

**DESIGN REVIEW & HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

Minutes of the Town of Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 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, Dave Wigg, Paul Whitbeck, John Mitchell, Jim Vekasy, Bonnie Salem

ABSENT: Kathleen Cristman

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

ATTENDANCE: There were 16 members of the public present.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board (DRHPB) Chairman Dirk Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Board Member Salem stated there are no current updates.

OVERSIZED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

35 Old Forge Lane

Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a 240 square-foot shed.

David Weigand, of 35 Old Forge Lane, introduced the application. Bill Zink, Building Inspector, noted that the applicant already received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the size of the structure. Chairman Schneider inquired about the height of the proposed shed. Mr. Weigand stated it will be nine feet tall. Chairman Schneider noted the shed will not be visible from the road and will hence be well-shielded. Board Member Salem agreed.

Vice Chairman Wigg motioned to approve the 240 square-foot shed, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

38 Jordan Road

Applicant is requesting design review for a 432 square-foot addition off the rear of the home.

Brian Hartman, of Hartman Renovations, Inc., introduced the application. Mr. Zink reminded the Board that the applicant had previously appeared before them. The applicant is proposing an addition to the rear of the home, stating the extension is necessary to allow for the fireplace.

Chairman Schneider motioned to approve the 432 square-foot addition, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Whitbeck. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

3833 East Avenue

Applicant is requesting design review to change the siding of a previously approved project.

Michael Mulberry, of 3833 East Avenue, introduced the application. The applicant is proposing to change the siding of the rear of the home from horizontal to board and batten. He noted the Board had previously approved the front of the house for board and batten siding, and now he is looking to make the entire house uniform. Vice Chairman Wigg inquired about the material of the proposed siding. Mr. Mulberry stated it will be a composite material. Chairman Schneider stated he has no objection to making the house uniform.

Vice Chairman Wigg motioned to approve the new elevations for 3833 East Avenue, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Vekasy. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

412 Thornell Road

Applicant is requesting design review for a rear porch and rear addition to the home.

Joseph Pierce, of 412 Thornell Road, introduced the application. The applicant is requesting design review for a rear porch and rear addition to the home. Chairman Schneider asked the applicant if he received zoning variance approval, to which he confirmed. Mr. Zink noted they received no opposition from neighbors. The applicant stated the current siding of the house is a vinyl material, and the proposed addition will have the same.

Board Member Salem motioned to approve the rear porch and rear addition, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wigg. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

3785 East Avenue

Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a third bay garage as well as an addition on the other side of the home for more living space.

Scott Odorisi, of 3785 East Avenue, introduced the application. The applicant proposed the addition of a third bay garage as well as the addition of a master suite. Mr. Odorisi explained the proposed addition will match the existing red and white brick material of the home, and the existing windows will be changed to match the windows on the addition. He added that the entrance of the house is facing East Avenue. Chairman Schneider asked for clarification on what will happen to the driveway after adding a third bay garage. Mr. Odorisi confirmed he will not be adding a curb cut. Board Member Salem noted her concern that there is no rear elevation, and Vice Chairman Wigg agreed. Mr. Odorisi stated his plan to remove the window in the existing bedroom and replace it with a smaller window and clarified that his proposed addition will not have any windows added. Chairman Schneider emphasized his concern regarding too much solid wall space without the installation of a window. He requested the applicant to submit drawings and elevations from all four angles so that the Board can adequately see the proposed changes and additions. Board Member Salem agreed.

Chairman Schneider stated the applicant will need to appear again before the Board, requesting the applicant to submit elevations from all four angles of the home.

290 Woodland Road

Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a covered entryway to the front of the home.

Julie Judd, of JOSH Landscape Co., introduced the application. The applicant is proposing the addition of a covered entryway to the front of the home. She noted the addition will be 14' x 7" wide, and 6' x 8" deep. Vice

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Chairman Wigg inquired about the material of the posts. The applicant stated the posts will be a composite material.

Chairman Schneider motioned to approve the addition of a covered entryway, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Whitbeck. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

15 Babcock Farms

Applicant is requesting design review for a 576 square-foot addition off the rear of the home.

Linda Pfeiffer, of 15 Babcock Farms, introduced the application. Ms. Pfeiffer proposed the enlargement of the kitchen, as well as the addition of a family room. She stated the addition will be located behind the garage. Chairman Schneider asked if the proposed siding and shingles will match the current home. Ms. Pfeiffer confirmed.

Board Member Whitbeck motioned to approve the 576 square-foot addition, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: NEW HOMES

60 Coventry Ridge

Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two-story single-family home approximately 3,870 square feet that is located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Austin Miller, of Spall Homes Corp/Spall Realtors Corp, introduced the application. Mr. Miller is proposing the construction of a two-story single-family home located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision. He stated it will be approximately 3,800 square feet with a walkout garage and horizontal siding.

Board Member Salem motioned to approve the application, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Vekasy. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS: SIGNAGE

3349 Monroe Avenue

Applicant is requesting design review for signage for XGolf.

Nick Ratcliffe, owner of XGolf, introduced the application. He stated that XGolf is a golf simulator bar and restaurant. Chairman Schneider asked if the sign would change at night. Mr. Ratcliffe confirmed, stating the white color of the sign will light up at night. Board Member Salem noted the sign will be nicely centered within the section it is on.

Vice Chairman Wigg motioned to approve the sign, as submitted. This motion was seconded by Board Member Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

700 Allens Creek Road

Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Town Code Section 185-196, for the demolition and reconstruction of a Designated Historic Landmark. This property is zoned Residential Neighborhood (RN).

Chairman Schneider opened the public hearing.

David Swinford, of 700 Allens Creek Road, introduced the application. The applicant is seeking approval for the demolition and reconstruction of a detached garage at a Designated Historic Landmark, known as the Strong Mansion. Mr. Swinford is proposing to take down the existing two-door garage and replace it with a single-story three-door building/garage, reasoning that the current garage does not match the culture of the existing structures around it. He added the proposed building will have an asphalt shingle roof, as opposed to the existing flat roof, and similar finishes and trim to his house. Chairman Schneider stated the proposed work will better contribute to the Strong Mansion than the existing structure, specifying that the added height of the structure will look more compatible with the height of the Strong Mansion. Board Member Salem agreed, stating the proposed work will not have any impact on the Strong Mansion itself, also noting she does not feel the existing garage holds any architectural significance. She further explained that the inventory of the property performed in 1980 by Historic Pittsford does not mention any historical significance of the garage. Mr. Swinford proposed a red-colored roof to be on the new structure. Chairman Schneider and Board Member Salem brought up concerns with the proposed red-colored roof, but stated they support the demolition of the existing structure.

Chairman Schneider asked for public comment. Hearing none, he motioned to approve the demolition of a two-bay garage structure with a small office space at 700 Allens Creek Road, as presented. This motion was seconded by Board Member Mitchell.

Building Inspector Bill Zink called roll. The Board voted as follows:

Paul Whitbeck voted	Aye
Jim Vekasy voted	Aye
John Mitchell voted	Aye
Dave Wigg voted	Aye
Bonnie Salem voted	Aye
Kathleen Cristman voted	Absent
Dirk Schneider voted	Aye

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of September 12, 2024 were approved following a motion by Board Member Salem. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wigg. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved, none opposed.

Chairman Dirk Schneider closed the meeting at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Piazza
Building Department Assistant

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