

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut

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APPROVED SITE VISIT AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, July 13, 2021

A site visit and special meeting was held at 321 Main Street which was open to the public on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O'Brien, Chair Rhys Moore Sean O'Kane Harriet Hanlon Kam Daughters Mark Blandford Elizabeth DiSalvo

Agenda

Proposed rebuilding of a barn.

Site Visit

The site visit was called to order by Mr. O'Brien at 5:30 p.m. Michelle Hogue, the Applicant and general contractor for the project, was present.

Mr. O'Brien stated to Ms. Hogue that he only received the plans last night and was surprised to see the plans called for the demolition of an historic structure (circa 1800) and the rebuilding of a like new barn. This plan differed from Mr. O'Brien's previous communication with Ms. Hogue where it was indicated that only "certain" exterior changes to the structure were under consideration. The Commission members and Ms. Hogue proceeded with the site visit which included a visual inspection of both the exterior and interior of the structure. Mr. O'Brien suggested to Ms. Hogue that alternatives to the current demolition plan, including the restoration of the current structure, be considered and presented to the Commission at a later date to be determined. (Subsequent to the meeting and later that evening, Ms. Hogue emailed Mr. O'Brien a set of plans for the restoration of the current structure as a new proposal for the Commission to consider at a subsequent meeting with the Applicant and along with a representative of the architect of the project.)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. O'Brien, Chair