

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
June 5, 2023

Policy: Historic District Commission meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.

APPROVED SITE VISIT AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Site Visit and Special meeting of the Ridgefield Historic District Commission (“HDC”) was held at 321 Main St, Ridgefield, CT 06877, on Monday, June 5, 2023 and beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien, Chair
Sean O’Kane, Vice Chair
Kam Daughters
Harriet Hanlon
Rhys Moore
Mark Blandford (Alternate)
Michael Mitchell (Alternate)

AGENDA

321 Main Street – Installation of an oil & stone driveway; shed addition

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dan O’Brien at 6:28 p.m. Michelle Hogue of Hogue Interior Design was in attendance, representing the homeowners Michael and Cynthia Long.

Ms. Hogue had emailed the Commissioners a Stormwater Management plan, pictures of a couple of Oil and Stone driveways, pictures of the stones in washed native gray and native gray and sheds with different wood siding

Driveway:

Ms. Hogue said the washed native gray had more brown coloring in it, appeared more natural and matched the Belgium block. The regular native gray matched the house foundation. The exact stone coloring was still undecided. They were also thinking of resetting the Belgian block around the grass. All the Commissioners said they favored the washed native gray. Ms. Hogue mentioned underneath would be an asphalt driveway. Mr. Mitchell noted that was an impervious surface. Ms. Hogue said they had already discussed that. Mr. O’Kane said perviousness was not the purview of the HDC.

Ms. Daughters moved and Mr. O’Kane seconded a motion to approve the plans dated June 5, 2023 for the installation of an oil & stone driveway. Motion passed 5-0.

Storage Shed:

Ms. Hogue and the Commissioners walked to the back of the property, adjacent to the renovated frame barn. Ms. Hogue noted that the shed location (A) is shown on the Stormwater Management plan and pointed it out along the hedge. Ms. Hanlon asked what would they be using the shed for? Ms. Hogue said they were looking to possibly store bikes, cushions, lawn equipment etc. She said they were looking to paint the shed the same color as the renovated frame barn, Distant gray. As for the siding, they had no preference. Mr. O’Kane said clapboard would be the best choice, similar to Photo 2. Mr. Blandford asked about the shed positioning. Ms. Hogue said the doors would face the pool, It would be along the hedge, flush back against the setback as it would be no larger than 200 ft. They had looked at several models and appeared to favor the size 8’ x 10’. As for the foundation, they would probably use crushed stone. Ms. Hogue said the shed would be in front of the pool equipment, tucked away. Mr. O’Kane said he agreed with the location. Mr. Blandford noted that the only possible view from the street could be the roof. Ms. Hogue mentioned they were not going to add a cupola or concrete padding. They were only going to use stepping stones to the pool. Mr. O’Kane asked about the roof pitch. Ms. Hogue said she thought the roof pitch and height were noted on Photo 4, but both were missing.

Mr. O’Kane moved and Ms. Daughters seconded a motion to approve the plans dated June 5, 2023 for a storage shed based upon the following: 1) shed size not larger than 150 square feet; 2) clapboard siding in same style as the rebuilt barn-like structure; 3) no cupola; 4) shed to be located in front of pool equipment and facing the pool; and (5) roof height and pitch to be provided the Commission for approval. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Fields
Recording Secretary