

RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
June 8, 2026

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UNAPPROVED SITE VISIT MINUTES

A Site Visit of the Ridgefield Historic District Commission (“HDC”) was held at 275 Main Street, Ridgefield CT 06877, on Monday, June 8, 2026 and beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien (Chair), Sean O’Kane (Vice Chair), Mark Blandford (alternate to Rhys Moore), and Helen Dimos (alternate to Harriet Hanlon).

AGENDA

275 Main Street – Repositioning of existing historic structure on the lot and expansion of existing structure

The site visit was called to order by Mr. Dan O’Brien at 6:04 p.m. Doug MacMillan, Architect, was representing Paul and Tricia Bossidy, homeowners. Plans were emailed to the Commissioners beforehand.

Mr. MacMillan said they were looking to reposition the current historic cottage, to connect to a new home being built on the property. The new home would replicate the style of the current cottage. The cottage would still face the street. The current dormer on the South side would be removed, as well as part of the porch on the South side. Mr. MacMillan said the windows had no drip cap and were quite nice and simple.

Mr. MacMillan said they have moved houses previously. The relocated cottage will be placed on a new foundation. The second floor windows would remain the same. The roof would be red cedar shingles. Mr. O’Kane inquired about the handy-man hand rail off the porch. Mr. MacMillan said he would improve it. The baluster could be improved. He would also make sure the treads were conforming.

On the newer addition, Mr. O’Kane asked if the oval windows would be replicated. Mr. MacMillan said they would. Frieze board above and clapboard along the lower bottom. He said he would also add copper gutters and leaders, with a bluestone border at the bottom. Mr. O’Kane said a wood water table would be better than a bluestone cap and more traditional. Mr. MacMillan agreed. Mr. O’Kane suggested Mr. MacMillan bring composite material samples as well as Hardie clapboard samples at the next HDC meeting to show the Commissioners.

The Commissioners walked to the back of the property to see the proposed layout and repositioning.

The site visit was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fields
Recording Secretary

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A Site Visit of the Ridgefield Historic District Commission (“HDC”) was held at 88 Main Street, Ridgefield CT 06877, on Monday, June 8, 2026 and beginning at 6:45 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O’Brien (Chair), Sean O’Kane (Vice Chair), Mark Blandford (alternate to Rhys Moore), and Helen Dimos (alternate to Harriet Hanlon).

AGENDA

88 Main Street – Addition of a gate on Main Street entrance and other fencing around the property

The site visit was called to order by Mr. Dan O’Brien at 6:40 p.m. Heidi Shafranek and Otto Naumann, property owners, were present along with Mr. Ron Rucolas of Rucolas Enterprises. Plans were emailed to the Commissioners beforehand.

Mr. Rucolas advised the gates would be situated between the two stone pillars at the Main Street entrance. Ms. Shafranek mentioned the electronic gates would open inward to the property. Ms. Dimos asked about the material, Mr. Rucolas confirmed it would be wrought iron.

Mr. Rucolas said along the North and South sides, there were stone walls along the property lines. On top of the stone walls, they were looking to place the 2-foot cedar fence. The fence would run along from the pillars, to the back of the property. At the back of the property, they would install a 6-foot cedar fence from the North side, all the way to the South side where it would reach the Rockwell Road side,

stone wall. The East side cedar fence would be placed close to the property line. Also, they would add an approximate 6-foot cedar double gate towards the East end, to allow for landscaping machinery to enter. On the South side, along Rockwell Road, they would again look to place a 2-foot cedar fence on top of the existing stone wall. The cedar fences would not be painted, to allow a soft grey weathering over time.

The Commission members present indicated that they were favorably disposed towards the application as presented for 1) addition of a wrought iron gate on the Main Street entrance and 2) additional 2-foot cedar fences on top of existing stone walls, found on the North and South sides, plus a 6-foot cedar fence along the East side connecting the North and South stone walls with a 6-foot cedar double gate.

Accordingly, a formal motion and vote on this matter will be made at the Commission's regular meeting on June 18, 2026.

Approved the application as presented for the (1) removal of existing two decks including railing and columns at rear porch; and (2) construction of new deck, pool and terrace
The site visit was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fields
Recording Secretary