have not been approved by the Commission.

The Commission members agreed on a site visit for Monday, June 24th at 10am.

K. Daughters moved and R. Moore seconded a motion to adjourn the Historic District Commission Special meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Fields
Recording Secretary