

Town of Pittsford Design Review & Historic Preservation Board
MINUTES
May 23, 2024

Minutes of the Town of Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00PM local time. The meeting took place in the Lower-Level Meeting Room of Pittsford Town Hall, 11 S. Main Street.

PRESENT: Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Dave Wigg, Vice Chairman; Kathleen Cristman; John Mitchell; Jim Vekasy

ABSENT: Bonnie Salem; Paul Whitbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Zink, Building Inspector; Meghan Brooks, Building Department Assistant; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Cathy Koshykar, Town Board Liaison

ATTENDANCE: There were 9 members of the public present.

The Design Review and Historic Preservation Board (DRHPB) Chairman Dirk Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:59PM.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg stated he had been in contact with the homeowners of his historic home but they are holding off on designation for now.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: RETURNING

1 Sinclair Drive (14 Trumbull Lane)

Applicant is requesting design review for a 262.5-square-foot addition and balcony to the back of the home.

Tony Tefel of Element of Pride LLC introduced the application. Mr. Tefel stated that the plan is to turn the existing deck into a den and then add a deck from the den to the corner of the house.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider asked about the column holding up the deck. Mr. Tefel stated that it would be a 6x6 post, as it will not be holding up as much as the other, larger posts. Chairman Schneider asked a few questions about drainage and about the doors. Vice Chairman Wigg thanked Mr. Tefel for adding the photoshopped renderings to the submittal packet.

DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg motioned to approve the 262.2-square-foot addition and balcony to the back of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

35 Trowbridge Trail

Applicant is requesting design review for 224 square feet of additions to the front and rear of the home.

Jen Lake, homeowner, introduced the application. Ms. Lake stated that they are hoping to construct an approximately 224-square-foot addition to create a front entryway and an architectural courtyard to the home, as well as construct a rear addition to add a bathroom and extra space within the garage.

DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman asked if the garage door will be replaced. Ms. Lake stated that it will be the existing door but will be repainted to match the other doors.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve 224 square feet of additions to the front and rear of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

6 Windscape Park

Applicant is requesting design review for 2,594 square feet of additions to the existing home.

Will Irwin, homeowner, introduced the application. Mr. Irwin stated that this design was approved in 2019, but because of some minor design changes is back before the Board for reapproval. The changes were primarily made to the three-season porch on the back of the home, which was previously an open porch.

DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman motioned to approve 2,594 square feet of additions to the existing home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

39 Rosewood Drive

Applicant is requesting design review for a 439-square-foot, two-story addition off the back of the home.

Vice Chairman Wigg recused himself from the application.

Chris Hennessey, AIA, introduced the application. Ms. Hennessey stated that the homeowners wish to add space to their home in specific areas of the house, including the kitchen and second floor bedroom.

Chairman Schneider confirmed some of the window detailing with Ms. Hennessey, and confirmed that the siding and trim work will match the existing. He asked if the columns will match those in the front. Ms. Hennessey stated that the new ones will be larger than those at the front, which are only 4x4, as they will be more suitable to hold up the rest of the structure. Chairman Schneider stated that he would prefer if the two sides matched, but it is not a dealbreaker. The rest of the Board agreed.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the 439-square-foot, two-story addition off the back of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

16 Elatia Circle

Applicant is requesting design review for a 400-square-foot covered deck addition on the back of the home.

Aaron Bertram, homeowner, introduced the application. Mr. Bertram stated that the existing deck is rotting and has an awning. They wish to replace the deck and put on a fixed roof for shade.

Chairman Schneider confirmed with Mr. Bertram that the big awning will stay but that the small awning over the deck will be replaced. He also confirmed that the posts will be wrapped and shingles will match. The doors will be replaced but be same size, so there will be no header changes. Chairman Schneider asked if the ceiling would be sloped. Mr. Bertram stated that it would be.

DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg motioned to approve the 400-square-foot covered deck addition on the back of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

5 Hilltop Drive

Applicant is requesting design review for a 90-square-foot addition to the back of the home.

Ron Ploof, father of the homeowner, introduced the application. Mr. Ploof stated that they wish to enclose the existing porch off the back of their dining room. There is already a foundation under it. They will remove the chimney. The kitchen door will be removed, and the sliding door will be put on the new wall.

Chairman Schneider confirmed that the shake shingles will match the existing house. Mr. Ploof noted that the existing deck will be removed and that a landing and stairs will be added instead. Chairman Schneider asked if the shingles will match in color. Mr. Ploof stated that they will try to match as closely as possible, though the red color is unusual.

DRHPB Member John Mitchell motioned to approve the 90-square-foot addition to the back of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

10 Reitz Parkway

Applicant is requesting design review for approximately 300 square feet of additions to the second floor and rear of the home.

Amanda Everson Costanza, AIA, introduced the application. Ms. Costanza stated that the homeowners wish to construct an addition to allow them to enter the home from the garage. The additions will be sided in stained cedar. The rest of the siding will remain its painted blue. The existing windows in the blue sections of the home are white vinyl. All the new windows in the cedar section will be a dark blue.

There was significant discussion on the siding and window detailing, including how the two siding materials will transition. The Board expressed the opinion that if the front part could come out a little more to differentiate it from the current structure, and the existing siding could be painted a darker blue, it might look better. Chairman Schneider asked why the window heads do not align between the addition and existing structure. Ms. Costanza stated that that particular

window is a shower on the inside and thus its interior use determined the height; the same principle applies to the large picture window.

Chairman Schneider asked what the soffits will be. Ms. Costanza stated that they will be cedar as well. Board Member Cristman stated that she feels that the home may look quite choppy with all the materials and colors. Vice Chairman Wigg asked if roofing will match the existing. Ms. Stanza stated that it will.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the approximately 300 square feet of additions to the second floor and rear of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: NEW HOMES

15 Bridleridge Farms

Applicant is requesting design review for a 3,135-square-foot, two-story home in the Bridleridge Farms Subdivision.

Austin Miller of Spall Homes introduced the application. Mr. Miller stated that this is a 3,135-square-foot home with a side-load garage and stone veneer on the front. The corner board on the left side of the front elevation will extend down to match the other side.

DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy asked about the brick detailing. Mr. Miller stated that it will be a darkish gray color to blend in with the stone. DRHPB Member John Mitchell remarked that it is an unusual detail, and Mr. Miller stated that it looks nice, as it gives the design an old-style feel. It has been done on a few homes in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision

The Board expressed concern about the stone not connecting through the bump out on the front elevation. There was extensive discussion about the stone façade and whether or not it should turn the inside corner to run along the side. The Board was largely of the opinion that it did not look quite right if it did not continue. Mr. Miller pointed out that the Board has approved houses with a similar feature in the past, without it turning the corner. Board Member Cristman noted that, just because it had been approved before did not mean they should continue to approve the same element, if it does not look correct.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the 3,135-square-foot, two-story home in the Bridleridge Farms Subdivision as submitted, with the condition that the corner board on the left-hand side of the front elevation run to the ground to match the detailing of the garage. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a voice vote, the application was approved. DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman opposed.

05/09/2024 MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of May 9, 2024, were approved following a motion by DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved, none opposed.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The Board held an extensive discussion regarding 810 Allens Creek Road. Building Department Assistant Meghan Brooks stated that the new homeowner will be coming to the Board to rectify the issues with the Certificate of Appropriateness at the June 27th meeting.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board Chairman Dirk Schneider closed the meeting at 7:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Brooks
Building Department Assistant
Secretary to the Design Review & Historic Preservation Board

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DEPARTMENT