TOWN OF PITTSFORD DESIGN REVIEW & HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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Minutes of the Town of Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board meeting held on September 28, 2023, at 6:00PM local time. The meeting took place in the Lower-Level Meeting Room of Pittsford Town Hall, 11 S. Main Street.

PRESENT: Jim Vekasy; John Mitchell; Bonnie Salem; Kathleen Cristman

ABSENT: Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Dave Wigg, Vice Chairman; Paul Whitbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Anthony Caruso, Building Inspector; Meghan Brooks, Building

Department Assistant

ATTENDANCE: There were 5 members of the public present.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board (DRHPB) Member Jim Vekasy called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem gave a brief update on the planning progress for the 2023 Reception for Owners of Inventoried Homes. She stated that the DRHPB is currently waiting on confirmation from Chairman Dirk Schneider for the name of the speaker before letters can be sent out. The draft letter and homeowners list has been approved. The reception is scheduled for November 30.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

52 Turning Leaf Drive

Applicant is requesting design review for an addition off the rear of the home.

Tim Smith with Woodstone Custom Homes introduced the application. Mr. Smith briefly described the scope of the project, which includes a dining room addition and a new deck. Roofing and siding will match the existing home and the landscaping will be restored.

The Board asked Mr. Smith for details about the plans, including the stone fireplace wall and the stairs. Mr. Smith confirmed that the stairs will lead off of the dining room and not the deck, and that the corner of the stone wall will be capped rather than turning the corner.

DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy motioned to approve the approximately 400 square foot addition and the 330 square foot deck off the rear of the home, finishes matching the existing home, as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: NEW HOMES

12 Aden Hill

Applicant is requesting design review for a 1,756 square foot, one-story, single-family home in the Wilshire Hill subdivision.

Bill Arieno of Pride Mark Homes introduced the application. Mr. Arieno stated that this will be the third to last home in the subdivision. This design has been utilized on multiple sites in Wilshire Hill because fits well within the pie-shaped lots that taper in the back. He noted that there has been a lot of good feedback about the design from the previous buyers.

Board Member Salem asked if the house is set farther forward because of the lot shape and asked about the square footage. Mr. Arieno stated that it would follow the same building line as the rest of the homes and that the home has 1,756 square feet of livable space. The garage and porch square footage brings the number to 2,406.

DRHPB Member John Mitchell motioned to approve the 1,756 square foot, one-story, single-family home in the Wilshire Hill subdivision as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

35 Long Meadow Circle

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

The applicant was not present to introduce the application. DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone in the audience wished to opine on the application. No one from the public came to the podium. The Board decided to wait on a resolution until the applicant can be present.

The public hearing remains open until the following meeting on October 12.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS: ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

507 Thornell Road - Northfield Church

Applicant is requesting design review for an oversized storage structure of approximately 280 square feet on a commercial property. This property is zoned Residential Neighborhood (RN).

Reynold Bailey of the Northfield Church introduced the application. Mr. Bailey gave a brief overview of the 14'X20' storage shed that the Church is hoping to set in the back of the property. It would be primarily used for chair racks, as well as ladders, hoses, etc.

Board Member Salem asked if the shed is considered oversized in height or in size. Building Inspector Anthony Caruso confirmed that it is only considered oversized in size, not in height.

DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman motioned to approve the oversized storage structure of approximately 280 square feet, on a commercial property, as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS: SIGNAGE

3349 Monroe Avenue - Restore Hyper Wellness

Applicant is requesting design review of an approximately 31 square foot sign for Restore Hyper Wellness in Pittsford Plaza.

Maggie Geraci of Restore Hyper Wellness introduced the application. Ms. Geraci stated that the store is new to Pittsford Plaza and they hope to be open in mid-November. They are seeking approval for their corporate-mandated sign.

DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman asked if the colors in the sign are corporate branding. Ms. Geraci confirmed that they are and gave a summary of how they will be lit. Upon inquiry from Board Member Vekasy, Ms. Geraci also stated that the sign will be composed of individually mounted letters.

DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy motioned to approve an approximately 31 square foot sign for Restore Hyper Wellness in Pittsford Plaza as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The minutes of September 14, 2023, were approved following a motion by DRHPB Member Jim Vekasy. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved, none opposed.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board Member Jim Vekasy closed the meeting at 6:24PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Meghan Brooks

Building Department Assistant

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