

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
May 26, 2022

PRESENT

David Wigg, Vice Chairman; Jim Vekasy, Kathleen Cristman, Bonnie Salem

ALSO PRESENT

Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Doug DeRue, Director of Planning and Zoning; Bill Zink, Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT

Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Paul Whitbeck, John Mitchell

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Dave Wigg indicated that he and Bonnie Salem marked a location at the East Street Burying Ground for the location of the historical marker. A utility stakeout will be called in to Dig Safely before installation. It was discussed that a more formal dedication will occur at a later date.

The Board discussed the desire to continue with the project of putting more information on the website for historic homes in Pittsford.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

• **21 Warder Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of an approximately 156 SF new addition to the garage off the front of the house and raise the front porch overhang from the first floor to the second floor.

The homeowner, Monir Hussain, was present.

Mr. Hussain described his plan of raising the front porch to tie into the second floor roof. The pitch of the roof will not change.

Questions were raised regarding the materials to be used. The columns will be rounded as in the drawing submitted to the Town on 5/9/22. Mr. Hussain showed the Board a picture of what this will look like.

David Wigg moved to approve the application with the drawing dated on 5/9/22 otherwise as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

• **37 Briar Patch Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of an approximately 116 SF addition to the first floor in the rear of the house and to raise the second floor roof for additional living space.

The architect, Chris Costanza, was present to represent the homeowner.

Mr. Constanza discussed the purpose of the project and reviewed the proposed materials with the Board. New shiplap siding made of vinyl and Hardi Board will replace the original siding materials. The existing dark colored asphalt roofing will remain and metal standing seam roofing will be added to the new area to be redone.

Kathleen Cristman moved to approve the application as submitted.

Dave Wigg seconded.

All Ayes.

- **516 Canfield Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a new front overhang entryway including new steps and landing with improved lighting fixtures.

The homeowner, Adam Constantine, was present.

Mr. Constantine discussed the project. He plans to construct a front entry and replace the existing brick/concrete steps with composite decking and improving the lighting with sconces. The peak of the entry will mimic the dormers on the home. The wrought iron railing will be removed. The recommendation was made to add a board the at the bottom roofline of the entryway.

Dave Wigg moved to approve the application as submitted.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW HOMES

- **33 Aden Hill**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one story single family home. The home will be approximately 2069 square feet and will be located in the Wilshire Hills Subdivision.

This application was withdrawn by the applicant and will return at a later date.

- **4000 East Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the demolition of a two-story guest home and the construction of a new one bedroom, 2-story guesthouse. The house will be approximately 1488 square feet and will have an enlarged shed and attach the shed to the home with a walled patio.

Chuck Smith of Design Works Architecture was present.

Mr. Smith described the project which will involve the demolition of a current guest home on the property and replace with a two story design of similar size and scale to include a wall and courtyard design. The current structure will be closer to Pine Acres than East Street.

It was determined that prior to reviewing any proposed design that, per the Town demolition code enacted in 2021, that the Board should decide what type of review the application should undergo to receive approval for the demolition of the current structure. It was discussed that this structure may be of some historic significance as part of a former hotel which existed on the property. Consultation with the Town historian would be appropriate in this case.

Kathleen Cristman supported the idea that this application be tabled until further information on the structure could be researched. The other Board members concurred.

Bonnie Salem made a motion to move forward with the full demolition plan review process in order to provide more information to assist the Board with their decision.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

The full demolition review process will move forward which will involve a public hearing and notification of the public. The Board discussed the potential of a site walk with Doug DeRue.

- **93 Kilbourn Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the demolition of the existing home and construction of an approximately 4210 SF ranch style new home with a three-car garage.

The homeowners, Mr. and Mrs. Giangreco, were present. Also attending as attorney, Dan DaLaus, and architect Al Arlotta.

Mrs. Giangreco discussed her proposed plan of demolishing the current structure at 93 Kilbourn Road and building a new stucco ranch style home with a 3 car garage.

Bonnie Salem discussed concerns of the compatibility of the new structure with the current neighborhood and how it may impact the character of the area. She recommended that this demolition review to undergo the full demolition review process. Other Board members concurred with this recommendation.

The Board continued discussion that although they are pleased to see that this proposed structure is one-story, the prominent 3-car garage in front was of concern. They feel also it is important to review the history of the home and need time to do that research. The Board recognizes Kilbourn Road as a prominent street in the Town of Pittsford and wishes to make careful review of any demolition plans as not to permanently change the character of the neighborhood. They also felt it is important to inform neighbors on the street of any proposed changes through the full demolition process and allow public comment.

Bonnie Salem made a motion to proceed with the full demolition review process to obtain further information on the structure to be demolished.

David Wigg seconded.

All Ayes.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW

- **3280 Monroe Avenue – McDonald's**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of two identification signs for McDonalds. The signs will be approximately 14 square feet and 33 square feet.

No representative was present to discuss this application with the Board.

The Board reviewed the rendering of the signage on the building.

Bonnie Salem moved to approve the application as submitted.

Jim Vekasy seconded.

All Ayes.

- **3349 Monroe Avenue - Rosie's Nepalese and Indian Cuisine**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of an approximately 17 SF sign for a new restaurant.

Amy Catalano of Vital Signs was present to discuss the application with the Board.

The business will replace the former Five Guys retail space.

The sign will be a channel letter lit sign with a depth of 5" for the letters. The dimensions are in compliance with the Town sign code.

It was discussed that there are many different types of signs in the plaza so this sign would not be out of character.

Kathleen Cristman moved to approve the application as submitted.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2022 MEETING

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting as written.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

David Wigg moved to close the meeting at 7:35 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board