

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
August 13, 2020**

PRESENT

Paul Whitbeck, Bonnie Salem, John Mitchell, Leticia Fornataro

ALSO PRESENT

Mark Lenzi, Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Kevin Beckford, Town Board liaison

ABSENT

Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Kathleen Cristman, David Wigg

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 P.M. local time. The meeting took place with Board members and applicants participating remotely using Zoom.

Acting Chairman John Mitchell opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Leticia Fornataro updated the Board that the new specs for the banners for the historic district meet the budgeted numbers. She is working with Jim Columbo of Skylight Signs to move forward on this project.

Bonnie Salem announced she will poll the Board via email for opinions on the proposed demolition code.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

• **18 Golf Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for the renovation and additions to a designated historic home. This property is zoned (RN) Residential.

John Mitchell opened the Public Hearing.

The owners, John and Kristine Flannery, were in attendance as well as Jennifer Aherns and Anna Dnistrian from Bero Architecture.

Jennifer Aherns described the project. Proposed changes include raising the roof on the second floor of the east wing as well as the roof at the rear addition on the north elevation. There will also be the addition of a rear second floor balcony and porch. The north elevation will have an enlarged first floor entry.

Mark Lenzi read a letter of support from the Town Historian Audrey Johnson. She expressed that she felt the changes would not compromise the historical integrity of this designated home.

Board Secretary Susan Donnelly discussed two phone calls that were received on August 13, 2020 in support of the project from the Powers family who reside on Golf Avenue.

John Mitchell asked if there was any public comment.

Fran Kramer of 17 Golf Avenue that she is a long-term neighbor of this property and discussed that this home is a historical part of Golf Avenue. She indicated that her concerns were that the look of the front façade of the home is altered.

No action was taken to allow for further public comment as the legal ad was dated August 25, 2020.

The public hearing remains open.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **458 Reeves Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a covered porch. The porch will be approximately 184 square feet and will be located on the front of the home.

The homeowner Amy and David Walendziak were present to discuss the application with the Board.

The porch will follow the existing gable roof line for the porch. The posts will be wrapped and decking installed similar to the submitted photo however there will be steps in the front as indicated in the drawing.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted. Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **25 Merryhill Lane**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a sunroom. The addition will be approximately 182 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

Dan Canalungo of Great Day Improvements was present to discuss the application.

This project involves the construction of a sunroom which will be built on the footprint of a current deck located to the rear of the home. The sunroom will be unheated with multiple windows with 2-foot knee wall.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application as submitted. Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

- **14 Buttermilk Hill**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a family room, laundry room and deck addition. The family room addition will be approximately 576 square feet, the laundry room will be approximately 100 square feet and the deck will be approximately 480 square feet. All additions will be to the rear of the home.

The homeowner, Gail Ireland, was present to discuss the application with the Board.

Ms. Ireland indicated that she wishes to add additional living space and a first floor laundry to her home. Materials will be utilized to match the existing on the home.

The Board had no objections to this addition fitting in with the present home or the neighborhood.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

- **10 Sunrise Hill**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition to a garage. The addition will be approximately 294 square feet and will be located to the rear of the existing three car garage.

The homeowner, David Boyce, was present to discuss the application with the Board.

The garage addition will be side loaded and will sit behind the present three car garage. The Board indicated that they appreciated that effort to locate the new garage in that position.

Materials will match the existing on the home and garage. All garage doors will be replaced with new to match.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted. Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

- **640 Mendon Center Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a barn. The barn will be approximately 4992 square feet and will be used for farming operation and storage.

The owner, Sunil Prasad was present to discuss the application with the Board.

The current barn will be demolished and the wood repurposed. The new barn will be located far away from most other properties given that most of the property backs up to 1-90. Plans are made for the development of a Christmas tree farm and the storage will be needed to store equipment.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **159 Maywood Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for multiple additions to an existing home. The additions will be as follows: 76 sq. ft. kitchen addition, 167 sq. ft. garage addition, 380 sq. ft. covered porch and 654 sq. ft. master suite totaling 1277 sq. ft.

The architect, Jim Brasley was present to discuss this application with the Board.

The Board expressed concerns that the proposed addition overpowers and unbalances the front façade of this cottage like home. They recommended bringing down the roofline of the proposed addition and centering a single window on the new gable in be more in keeping with the architecture of the home.

Due to the numerous concerns of the Board, this application was held open to allow further discussion between the homeowner and the architect.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW HOMES

- **21 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a new one story single family home. The home will be approximately 2086 square feet and will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Steve Maynard was available to discuss this application with the Board.

The Board noted the use of three materials on the front façade but felt it was mitigated by the simple design of this one story home.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted. Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **34 Escena Rise**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a new two story single family home. The home's first floor will be approximately 1616 square feet and the second floor will be approximately 1558 square feet located in the Wilshire Hills Subdivision.

Jeff Brokaw was present to discuss this application with the Board.

Mr. Brokaw described this home as a two story colonial structure. He indicated that support brackets would be added to the hanging fireplace.

The Board cited many issues with the use of multiple materials (stone, board and batten and siding) on the front elevation which is not in keeping with the design guidelines. They felt the large expanse of board and batten, the many gables and the shed roof on the front façade made for a very busy look. This was a point that all of the Board members commented and agreed on.

Mr. Brokaw indicated that the choice of materials is customer driven and that the addition of stone on the front was specifically requested by the homeowner. The placement of the shed roof was necessary to accommodate the interior design.

After a lengthy discussion, John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted.

There was no second.

No action was taken on this application.

A discussion was then held regarding the repeated presentation of home plans by Morrell Builders with multiple materials and the Board's continued concern with this. The Board again requested that the architect attend the Design Review Board meetings to develop an understanding of their concerns. Mr. Brokaw indicated that this was something that he could arrange.

- **2585 Clover Street**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a single family home. The home will have approximately 2112 square feet of living space and will be located on a vacant lot on Clover Street.

The property owner, Warren Waldow, and contractor, Jeff Losen, were present to discuss the application with the Board.

The Board appreciated the simpler, smaller design of the home proposed to be built on this lot.

The Board discussed with the homeowner the possibility of adding or centering the posts on the porch between the windows for a more balanced look. The homeowner indicated he did not wish to do this.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 7/23/2020 MINUTES

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the minutes of 7/23/2020 with an amendment.

All Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Board