

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
May 13, 2021

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Leticia Fornataro

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, May 13 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

The installation of the banners was discussed. The Town is trying to locate a bucket truck for the installation so the timing is unknown at this time. Dirk Schneider discussed looking for private arrangements. Robert Koegel stated that this might be possible but would need to research insurance ramifications.

The Board thanked Bonnie Salem for her efforts with the Pomeroy Foundation to acquire a marker for the East Street Burying Ground.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – RETURNING

- **85 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is returning to request design review for the construction of a pavilion. The pavilion will be approximately 630 square feet and will be located on the rear of the home. The applicant received a side setback variance and a variance for an oversized accessory structure.

Mike Taccone of Somerset Patio was present.

The Board reviewed the resubmitted drawings.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application with the new drawings reviewed on 5/13/21.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **21 Warder Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a great room, laundry room, full bathroom and sunroom. The additions will total approximately 848 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

The homeowner, Monir Hossain, was present. The Board reviewed the building plans.

The vinyl siding will match the existing. David Wigg recommended reusing the vinyl siding that is being removed to blend in.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

David Wigg seconded.

All Ayes.

- **22 Mill Neck**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a covered deck. The covered deck will be approximately 240 square feet and will be added to the rear of the home. The applicant has applied to the Zoning Board for approval for a side setback variance.

The homeowners Lisa Cauda and Scott Chase and architect John Omwake were present.

A new roof will be put on the home so it will all match.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW HOMES

3 Black Wood Circle

- The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one story single family home. The home will be approximately 1976 square feet and located in the Wilshire Hills subdivision.

Larry Frazer and Bill Arieno were present to discuss the application with the Board.

The design features a timber frame with board and batten set back in the porch gable. Board and batten will be on the front elevation only with vinyl clapboard in the rest of the home. Metal roofs will be on the front elevation over the garage and front window.

The columns will be come down to the porch, not on stone posts as depicted in the rendering.

David Wigg moved to accept as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

28 & 30 Skylight Trail

- The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a new town home dwelling. The proposed building will consist of 2 attached single family dwellings sharing a common wall. Lot 7 (28 Skylight Trail) will be approximately 1987 sq. ft. and Lot 8 (30 Skylight Trail) will be 2000 sq. ft. The town homes will be located in the new Alpine Ridge development.

Bill Arieno of Morrell Builders was present.

An extra gable with board and batten has been added to the design of this unit. The garage door will be a dark oak color.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

882 Linden Avenue

- The Applicant is requesting design review for the change to the exterior color of an existing commercial building. The business that currently occupies the space is "Carestream".

Andrew Kingsley of Costanza Enterprises was present.

The color change is intended to freshen up the building. The doors and columns will be an accent color. Only the existing painted surfaces will be painted. The brick on the south side of the building will remain.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

3330 Monroe Avenue

- The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of two temporary business identification signs. The sign on the east side of the building will be approximately 41 square feet and the sign on the south side of the building will be approximately 92 square feet. The signs will be made with banner material and will display the "Kinecta" Logo.

Stephanie from Rochester Signs was present.

Robert Koegel made the statement that the Design Review Board does not typically review temporary signs.

The proposed aluminum sign will be replaced by a similar looking lighted sign in six months to a year according to Stephanie.

The Board had concerns about the signage.

1. The sign is being placed in an area of an old sign but looks awkward in the previous gabled "barn style" with no attempt to make it fit into the style.
2. The sign resembles a temporary banner.
3. The color of the new sign and the old framing and band underneath do not go well together.

All Board members agreed that this application should be held open to give the applicant some time to reevaluate the design.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

117 East Street

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for a porch addition. This property is zoned (AG) Agricultural and is designated historic.

Dirk Schneider opened the Public Hearing.

The homeowner, Kathy Gleason was present. She indicated that the plans she had for the fence in this area for which she previously was granted a Certificate of Appropriateness she has abandoned.

The Board had many questions regarding the details of the proposed porch addition. They felt they needed a more architectural or scale drawing of what is proposed

There was no public comment.

It was moved that the applicant return to Design Review with more information on the proposed porch including materials, railing details and clearer drawn elevations.

A roll vote was taken.

Schneider – Aye

Salem – Aye

Whitbeck – Aye

Mitchell – Aye

Cristman – Aye

Wigg – Aye

INFORMAL REVIEW

- **810 Allens Creek Road**

The Applicant is returning to request informal design review for exterior changes to a designated historic home in Pittsford. Some of the changes include a dormer windows, detached garage, porte cochere and a covered walkway.

Kim Bailey, Trip Pierson and Cameron Sformo were present.

Robert Koegel reviewed with the Board their charge in respect to granting Certificates of Appropriateness according to Town Code. Specifically that a new addition should be subordinate to the main structure, the original roofline should be kept in character without modification, shutters are not to be removed and materials should be kept in character with that of the original structure.

The applicant wishes to add an addition on a Georgian revival brick home and add a porte cochere and a 3 car garage/carriage style barn with a cupola. The materials on the addition will be brick but the barn could be a different material.

Dirk Schneider offered comments that:

1. The addition should be stepped back from the main structure.
2. The style of the columns on the porte cochere is not appropriate for a Georgian revival home.
3. Dormers are unnecessary.
4. The massing of the garage is not appropriate to the main structure.
5. The styling of the proposed additions do not necessarily fit the main structure.

Kathleen Cristman agreed that the massing of the barn is too large with respect to the home and she is concerned with the width of the garage.

John Mitchell maintained that brick material is what is appropriate for the barn. He also had concerns with the massing and felt that the ridgeline on the addition could be brought down successfully.

Kim Bailey said she would consider reducing the width by eliminating the man door on the barn and consider turning the garage sideways.

In summary, the Board would like to see the overall massing of the barn reduced, the height. width and depth reduced to bring to down at least to the level of the home.

- **18 Golf Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting an informal review for the construction of an oversized accessory structure. The applicant would like to construct a barn/garage on the property of a designated historic structure.

John and Christine Flannery were present.

The applicants are seeking approved for a carriage house/colonial style barn to fit in at the end of their driveway for additional storage and a dance studio for their children. The narrow end of the barn will face the road to be subordinate to the home. Two garage door bays will be in the front and two in the back and will be on the gable ends.

The Board appreciated the simplistic detail of the proposed structure. Comments were made that the barn is high compared to the house. Dirk Schneider indicated he would like to see a rendering of how the barn would sit on the site in respect to the home, but overall he could support a rendering similar to what was presented.

3280 Monroe Avenue

- The Applicant is returning to request informal design review for the exterior alteration and renovation to the existing McDonald's Restaurant. The project consists of alterations to the façade, the roof and the color of the building.

No representative was present.

Overall, the Board is happy with the new changes to the design of the elevations. They suggested a roof plan be submitted to show the Board what equipment is on top of the building.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 4/22/2021 MINUTES

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the minutes of April 22, 2021 as written.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Dirk Schneider moved to close the meeting at 9:25 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board