

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
January 14, 2021

PRESENT

Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Paul Whitbeck, John Mitchell, Leticia Fornataro, Dave Wigg, Kathleen Cristman

ALSO PRESENT

Kevin Beckford, Town Board liaison; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Allen Reitz, Assistant Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT

Bonnie Salem

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, January 14 at 6:00 P.M. local time. The meeting took place with Board members and applicants participating remotely using Zoom.

Dirk Schneider, Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Dirk Schneider announced that the East Street Burying Ground has been approved by Supervisor Bill Smith on behalf of the Town of Pittsford and is eligible to be nominated for historic designation. A formal nomination for this property and a property located at 25 Briar Patch Road will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

• **115 Ellingwood Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the second story bathroom addition. The addition will be approximately 45 square feet and located on the north side of the home.

Serge Tsvasman was present to discuss the application with the Board.

The Board discussed the proposed cantilever on the north side elevation. They felt it was unbalanced looking sticking out on the side of the home. Mr. Tsvasman indicated that the applicant does not have a need for the space on the first level and care has been taken in the design to include brackets under the cantilever in a manner complementary to the design of the home. The Board mainly agreed that although this was not a "deal breaker" for the approval but they wanted to highlight that it looked somewhat awkward. Paul Whitbeck suggested landscaping underneath the cantilevered area.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **331 Fairport Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for a 596 sq. ft. garage addition. The garage addition was previously approved by the Architectural Review Board and the applicant was granted a permit in 1998. The project never was completed and the owner is now ready to move forward. Since zoning codes have changed since 1998 the applicant was required to apply for a variance based on the Town's current code.

There was no representative present to discuss this application with the Board.

The Board felt comfortable reviewing the design.

The Board was supportive of the design but felt the roof return on the garage should replicate the roof return on the second story of the home. This will be made a condition of approval.

Leticia Fornataro noted that she works with the architect on this project and therefore recused herself from the vote.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition that the garage addition returns replicate the gable return on the second floor of the dwelling.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

Schneider – Aye
Wigg – Aye
Cristman – Aye
Mitchell – Aye
Whitbeck – Aye
Fornataro - Abstain

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW

- **44 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will have approximately 3009 square feet of living area and will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Jim Connaughton of Coventry Ridge Building Corporation discussed this application with the Board.

Objections to three materials on the front elevation were brought up again by the Board particularly since many of the homes already constructed in the area have two materials on the front elevation. Mr. Connaughton stated that there is another home nearby with all board and batten finishing and this is an attempt to tie in this material with this one in the neighborhood.

Some Board members were content with the three materials as long as the two non-stone elements were the same color or in the same color palette.

Discussion was held about the stone and the choppy presentation of the different levels on the front elevation. The Board recommended that the stone be brought down even to the lowest level across the front elevation of the home. Mr. Connaughton indicated that he was in agreement with this.

David Wigg moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition that the stone on the front elevation be aligned with the lowest point of the water table and the condition that the two other differing construction materials be in the same or similar color palette.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **8 Ravenna Crescent**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will have approximately 2944 square feet of living area and will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Jim Connaughton discussed this application with the Board.

This home features two materials that met with the approval of the Board.

There were no further questions from the Board.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

- **4044B East Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one story single family home. The home will be approximately 2959 square feet with a 264 sq. ft. sunroom. The home will be located on a subdivided lot on a private drive.

Jennifer and Frank Mazzarella were present to discuss the application with the Board.

The exterior elevation finishes will be stucco and stone.

In general, the Board was pleased with the construction design of this home. Kathleen Cristman noted that she appreciated that the garage is not a dominant feature.

There was discussion regarding the shutter design and whether this should follow the curved elements (window headers and garage) on the home. The applicant indicated that they had considered doing this but did not know how the Board would feel about it.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted with the recommendation that the shutters reflect curvature at the tops to mimic elements on the home.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

DISCUSSION

Regarding the Wright House, John Mitchell reported on his findings. His research on homes with the Italianate architectural style is that shutters were not a common feature. His recommendation would be that the shutters be removed in the renovation to more fully represent the look of the home when it was built. In addition, this style most likely included heavy brackets or molding around the windows at the top. These brackets may have been removed or covered up in recent renovations. It may be proved when the aluminum siding is removed that there will be brackets or evidence there of former bracketing. The Board concurred with Mr. Mitchell's recommendation of the removal of the shutters. There was discussion of whether the closed shutters on the window near the inside stairwell should remain or not.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 12/10/2020 MINUTES

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the minutes of December 10, 2020 as written.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Dirk Schneider moved to close the meeting at 7:15 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board