

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
January 19, 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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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, January 19 2023, and beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien (Chair), Sean O’Kane (Vice Chair via Zoom), Kam Daughters, Mark Blandford (alternate for Rhys Moore) and Sara Kaplan (alternate for Harriet Hanlon)

AGENDA

17 Main Street – Change of previously approved porch windows and addition of an egress window in second floor.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dan O’Brien at 7:04 p.m.

Anthony Cacciola of AJC Contracting was present along with Robert Rae, homeowner.

Mr. Cacciola said they are required under code to have an egress window added in the master bedroom, and as a result, wanted to replace five second floor windows including the egress window so that they would match. They were looking at an Anderson A series, double hung sash. He passed along glossies from Anderson literature. The color would be white. Mr. Cacciola showed plans of the windows facing South. Mr. Blandford asked if they thought of casements. Mr. Cacciola said if they were casement they would be wider.

There were a total of five windows to replace. The egress window was the main concern. There was a side window, a bathroom window and three windows in the bedroom. Mr. O’Brien asked if they were all 3x3 or 4x4. Mr. Cacciola said they would have to see the style of windows so they could match the egress to the other windows. But the outside would be white clad wood, not vinyl.

Mr. O’Kane said there were new windows put in a couple of years ago in the new garage addition. What were they, Pella or Marvin? Mr. Cacciola said he didn’t know but could visit tomorrow to check. Mr. O’Kane said it would be good to match. Mr. Cacciola suggested they could remove the sash and to check with the Building Department on that. Mr. Cacciola said he did speak with the Building Department but the concern was for the square footage to allow the fire department ingress in case of emergency.

Mr. Blandford said the approved windows previously were wood, double hung. Mr. Cacciola said he would try to match with the porch windows. He would do more research. Mr. Blandford asked about the timeline. Mr. Cacciola said as soon as possible. Mr. O’Kane said he would like a revised drawing submitted that showed the proportions. Mr. Cacciola said he would submit a revised drawing along with the proposed make and model of the windows.

Mr. Cacciola said on the porch, there were transom windows on the bottom half. The original house didn’t have these transoms. The owners wanted to change them back to a solid wall. The railings would remain. Mr. O’Kane said he would want to see drawings for that too, complete with an elevation. Mr. Rae said previously the bottom was a solid wall. They wanted to go back to an original solid wall. Within the home, this front area of the porch would become a full-time living space.

Mr. Cacciola asked when the next meeting was being held. Mr. O’Brien said the next site visit was tentatively scheduled for February 5, 2023.

Mr. Blandford moved and Ms. Daughters seconded a motion to adjourn the Historic District Commission Meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Fields
Recording Secretary