

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
August 27, 2020**

PRESENT

Paul Whitbeck, Bonnie Salem, John Mitchell, Leticia Fornataro, Dirk Schneider, Chairman; Kathleen Cristman, David Wigg

ALSO PRESENT

Mark Lenzi, Building Inspector; Allen Reitz, Assistant Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT

Robert Koegel, Town Attorney

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 P.M. local time. The meeting took place with Board members and applicants participating remotely using Zoom.

Chairman Dirk Schneider opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Leticia Fornataro reposted that the quote for the 18 banners for the historic district has not changed. Kathleen Cristman thanked Leticia for all her effort in coordinating this project.

Bonnie Salem noted that the Landmark Designation application for 25 Briar Patch Road should be submitted by the end of the month of September.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

• **18 Golf Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for the renovation and additions to a designated historic home. This property is zoned (RN) Residential.

John Mitchell opened the Public Hearing.

The owners, John and Kristine Flannery, were in attendance as well as Jennifer Aherns and Anna Dnistrian from Bero Architecture.

The public hearing remains open.

Mark Lenzi reminded the Board that a letter and emails of support have been received by the Town for this project.

Dirk Schneider indicated his support for the project. Bonnie Salem discussed that she felt the design respected the historical features of the home and the raised roof would not adversely affect the design of the home. David Wigg, John Mitchell and Kathleen Cristman also voiced their positive support.

Dirk Schneider asked if there was any public comment.

Fran Kramer of 17 Golf Avenue who previously voiced concerns in an email to the Town on 8/7/2020 and who attended the August 13 hearing via Zoom was present. She indicated that the homeowners are good neighbors and that if the Town historian was in support and Bero Architecture was working with the project that it would be the best she could expect. She wished her neighbors well.

Mark Lenzi noted that this Public Hearing was advertised per law.

Dirk Schneider moved to close the Public Hearing.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

A resolution was read regarding the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Board member Bonnie Salem, seconded by Board Member Paul Whitbeck and was voted upon by members of the Board as follows:

Dirk Schneider voted aye
Bonnie Salem voted aye
Paul Whitbeck voted aye
Kathleen Cristman voted aye
Leticia Fornataro voted aye
David Wigg voted aye
John Mitchell voted aye

A Certificate of Appropriateness #04-2020 was granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The granting of the Certificate of Appropriateness is made subject to the following specific conditions:
 - a. All work is to be completed by December 31, 2022.

Adopted by the Design Review & Historic Preservation Board on August 27, 2020.

- **465 Marsh Road**

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for the replacement of a roof on a designated historic home. This property is zoned (RN) Residential.

Allen Reitz announced that the Applicant contacted the Town on August 27, 2020 and made notification that the application is being withdrawn.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – RETURNING

- **159 Maywood Avenue**

The Applicant is returning from the August 13th meeting to request design review for multiple additions to an existing home. The additions will be as follows: 76 sq. ft. kitchen addition, 167 sq. ft. garage addition, 380 sq. ft. covered porch and 654 sq. ft. master suite totaling 1277 sq. ft.

The architect for the project, Jim Brasley, was present. He indicated that the window configuration over the new gable had been reduced to one central window and the roof has been brought down more than 3 feet. Shake siding will be added to the second floor gables. He indicated that the homeowner is comfortable with the changes.

The Board thanked the architect for the new submission and for addressing their concerns.

Dirk Schneider noted that the stone material should be wrapped on the north side next to the new garage to provide consistency on the materials. Bonnie Salem supported this.

Paul Whitbeck made note of the garage door remaining as two doors instead of one but Mr. Brasley discussed how the single door is the only way to meet current code.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application as submitted with the recommendation that stone be added to the north side face to match the existing stone and the garage addition.

David Wigg seconded.

All Ayes.

- **34 Escena Rise**

The Applicant is returning from the August 13th meeting to request design review for the construction of a new two story single family home. The home's first floor will be approximately 1616 square feet and the second floor will be approximately 1558 square feet located in the Wilshire Hills Subdivision.

The architect, Chris Hennessey, was present to discuss the application with the Board.

Ms. Hennessey indicated that a window was added to the left side elevation and wood corbels added underneath the fireplace. She indicated that she was also in attendance to address the multiple material concerns of the Board.

Leticia Fornataro discussed her concerns. She felt the multiple materials on the front façade were too busy. She asked for clarification on the colors.

John Mitchell did not feel that there was any change to the front façade from the previous meeting.

Chris Hennessey indicated the predominant board and batten is the homeowner's choice and this material is increasing in popularity. The ground base stone is an accent feature. She indicated that the siding and board and batten and trim will be white with stone chosen to compliment the color.

Paul Whitbeck that the front façade is primarily garage. Ms. Hennessey noted that it was not possible to do a side load garage on this lot and the garage is stepped back. In addition, she stated that the floor plan would not support the loss of a double gable.

Discussion was held about the shed roof with Board members indicating the it added to the busyness of the front elevation. It was suggested by some Board members that the shed roof be eliminated. The choice of the white color made some Board members feel more comfortable with the many materials.

Dirk Schneider moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition of the deletion of the shed roof on the front elevation.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

Ayes – Schneider, Wigg, Fornataro, Salem

Nay – Whitbeck, Cristman, Mitchell

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW

- **10 Ravenna Crescent**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The first floor will be 1524 sq. ft., the second floor will be 1560 sq. ft. and is located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Jim Connaughton was present to discuss the application with the Board.

