



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut
400 Main Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877
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SITE VISITS MINUTES

Saturday, December 12, 2020

30 Main Street & 43 West Lane

Attendees

Dan O'Brien, Chair
Briggs Tobin, Vice Chair
Harriet Hanlon
Sean O'Kane
Mark Blandford
Kam Daughters
Elizabeth DiSalvo

Representing Studer Design Associates, Inc:
Craig Studer
Sophie Buscaglia

30 Main Street

Starting at 11:00 a.m., the Commission members met Craig Studer and Sophie Buscaglia at 30 Main Street. The property owner has engaged the Studer Design firm as its landscape architect for the installation of a pool and related fencing and equipment pad. The siting of the pool was appropriately marked out by Studer Design. The Commission members determined that the property was located off an access way serving other properties and it was, therefore, visible from a public way.

The Commission members walked the property with Craig Studer and Sophie Buscaglia and noted the location of the proposed fence and its design and material as well as the proposed landscaping plan, all of which appeared to be appropriately set out in the plans provided. The various elements of the plans presented by Mr. Studer included the following:

- A. Construct 18 X 45 swimming pool
- B. Jerith pool enclosure fence (black aluminum)

- C. Brick pool terrace
- D. 6 new steps w/ landing risers to be stone veneer to closely match stone used on residence treads to be 2" thick thermal bluestone
- E. Retaining/guide wall at step
- F. Proposed wrought iron handrail
- G. Bluestone walk on concrete
- H. Proposed storm water retention area
- I. Landscaping

43 West Lane

Starting at 11:30 a.m., the Commission members again met with Craig Studer and Sophie Buscaglia this time at 43 West Lane. The property owner has also engaged the Studer Design firm as its landscape architect for the installation of a pool and equipment pad. The siting of the pool was appropriately marked out by Studer Design. The Commission members determined that the property was located off an access way serving other properties and it was, therefore, visible from a public way.

The Commission members walked the property with Craig Studer and Sophie Buscaglia and noted the location of the proposed pool as well as the landscaping plan and other planned elements of the proposed work, all of which appeared to be appropriately set out in the plans provided. Mr. Studer indicated that the existing fencing around the property met code for a pool and, therefore, no additional fencing was required to enclose the pool. It was noted that the proposed equipment pad would be located near the east side of the property close to the property line between the two existing fences and would be enclosed with a wood fencing. The various elements of the plans presented by Mr. Studer included the following:

- A. Proposed deck addition with new steps and railing to match existing. Weaving in wood decking to existing decking to blend
- B. Proposed masonry landing and steps – bluestone select blue for treads, landings, and stone risers
- C. Proposed seat/retaining wall–stone veneer to match stone risers. Top of wall to have 2" X 12" wide bluestone wall cap.
- D. Proposed shotcrete swimming pool – 3.5' – 5.5' depth w/ under water S steps, tanning shelf, and swim out bench
- E. Raised spa with underwater steps and benches
- F. Proposed pool equipment pad
- G. Existing gate to be modified to swing out
- H. Landscape buffer

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. O'Brien, Chair