

Town of Pittsford Design Review & Historic Preservation Board
MINUTES
March 28, 2024

Minutes of the Town of Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board meeting held on Thursday, March 28, 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; John Mitchell; Bonnie Salem

ABSENT: Kathleen Cristman; Paul Whitbeck; Jim Vekasy

ALSO PRESENT: Anthony Caruso, Building Inspector; Meghan Brooks, Building Department Assistant; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney

ATTENDANCE: There were 18 members of the public present.

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider stated he has not sent an email out to his assigned inventoried homeowner. DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem stated that she has no update on either 7 Landsdowne Lane nor the Thornell Road home.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

33 Esternay Lane

Applicant is requesting design review for the removal of a sliding glass door and the addition of four windows to the west and north elevations.

David White of 33 Esterney Lane introduced the application.

Chairman Schneider confirmed with Mr. White that the scope of work will just be the infill of the sliding glass door and that the new siding will match the existing home. Mr. White noted that windows will also be added.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the removal of a sliding glass door and the addition of four windows to the west and north elevations as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

36 Musket Lane

Applicant is requesting design review for a 353-square-foot addition to the back of the home.

Chris Sidoti of Sidoti Construction introduced the application. Mr. Sidoti stated that all design details will match the existing home.

Chairman Schneider asked what sort of windows will be used. Mr. Sidoti responded that the windows will be double hung and will match.

DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg motioned to approve the 353-square-foot addition 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.

157 Caversham Woods

Applicant is requesting design review for a 27-square-foot front porch addition over the existing stoop.

No one was present to introduce the application.

Chairman Schneider noted that the hand drawing seems a bit rough, but the scope of work appears small enough not to warrant more. There was a brief discussion about the proposed design.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the 27-square-foot front porch addition over the existing stoop, with the condition that the existing entry door system is not changing, as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

41 Old Farm Circle

Applicant is requesting design review for an approximately 850-square-foot second story addition to the north side of the home.

Town Attorney Robert Koegel stated that the current plans before the Board are not in compliance with the Zoning Code due to the creation of a secondary dwelling unit within the interior plans. He urged the Board to only make comments on the design and wait for zoning compliance before making any motions. Mr. Koegel gave an overview of the term "dwelling unit" as defined in Town Code §185-8 and noted the area of concern on the submitted plans.

Daniela Polidor of 41 Old Farm Circle introduced the application. Ms. Polidor stated that the suite is being constructed for her 17-year-old daughter and shared her reasoning for choosing these specific design elements, including an emergency egress and the ability to continue living comfortably at home as an adult.

Chairman Schneider asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns on the exterior design. Board Member Salem stated the board and batten siding does not seem very compatible with the look of the home and adds a third texture. Ms. Polidor stated that the cedar shake is much more expensive but that she could concede to using it if the Board preferred it. Chairman Schneider asked a few questions about the windows, and Ms. Polidor stated that the intent was to blend and harmonize the different window designs that already exist within the home. Chairman Schneider stated that the windows over the garage are appropriate, though, if

possible, it would be better to match the current upper windows. Ms. Polidor stated that she already has them and would prefer to be able to use them.

Chairman Schneider stated that it would better suit the home to have the peak of the south elevation follow the same lines and pattern as the rest of the home. There was further discussion about the ridgeline, chimney, and windows.

The following design commentary was made to the applicant:

1. As to the design of the west elevation, the cantilever on the middle part of the second floor should align with the current structure rather than step back towards the addition.
2. As to the siding of the addition, the siding should match the existing structure rather than introduce a new material.
3. As to the bonus room addition, the window proportions and double-hung sliding windows that are proposed would be acceptable because the addition is a new structure, though they are not preferred. The picture window is acceptable.
4. As to the addition in its entirety, the massing is suitable for the home.

The Design Review & Historic Preservation Board has asked the applicant to return to the Board with a finalized design once zoning code has been met.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS: SIGNAGE

3349 Monroe Avenue

Applicant is requesting design review for a 34.45-square-foot sign in Pittsford Plaza for Columbia Sportswear.

No one was present to introduce the application.

Building Inspector Anthony Caruso stated that the sign meets sizing regulations.

Board Member Salem noted that the positioning of the sign on the façade seems very odd. Mr. Caruso stated that the tenant combined two units. Vice Chairman Wigg asked which units were combined. Building Department Assistant Meghan Brooks informed him that it was the old The Great Frame Up store and the space next to it.

DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem motioned to approve the 34.45-square-foot sign for Columbia Sportswear in Pittsford Plaza as shown on page 5 of the submitted plans (rendering below). This motion was seconded by DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.



03/14/2024 MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of March 14, 2024, were approved following a motion by DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved, none opposed.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board Chairman Dirk Schneider closed the meeting at 6:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Brooks
Building Department Assistant

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DEPARTMENT