

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
June 10, 2021

PRESENT

Dirk Schneider, Dave Wigg, Paul Whitbeck, Kathleen Cristman, Bonnie Salem

ALSO PRESENT

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

ABSENT

John Mitchell, Leticia Fornataro

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, June 10 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

It was reported that the banners are now up in the historic district. The Board discussed that a mention in the Town E-News is appropriate to announce their installation. Dirk and Bonnie will put together an email to send to Spencer Bernard, Chief of Staff, to arrange this.

Kevin Beckford announced that the Town Board gave approval for the funding for a historic marker for the East Street Burying Ground. Bonnie Salem will look into ordering.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW - RETURNING

- **14 Laureldale Drive**

The Applicant is returning to request design review for the addition of a porch. The porch will be approximately 232 square feet and will be located on the front of the home. The project will also include changing the garage doors to one door and the addition of a new window.

Steve LaFrance was present to discuss the application with the Board.

He discussed the changes that have been made to the previous design. The bay window has been changed to a rectangular window with brackets underneath covered with a shed roof. The style of garage door has been chosen to represent two separate doors. The whole house will be resided. The shutters will be removed and wider trim will be installed around all windows. Stone returns and arts and crafts mullion style on the windows were discussed.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted with the recommendation that the mullions pattern have no grills in the lower pane of the windows and the condition that a stone return from the front elevation be added.

Dave Wigg seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **7 Settlers Green**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition. The addition will be approximately 156 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

There was no representative present

The Board reviewed the application in the absence of the Applicant.

David Wigg moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition that all eave and gable details match those on the existing on the home.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

- **10 Split Rock Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a screened porch. The porch will be approximately 320 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

The homeowners, Matt and Kerry Manning, were present. The contractor, Larry Lazzarro, was available by phone.

The Board had several questions about the project. They did not feel that the drawings provided enough information to make a decision. It was recommended the applicant return with more detailed information on the railings, dimensions, venting and how it would sit on the property.

The decision was made to hold this application open.

- **111 Overbrook Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for two additions. There will be an addition to the front of the home to expand the dining room and kitchen. There will also be an addition to the rear of the home for an owners suite, mudroom and laundry room. The Applicant has received a variance from the Zoning Board for the side setback.

Roger Langer of Greater Living Architecture was present.

The Board discussed their concerns regarding the many different styles of design on the front elevation. They felt there was a clash of textures between the bonnet style front door porch, the high bay window design and the lines on the garage door. It was noted that the west elevation is in need of some fenestration for architectural interest.

The decision was made to hold this application open to allow the architect to consult with his client.

- **145 Long Meadow Circle**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a shed. The shed will be approximately 352 square feet. The applicant was approved by the Zoning Board for an oversized accessory structure, over allowed height and forward of the rear wall of the home.

The homeowner, Michael Fliss, was present.

Mr. Fliss discussed the accessory structure. A color has not yet been chosen but it will be black or white. A standing seam metal roof will match the house and garage. The gable will face the street.

The Board expressed that the cupola was not a necessary element and should be subservient to the garage because there is already one on the garage. In addition, the recommendation was made that the accessory structure should be the same color as the garage.

Dirk Schneider moved to accept the application as submitted with the recommendation that the color of the structure match the garage and that the cupola be removed from the design of the accessory structure.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

Schneider, Whitbeck, Wigg – Aye
Cristman, Salem – Nay

The motion failed to pass.

Bonnie Salem moved to approve the application as submitted with the condition that the cupola be removed and the recommendation that the color of the accessory structure match the garage.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW - NEW

- **48 Nature View**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will have approximately 1440 square feet on the first floor and approximately 1354 square feet on the second floor. This home will be located in the Country Pointe Subdivision.

The homeowners Anam and Fahad Ashfaque and John Graziose from Gerber Homes were present.

The Board discussed their concern about the lack of stone returns from the front elevation. Corner stone fenestration was discussed as an option. It was also recommended that that some shutters on the front elevation are unnecessary.

David Wigg moved to accept the application as submitted with the suggestion that the shutters below the center gable be optional and the condition that cornerstone detailing be included on five corners returned to the corner or full height.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

- **37 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will be approximately 2810 square feet of living space. The home will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Steve Maynard of Spall Homes was present.

The design of vertical board and batten accents with horizontal clapboard siding and black window trim with standing seam porch roof was discussed. The front door will be five glass panels.

The Board commented on the use of several textures and the lack of fenestration on the left side elevation.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition that a window be added to the garage on the left side elevation.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **3280 Monroe Avenue**

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

Andrew Gartley and Randy Bebout were present to present this application to the Board. They discussed the effort to update the current McDonalds restaurant exterior maintaining current branding while respecting the municipalities standards for design.

This approval is for the exterior only not signage.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

David Wigg seconded.

All Ayes.

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.

The applicant was not present. This hearing remains open.

- **18 Golf Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for the construction of an oversized accessory structure on the property of a designated historic home.

Chairman Dirk Schneider opened the public hearing for 18 Golf Avenue.

The homeowner, John Flannery, was present.

Mr. Flannery described his vision of the accessory structure as Colonial style with post and beam flavor to provide additional storage and dance studio space for his family. He indicated he has consulted with Bob Corby on the design. Mr. Flannery stated that Mr. Corby felt this type of design is appropriate.

The Board discussed their questions on the height, scale and massing of the structure. They indicated that architectural drawings with elevations and a grading plan of the property would be helpful. They discussed concerns of height in relation to the main structure and felt that more details are needed relating to the quality of the design and materials of the structure.

Dirk Schneider called for public comment.

Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board, read letters of concern received by the Town into the record from Fran and Herb Kramer of 17 Golf Avenue and Rita Pernaselli of 13 Golf Avenue.

There was no further public comment.

The Board then held further discussion on the application. It was determined that at this time there is not enough information to make recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals for any required variances.

A decision was made to hold the public hearing open.

- **810 Allens Creek Road**

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for an addition and exterior changes to a designated historic home as well as the construction of an oversized accessory structure on the property of said home.

Dirk Schneider opened the public hearing.

The applicant Kim Bailey and Trip Pierson were present.

The Board reviewed the design. They indicated they appreciated the applicant's effort to decrease the massing of the garage with the step back of the garage man door.

The Board questioned the different size dormers on the garage and reiterated that the addition of dormers to the original structure are not appropriate. Trip Pierson agreed with the comments on the garage dormers.

The Board indicated they would need further information on the detailing and the materials in order to make an approval and recommendations on height and size to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

There was no public comment.

This public hearing remains open.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 5/27/2021 MINUTES

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the minutes of May 27, 2021 as written.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Dirk Schneider moved to close the meeting at 10:05 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board