

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**  
**Minutes**  
**February 11, 2021**

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Dave Wigg, Leticia Fornataro

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, February 11 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**

There was no historic preservation discussion.

**RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW - RETURNING**

- **44 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is returning to design review for the elevation change to an already approved 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 was present.

Mr. Connaughton reviewed the revised design of a home which was previously presented to the Board on 1-14-21.

In this design, the board and batten has been eliminated in the gables on the front elevation and the stone although not all in the same plane as approved is more balanced.

Dirk Schneider indicated that he appreciated the changes to improve the design.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application for redesign of the front elevation for 44 Coventry Ridge as reviewed by the Board on 2/11/2021.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

**APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

- **25 Briar Patch Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review to designate the above address as a Historic Landmark in accordance with Article XXX, Section 185-195.3 of the Pittsford Town Code. The property is zoned RN (Residential Neighborhood).

Dirk Schneider opened the public hearing.

Bonnie Salem introduced the nominated property. She referenced the structure as a significant architectural example of post-World War II architecture that has gone through relatively little change since its construction in 1950. The designer was Cyril Tucker, a well-known architect of his time.

The homeowners, Matthew and Patricia O'Connor, were present. Mr. O'Connor indicated that the home has maintained the ledge rock materials on all elevations, including an addition on the rear of the home that has been seamlessly matched with the original material. He noted this property is rated G+ for high architectural importance and integrity per the Bero Architecture inventory report.

Dirk Schneider asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

The Board did discuss a letter of objection received by the Town of Pittsford from the homeowner at 16 Landsdowne Lane (John Holland) whose subdivided property with the address of 14 Landsdowne Lane abuts the property at 25 Briar Patch Road. Mr. Holland expressed his concerns that this designation will have future ramifications on what he can do in the future with the lot next to his home.

Discussion was held on how much of the property at 25 Briar Patch Road should be designated to address Mr. Holland's concern yet protect the proposed designated property (which sits on a .54 acre) from any undue encroachment.

Dirk Schneider closed the Public Hearing.

The Board continued discussion regarding establishing precedent when determining how much of a parcel of a landmarked home is designated. The Board agreed that one of the purposes of land marking a home is to preserve the character of a neighborhood and how there are several examples in the Town of Pittsford where landmarked homes and others co-exist harmoniously.

It was determined that the entire .54 acre parcel should be landmarked with the home as part of the designation.

A resolution was moved by Board member Bonnie Salem, seconded by Board member John Mitchell and was voted upon by my members of the Board as follows:

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| Dirk Schneider    | Aye    |
| David Wigg        | Absent |
| Bonnie Salem      | Aye    |
| Kathleen Cristman | Aye    |
| Leticia Fornataro | Absent |
| Paul Whitbeck     | Aye    |
| John Mitchell     | Aye    |

The structure and surrounding property were granted Landmark Designation 2021-01.

#### **OTHER – REVIEW OF 1/28/2020 MINUTES**

Dirk Schneider moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2021 as written.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dirk Schneider moved to close the meeting at 6:40 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly  
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board