Mr. Connaughton made note that there are two materials on this design.

The Board made note that the massing in the rear elevation had a long expanse without much fenestration. Mr. Connaughton indicated that he would have no problem adding a window to that elevation. Mr. Connaughton and the Board agreed that the window should be placed on the same plane/height as the man door.

David Wigg moved to approve the application as submitted with the condition that a window be added and set at the head height to match the pedestrian/man door.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **3240 & 3246 Monroe Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for a proposed 30.9 sq. ft. business identification sign. The sign meets the requirement for location and size set by the Planning Board and Town Code.

Scott Egginberger of Fairway Independent Mortgage was present to discuss the application with the Board.

Bonnie Salem asked if the letters would be colored white. Mr. Egginberger indicated yes and that it would match the other vendors in that location and have white LED lights.

It was discussed that the plan that the Board is approving is Option B on the plans.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted (Option B with white letters).

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **75 Pickwick Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for an addition of a porch. The porch will be 156 sq. ft. and located on the front of the home.

The homeowner, John Ebel, was present.

Discussion was held about the posts on the porch. While the owner was unsure of how they would be trimmed out, the Board recommended that 4" x 4" posts be trimmed out to 6" x 6".

The brick will be maintained and the siding will be matched to the existing. The support beam will be trimmed.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **21 Wind Mill Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a study. The addition will be 175 sq. ft. and located on the side of the home. This addition has been approved for a front and side setback variance by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The homeowner, Stephen Johnson, and architect, Jack Sigrist were present.

Jack Sigrist noted that the siding and windows will match the existing. The existing dining room windows will be replaced with a sliding glass door.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **55 N. Country Club Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for a single car garage with storage. The addition will be 336 sq. ft. and storage above with the addition of three dormers.

The contractor, Aaron Wolfe, was present.

The Board asked about the floor plan and Mr. Wolfe indicated it was not ready yet. The Board asked questions about the materials. The garage door will be a single 9 ft. door and the siding will be all new.

The Board had concerns about missing information. John Mitchell felt that the plan was on the right track but was missing details. Dave Wigg agreed stating that the plans do not tell the entire story of the project. Kathleen Cristman indicated she was not feeling comfortable without more concrete definition of the features. Bonnie Salem and Paul Whitbeck agreed. The Board as a whole came to the conclusion they could not come to a decision without more details.

Dirk Schneider suggested holding the application open for more information.

The Board noted that would like to have: floors plans, more clarification on materials and details on dimensions.

- **76 Knollwood Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for additions to an existing garage. The additions will be located on the front and side of the garage for a total of approximately 248 sq. ft.

The homeowners, Dusty and Sara Odenbach, were present to discuss the application with the Board. They discussed the side bump out and the garage being bumped out 8.6 ft. past the current 24 ft. towards the road.

The Board held discussion regarding the plan. The Board did not have concerns about the side bump out. Although the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variance for extending the garage forward of the building line, but felt the extended forward facing garage exceeded the design guidelines. Paul Whitbeck had additional concerns regarding the lack of fenestration on the left side elevation.

Questions about the intent of the brick being kept or not were raised. Sara Odenbach indicated they might paint the brick or replace with siding to match. The Board had concerns about the lack of this and other material details.

The Board felt they needed additional clarification on the following in order to make a decision. Leticia Fornataro stated that written clarifications on dimensions and materials and floor plans are necessary. Kathleen Cristman supported this.

The decision was made to hold this application over.

- **3765 East Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for garage and living area additions. The construction will be two stories approximately 1715 sq. ft. Approval for a side setback variance was given by the Zoning Board of Appeals on August 17, 2020.

The architect, Joe O'Donnell, and homeowner Glenn Paynter were in attendance.

Mr. O'Donnell discussed that the garage and master bedroom are being added to accommodate the homeowner's needs and the porch is being added to enhance the curb appeal of the home. The garage is stepped back 2 ft. behind the porch line. The front door will be replaced. The columns on the front porch will be wrapped. Shake accents will be added in the gables on the front porch. The garage doors will be solid white doors.

It was noted by several Board members that the garage will be the predominant feature on the house. Discussion was held by Board members how the plan might be modified to keep the garage from overpowering the house. Mr. O'Donnell explained that there is no basement and additional storage is needed and this design is the best solution. Dirk Schneider noted that the gable helps balance the garage.

Dirk Schneider noted that this home would be different than the others in the neighborhood which is predominantly ranch style homes.

David Wigg moved to approve the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

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

INFORMAL REVIEW

- **60 French Road**

The Applicant is requesting an informal review for the installation of a metal roof on a designated historic home.

The homeowner, Claudia Savino was present to discuss the application with the Board. Ms. Savino is requesting guidance from the Board as to what would be appropriate roofing material should she choose to replace her current roofing. She is considering changing to metal roofing but wants to choose materials that would be appropriate.

Dirk Schneider recommended choosing a historic color. Stamped metal shingles were discussed. He discussed that a silver color would be more appropriate than black. Leticia Fornataro suggested avoiding copper coloration as it would go against the historical character.

Dirk Schneider suggested the new roof would affect the gables and they would need special attention to be trimmed out appropriately. He suggested that when the materials are chosen that they be presented to the Board for review.

Ms. Savino thanked the Board for their input.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 8/13/2020 MINUTES

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the minutes of 8/13/2020 as written.

All Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Board