

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
October 22, 2020**

PRESENT

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

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, Kathleen Cristman

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 P.M. local time. The meeting took place with Board members and applicants participating remotely using Zoom.

Dirk Schneider opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Dirk Schneider reported that he has not had any response from his contact at the Landmark Society as far as outreach programs for inventoried homeowners.

Bonnie Salem discussed that she and Audrey Johnson, Town Historian, are researching landmarking the East Street Burying Ground. Supervisor Smith supports this effort.

Leticia Fornataro reported that further progress is being made on purchasing the banners for the historic district. Contacts have been made with the Town to arrange payment with the vendor. Town staff will be responsible for installation. It was recommended that an event/celebration be coordinated to coincide with the installation. Kevin Beckford agreed to bring this idea to the Town Board. Details will be worked out as to when installation can best occur.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

• **132 East Street**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the renovation of an existing home. The home will receive new siding, roofing, windows and doors. The roof over the old kitchen and on the north side of the second floor will be removed and replaced. The applicant will be seeking approval by the Zoning Board for a front setback variance at the October 19 meeting.

The architect, Dan Pope, and homeowners Andrew and Jantyda Scherdin were present.

The homeowner stated that the renovations are to make the home livable but keep the charm of the farmhouse style.

The windows are being changed to a 2 over 2 style and the shutters will be eliminated according to Ms. Scherdin.

The Board questioned the use of both the clapboard materials and board and batten on the north elevation of the home facing East Street. It was agreed upon by most Board members that one of the materials only should be chosen for the street side elevation. Ms. Scherdin indicated she was agreeable to using the board and batten materials only on the street side (north) elevation.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition with the board and batten material be used on the north elevation. The shiplap clapboard siding will be eliminated on this elevation.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

Aye – Schneider, Fornataro, Whitbeck, Mitchell

Nay – Salem

- **4044 East Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a mud room/laundry room. The addition will be approximately 100 square feet and will be located on the east side of the home.

The homeowner, Justin Hamilton, was present.

He discussed the renovations proposed to the rear of the home. The board and batten siding will tie in with the siding on the carriage house. The windows that will be removed will be reused on the north elevation.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW

- **12 Hawkstone Way**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one story single family home. The home will be approximately 2142 square feet and will be located in the Cottages of Malvern Hills.

Marie Kenton of Ketmar Development was present.

Ms. Kenton discussed that despite the fact that the garage is somewhat forward the design tries to compensate by making the porch deeper.

Paul Whitbeck noted the multiple textures. Ms. Kenton discussed that the additional texture is only in the one gable and will be the same color as the home. It is noted that this precedent is already set in this neighborhood.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

All Ayes.

- **16 Hawkstone Way**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one story single family home. The home will be approximately 2197 square feet and will be located in the Cottages of Malvern Hills.

Marie Kenton was present to discuss this application with the Board.

She indicated that there is only a small amount of shake material in the gable but will be the color of main body of the home. The posts will be timber as opposed to painted posts. Ms. Kenton noted that there are three other homes in the neighborhood already with timber post accents.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **111 East Jefferson Road (Sign)**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the replacement of a business identification sign. The new sign will be for the Edgewood Church and will replace the current YMCA sign located at the entrance. The sign will be a monument sign approximately 19 square feet with vinyl wrapped panels with printed watermark logo.

Douglas Landford, pastor at Edgewood Church, was present.

Leticia Fornataro indicated that her firm is working with this project, albeit not the signage, and offered to recuse herself from the vote if necessary.

Mr. Langford described that the existing YMCA sign is wrapped with a superimposed logo and name on the signage.

The Board commented that the base of the sign should be more substantial and suggested more depth for the stone.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted with the recommendation that the stone bottom of the sign be expanded to present a more substantial base.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

All Ayes.

INFORMAL REVIEW

- **180 Kilbourn Road**

The Applicant is requesting an informal review for the demolition of a home built in 1948 in the Kilbourn neighborhood. The home will be replaced with an approximately 3500 square foot two-story home.

The architect Patrick Morabito was present. Mr. Morabito indicated that there are several issues with the current home so demolition and new construction is the preferred option for the homeowners. The new home will be built in the existing footprint of the current home. The site will transform from a simple ranch home to a two-story dwelling.

The Board held a discussion on the current mix of styles of homes in this neighborhood. Dirk Schneider summed up the feelings of the Board members that more information on exactly what the composition of different styles of homes in the neighborhood with information on the heights and massing. Bonnie Salem felt that the design is rustic and questioned whether it was complementary to the neighborhood. Paul Whitbeck and Ms. Salem questioned the substantial stone pillars.

Mr. Morabito stated that he has built two other two-story homes in this area and referenced that clients find this a desirable location due to its proximity to Oak Hill and this sort of turnover is a current trend. He feels that this neighborhood is eclectic in style in general but he could work to bring the profile of the home down somewhat. He also stated that the color palette would be chosen carefully with complementary stone. Dirk Schneider requested a photo submission of the proposed stone for future. Additionally, more information will be needed on the color, stone piers, and structure height in context to the neighborhood.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 10/8/2020 MINUTES

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the minutes of October 8, 2020 as written.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Dirk Schneider moved to close the meeting at 7:25 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board