

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**  
**Minutes**  
**January 28, 2021**

**PRESENT**

Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Paul Whitbeck, John Mitchell, Leticia Fornataro, Kathleen Cristman, Bonnie Salem

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Dave Wigg

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, January 28 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**

- **Nomination for East Street Burying Ground for Historic Designation**

Bonnie Salem discussed how she and the Town Historian, Audrey Johnson, have been documenting the history of the cemetery on East Street. This cemetery is the site of early burials in the Town of Pittsford including Simon Stone, one of the co-founders of Pittsford. The earliest burial was 1814. Most stones are weathered but intact. This property is rated a G+ property in an inventory of areas of historical significance in the town. Based on this information, Bonnie Salem put forth a nomination for historic designation for this parcel. Board members were in support of this nomination. A Public Hearing for Landmark Designation will be held on February 25, 2021.

- **Nomination for 25 Briar Patch Road for Historic Designation**

Bonnie Salem discussed the property at 25 Briar Patch Road. The homeowners Matt and Patricia O'Connor were present for this meeting. Mr. O'Connor has presented extensive research on the history of this home. Noted architect, Cyril Tucker, was the designer. This sub division was one of the earliest post WWII tracts built in the Town of Pittsford and is a mainly unaltered example of the architecture of this era. There have been no changes to the front elevation with the exception of the garage door and replacement windows. Bonnie Salem nominated 25 Briar Patch Road for Landmark Designation. A Public Hearing for Landmark Designation will be held on February 11, 2021.

**RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

- **107 Brook Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the kitchen, dining room, laundry and powder room addition. The addition will be approximately 768 square feet and located to the rear of the home.

Mr. Polisseni discussed the addition to the home that will serve to extend the kitchen and living space.

Clarification was made that the design being approved is the drawing marked A-1 and not the rendering on the cover sheet on the packet presented to the Board.

The materials and window mullion pattern will match the existing home.

Paul Whitbeck moved to approve the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

#### **RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW**

- **8 Lexton Way**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a single family two story home. The home will have approximately 3311 square feet of livable area and will be located in the Wilshire Hills Development.

Jeff Brokaw of Morrell Builders was present.

There were no questions from the Board regarding this application.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **34 & 36 Skylight Trail**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a new town home dwelling. The proposed building will consist of 2 attached single family dwellings sharing a common wall. Lot 9 (34 Skylight Trail) will be approximately 1987 sq. ft. and Lot 10 (36 Skylight Trail) will be 2000 sq. ft. The town homes will be located in the new Alpine Ridge development.

Jeff Brokaw of Morrell Builders was the representative for this application.

There will be no stone detailing on this structure. There was some clarification on adjacent properties with the stone element.

Bonnie Salem moved to approve the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

#### **COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

- **3246 Monroe Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the replacement of a business identification sign. The new "Moe's Southwest Grill" sign will feature a white LED lighting system with black trim cap, turquoise, white and orange lettering. The sign will be approximately 39.6 square feet.

Brian Reilly of ROC Signs was present.

The new sign reflects the rebranding of the Moe's Southwest Grill. The sign will be slightly smaller than the current and the lettering will be all in a straight line with a new color scheme and font. The design approved was on Sheet 2 of 2 of the application, drawing 104453.01 as submitted to the Board at the meeting on 1/28/21.

The Board inquired about the small circular sign in the window. Mr Reilly indicated the sign will be illuminated per the Town sign code for hours of illumination.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted with respect to the drawings presented at the meeting on 1/28/21.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

## **INFORMAL REVIEW**

- **222 Golf Avenue**

The Applicant has applied for a permit to allow the demolition of a single family dwelling at 222 Golf Avenue. This property is Zoned Residential Neighborhood (RN). The Demolition permit is to be issued on or after March 12, 2021. Said structure is over 50 years old.

The homeowner, Stanley Powers was present. He is seeking to demolish the current home and garage on his property to accommodate more space for his family of 4.

The new home will have an attached garage and will reflect the character of the other homes in the neighborhood.

The home dates to the 1930's and insulation is lacking on the home. The replacement home will be two stories but not large and out of character for the neighborhood.

Discussion was held about the long narrow lot and any limitations that may present. Allen Reitz stated that there are no apparent conservation area concerns.

The Board indicated they are looking forward to plans for the proposed new structure.

## **DISCUSSION**

Bonnie Salem and Paul Whitbeck thanked John Mitchell for his research on the architecture of the Wright home. It was suggested the Board put together their recommendations for Riedman Development Corporation in respect to the renovation of the home so it may be carried out in an architecturally sensitive manner to its original construction.

## **OTHER – REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2021**

Dirk Schneider moved to accept the minutes of January 14, 2021 as written.

Leticia Fornataro 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