

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board  
Minutes  
September 10, 2020**

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

David Wigg

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 P.M. local time. The meeting took place with Board members and applicants participating remotely using Zoom.

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

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the reception for inventoried homeowners that was proposed to be held in the fall of 2020. Bonnie Salem and Dirk Schneider expressed that a better idea would be to wait until the spring of 2021 tentatively during May which is Historic Preservation Month. The Board discussed brainstorming some ideas for engaging homeowners during this time of partial shutdown. Paul Whitbeck suggested notifying the invited speaker Wayne Goodman of this change and soliciting any ideas from him. Bonnie Salem indicated the application for the designation of 25 Briar Patch Road is temporarily delayed but will be submitted.

**RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – RETURNING**

• **76 Knollwood Drive**

The Applicant is returning for design review for the additions to an existing garage. The additions will be located on the front and side of the garage and will be a total of approximately 248 square feet.

The homeowner, Sara Odenbach, was present to discuss the application with the Board. She provided additional information on the materials and the garage doors. The Board received dimensions with this submission.

There were no further questions from the Board.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **55 N. Country Club Drive**

The Applicant is returning for design review for the addition of a single car garage with storage. The addition will be approximately 336 square feet with storage space above and the addition of three dormers.

Aaron Wolfe, the contractor, was present.

He indicated the entire house would be re-sided in a new color. The peaks will align. Dirk Schneider and Paul Whitbeck indicated they appreciated the small dormers.

Dirk Schneider suggested an optional dormer in the back of the structure.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

All Ayes.

## **RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

- **66 Ellingwood Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the garage addition and porch extension. The garage addition will be approximately 280 square feet and the porch extension will be approximately 100 square feet.

No representative was present for this application.

The Board as a whole had many questions which they felt were unanswered by the submission. They did not feel they could approve the application without further information.

Robert Koegel suggested that the Board list their concerns and detail what they needed to see to make a determination on this application.

Leticia Fornataro spoke on behalf of the Board and listed the following:

1. More information is needed on the dimensions on the renderings.
2. More information is needed on the materials to be used.
3. Information needs to be provided on the finishes.

Dirk Schneider indicated that this application is to be held over so that more information may be provided by the Applicant.

- **25 Hawkstone Way**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a covered porch. The porch will be approximately 210 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

The homeowner, Kellie Anderson, was present.

She discussed the project with the Board as a covered deck with a patio to the left and a patio and fire pit to the right. The Hardi board skirting will be painted to match the house. The railings and spindles will be metal. The decking will be composite.

John Mitchell moved to approve the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

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

- **42 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will have 1581 square feet on the first floor and 1589 square feet on the second floor. The home will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Jim Connaughton was present representing Coventry Ridge Building Corporation. He discussed that this home is following the current trend of utilizing board and batten for materials.

Dirk Schneider and John Mitchell agreed that this design looks good and is not an overuse of the material.

Mr. Connaughton discussed that the three shed roofs will be black metal roof and the overall roof will be black asphalt. A pedestrian door will be the same color as the garage doors with taller trim to match the garage.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **9 Rockdale Meadows**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a 2224 Sq. Ft. one-story home.

Jim Connaughton of Rockdale Meadows Corporation was present to discuss the application with the Board. He indicated this is a patio home.

The Board had no questions regarding this application.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **2 Harwood Lane**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a new single family one story home. The new home will be approximately 3100 square feet and located on a vacant lot on Harwood Lane.

The homeowner, Vicki Argento, and architect, Al Arilotta, were present to discuss the application with the Board.

Paul Whitbeck disclosed that he is acquainted with Ms. Argento.

The home will be set back from Route 31F as the same level as the home at 200 Fairport Road. The garage will be angled towards the corner of Route 31F and Harwood Lane. There will be a front porch and a private porch on the rear of the home. There will be the removal of some of the wooded area for a future pool. There will be two false chimneys.

The Board discussed their questions and concerns.

Dirk Schneider discussed the garage is a prominent feature and Bonnie Salem pointed out it is the first thing residents of Harwood Lane will see as they turn down the street. It was discussed that a more straight on design from Harwood Lane be considered. The homeowner stated that she wants the angled design to balance the house.

The Board discussed the multiple textures on the house. Some members had concerns with the combination of shake, vinyl siding and cultured stone. Other Board members stated they are comfortable with this combination if the colors were of the same or similar colors. The homeowner wishes to have different shadow colors on the textures.

Dirk Schneider suggested wrapping the corner with cultured stone on the west elevation to provide continuity. Paul Whitbeck agreed.

A discussion was held on ways to bring down the elevation of the garage to make it less prominent and more subservient to the home structure. It was discussed about bringing the ridge of the house down. The Board felt that in order to visualize this and make any decision they would need to see drawings of any proposed changes.

Dirk Schneider announced that this application would be held over for further input.

- **30 Escena Rise**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a 2949 Sq. Ft. 2 story dwelling with a 348 Sq. Ft. bonus room.

Jeff Brokaw of Morrell Builders was present to discuss the application with the Board. This home will have a three-car garage with 2 side load bays and 1 front load bay.

Dirk Schneider commented on the front elevation. He felt that the squared out posts did not really go with the cedar shakes style wise. Paul Whitbeck asked if there was possibility of reducing the three textures on the front elevation to two. Jeff Brokaw explained that this is the look the customer has chosen and the colors will be complementary. Kathleen Cristman stated that she preferred the look where the shake gables and the clapboard siding will be the same color. Jeff Brokaw agreed that the cedar shake and the clapboard siding would be the same color.

Dirk Schneider moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition that the clapboard siding and the cedar shakes will be the same color.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

## **INFORMAL REVIEW**

- **65 Pickwick Drive**

The owner of 65 Pickwick Drive has applied for a demolition permit to allow the demolition of a single family dwelling at 65 Pickwick Drive. This property is Zoned Residential Neighborhood (RN). The demolition permit is to be issued on or after October 16, 2020. Said structure is over 50 years old.

The owner was not present.

The proposed demolition of the structure at 65 Pickwick Drive was discussed. Paul Whitbeck inquired as to why this home is proposed to be demolished. Mark Lenzi indicated that the home does not meet the owner's needs. Dirk Schneider expressed concern regarding the size of any new proposed structure and its potential impact on the neighborhood. He stated that it is important that what is proposed to be cohesive with the neighborhood. The demolition code was discussed. Bonnie Salem noted that this home does not have architectural or historical significance. John Mitchell stated that he had no issue with this structure coming down.

**OTHER – REVIEW OF 8/27/2020 MINUTES**

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the minutes of 8/27/2020 with one change.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

All Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly  
Secretary to the Board