RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town Hall, 400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877
October 11, 2026

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 54 Main Street, Ridgefield CT 06877, on Sunday, October 11, 2026 and beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The following members were present:

Dan O'Brien (Chair), Sean O'Kane (Vice Chair), Kathleen Daughters, Harriet Hanlon, Rhys Moore, Mark Blandford (alternate), Sara Kaplan (alternate) and Helen Dimos (alternate)

AGENDA

1) **54 Main Street**
   Two new gates on Rockwell Road side of property

2) **2027 Meeting Minutes**
   Approval of 2027 scheduled meeting dates

3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
   August 24, 2026 – Site Visit and Special Meeting Minutes – 323 Main Street

1) 54 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dan O'Brien at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Elizabeth Vowinkle, homeowner, was present. The proposed gate additions were emailed to the Commissioners beforehand.

Ms. Vowinkle stated the two proposed gates would provide an additional layer of safety for her children given Rockwell Road's frequent use as a major vehicular cut-through. The gates would provide a practical safety measure that would allow the driveway entrances to be secured as needed.

The two gates would be red cedar posts set in concrete footings with pointed post caps. Dimensions for gate #1 would be 13 ft wide by 4 ft tall and gate #2 would be 12 ft wide by 4 ft tall with a 16 ft length of matching fence. The proposed traditional design would be understated, complement the existing home and preserve the home's historic character.

Following discussion, Ms. Hanlon moved and Ms. Daughters seconded a motion to approve the plans as presented for the addition of the two new gates on the Rockwell Road side of the property. Motion passed 5-0.

2) **2027 Meeting Dates**

Mr. O'Kane moved and Ms. Daughters seconded a motion to approve the Commission's 2027 Meeting Dates. Motion passed 5-0.

3) **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- August 24, 2026 – Site Visit and Special Meeting Minutes – 323 Main Street

Mr. O'Kane moved and Mr. Moore seconded a motion to approve the August 24, 2026 minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

Site visit and special meeting were adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fields
Recording Secretary