

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

**PRESENT**

Paul Whitbeck, Bonnie Salem, John Mitchell, Leticia Fornataro, Dave Wigg, Kathleen Cristman

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Dirk Schneider, Chairman

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

David Wigg, Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION**

It was announced that the banners for the historic district have been delivered to the Town. They will be displayed at the boundaries and throughout the district. A roll out celebration will be planned to coincide with their installation.

Bonnie Salem reported that there has been no response on the letters sent to the interested homeowners of inventoried homes. She also indicated that Matt O' Connor of 25 Briar Patch Drive is doing extensive research on his home in order to apply for landmark designation. Bonnie also that the application for historic designation of the East Street Burying Ground has been passed to the Town Supervisor for his approval as the Town is the owner of the property.

**RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

• **3765 East Avenue**

The Applicant is returning for design review to amend an application previously approved at the 8/27/2020 meeting. The change to the design will be to the garage addition that will now be stepped back 4 feet. The change to the design still meets the Zoning Board approval for a side setback variance on August 17, 2020.

The homeowner, Glenn Paynter, was present to discuss the application with the Board.

Robert Koegel confirmed that since this application is a change from a previous approval on 8/27/20 it does require a new review and approval for changes submitted on 11/4/2020. The new submission includes a step back of the garage.

John Mitchell commented that this design is an improvement as it minimizes the garage mass and lowers the roofline.

There was still concern amongst some Board members that despite the fact that the design is improved the garage is still too massive a design for the house.

John Mitchell moved to approve the amended application with revised plans submitted on 11/4/20.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

Since some Board members dissented, a roll call was taken.

Whitbeck – Nay  
Wigg – Aye  
Cristman – Aye  
Salem – Nay  
Mitchell – Aye  
Fornataro – Aye

The application was approved.

- **11 Old Landmark Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a screened porch. The screened porch will be approximately 225 square feet and will be located to the rear of the property.

Mike Heiler of Homes by Design was present to discuss the application with the Board. He indicated that the brick and trim on the addition would match what is on the existing home.

Several Board members were concerned with the lack of information on the presentation. They felt it was difficult to visualize how the new construction would blend with the existing structure given the drawings and pictures they were presented with. The Board felt the detailing and dimensions on the presentation were incomplete and this hampers their ability to make a decision on the project. Additionally a request was made for a current picture of the back of the dwelling where the addition is proposed was requested for any future submission.

The decision was made to hold this application open in order to allow the applicant to provide more details.

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

- **94 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will be approximately 3354 square feet of living area and will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Jim Connaughton of Coventry Ridge Building Corporation was present. This is a sold home but the color palette has not yet been decided and the homeowners are still working out details.

The Board commented that this design is busier looking than surrounding properties with the three textures. It was suggested that the bump out on the garage with the stone detailing be eliminated to present a cleaner look.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application as submitted with the recommendation of the elimination of the bump out on the garage.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **22 Hawkstone Way**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one story single family home. The home will be approximately 1994 square feet and will be located in the cottages at Malvern Subdivision.

Charlie Kenton of Ketmar Development Corporation was present.

David Wigg inquired if the posts would be wrapped in Azek trim and Mr. Kenton indicated that they would.

There was no other comment from the Board.

David Wigg moved to approve the application as submitted.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

- **20 Escena Rise**

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

Jeff Brokaw of Morrell Builders was present to discuss the application.

The use of three textures on the front elevation was discussed again. Board members were split on their approval or not of the application of multiple elements on this structure.

The garage doors were discussed. They will be 18 ft. and 9 ft. respectively.

Comments were made on the lack of fenestration of the left side elevation that presents with a blank wall on the upper floor. Jeff Brokaw indicated he could support the addition of 24" x 14" rectangular windows in the owner's suite. He was unclear as to whether the homeowner would be supportive of adding windows to the children's room on this elevation. It was suggested that these windows should have grids.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application with the recommendation of the addition of two windows in the owner's suite and the second bedroom.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

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

- **3349 Monroe Avenue – Body Fuel**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a business identification sign. The sign will be located in Pittsford Plaza and will identify the business "Body Fuel". The sign will be illuminated with white LED flush mounted letters.

Jim Columbo of Skylight Signs was present to discuss the application.

Mr. Columbo described the sign as a 27 ft. illuminated sign with a flush mount to the wall.

Dave Wigg moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **3400 Monroe Avenue – Ace Hardware**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a business Identification sign. The sign will be located in the Pittsford Colony Plaza and will identify "Ace Hardware". The sign will be 72 sq. ft.

Mike Mammano with Clinton Signs was present to present the application to the Board.

The sign will be located on the building at the back of the Pittsford Colony Plaza. The logo is the standard "Ace Hardware" logo.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

### **INFORMAL REVIEW - Kilbourn Place**

- **Wright House**

The Applicant is requesting an informal review of the "Wright" House on the Kilbourn Place property.

David Riedman and Jerry Watkins of Riedman of Riedman Development and David Hanlon and Jarrad Coon of Hanlon Architects were present.

The proposed plan for the Wright home on the Kilbourn Place property was discussed. The front façade will be repaired and restored and the porch detailing retained. The windows will be replaced with new which will have a wood trim. The siding will be a Hardi plank siding painted white. The existing porch will remain and a handicapped accessible ramp will be added to the rear of the structure. The roof will be an architectural black asphalt shingle with a black standing seam metal roof as accent on the porch. The porch decking will be a Trex material.

There was discussion as to the lattice on the bottom of the porch between the brick piers is appropriate to the time period of the original construction. Bonnie Salem also noted that to be historically accurate the shutter hardware should be authentic looking and placed on the molding to represent shutters that would actually close.

Bonnie Salem indicated that the restorative changes (not replacement) are positive particularly for the porch details and railings. David Wigg commented that the true divided lites in the windows are appropriate and that he hopes that detail is retained in the restoration.

A discussion was held about the shutters. If the shutters are retained they may be replaced with a fiberglass material for maintenance free upkeep. The shutters will be a dense material to mimic wood materials. It was suggested that the shutters might not be historically accurate features of the original construction of the home. Kathleen Cristman indicated it would be worth researching if retaining the shutters are appropriate for a home that is estimated to be built around the time period of 1860-1870. John Mitchell agreed to research the design to determine this. David Hanlon indicated he would be agreeable to eliminating the shutters if the Board deems that appropriate.

Overall, the Board was very pleased to see the structure will be restored and the Italianate features of the porch and railings retained.

Questions were posed about the landscaping plan. A plan will be shared with the Board in a future presentation.

**OTHER – REVIEW OF 11/12/2020 MINUTES**

David Wigg moved to accept the minutes of November 12, 2020 with one correction.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

David Wigg moved to close the meeting at 7:45 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly  
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board