

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**  
**Minutes**  
**November 10, 2022**

**PRESENT**

Jim Vekasy, Bonnie Salem, Paul Whitbeck, John Mitchell

**ALSO PRESENT**

Doug DeRue, Director of Planning and Zoning; Anthony Caruso, Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

**ABSENT**

Dirk Schneider, Chairman; David Wigg, Vice Chairman; Kathleen Cristman

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION**

- **77 West Bloomfield Road – Verizon Wireless Stealth Tree Cellular Facility**

Doug DeRue, Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town of Pittsford, opened a discussion regarding a stealth monopine cellular facility proposed to be installed on a lot behind 77 West Bloomfield Road, an inventoried property. Part of the approval for this tower is any potential impact it might have on any property that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This is a legal step in the approval process. It was discussed that this home, while inventoried, has undergone many changes over the years and is an undetermined candidate for this listing. Mr. DeRue reviewed with the Board the reasons for the choice of this particular site. The tower will be located deep into the site some 250' from the closest corner of the home. After discussion, the Board determined that this tower will have no negative impact.

John Mitchell moved to take no action due to no comment or concern compliant to the plans presented to the Board on 11/10/22 as referenced in the packet.

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – RETURNING**

- **315 Thornell Road**

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

This hearing is still open.

Tom Garman of Wonder Windows and the property owner Jordan Morgenstern were present.

Samples of the composite and wood windows were shown to the Board. Mr. Garman discussed the composite window as superior to the window in the sense of longevity and energy conservation. In addition, the wood windows are significantly more expensive than the composite. The windows proposed will be a muted white with 6/6 divided lites to replicate what is currently on the building.

Bonnie Salem indicated that wood windows are preferred and expressed concern about preserving the historic integrity of the property which is very visible from two main roads.

A discussion of the storm windows was held. There is room to put the storms back on the home, but they and the windows are distressed. The Board requested that these storms not be discarded but did not necessarily have to go back on.

There were no public comments.

John Mitchell moved to close the public hearing.

Jim Vekasy seconded.

A resolution was moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness by Board member Bonnie Salem, seconded by Board member John Mitchell, and was voted upon by members of the Board as follows:

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

The granting of the Certificate of Appropriateness is made subject to the following specific conditions:

- a. All work is to be completed by December 12, 2023.
- b. All work will be performed by an expert window installer.
- c. All windows will be 6 over 6 with divided lites.
- d. The existing storm windows will be removed and retained for future use.

## **RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

- **37 Devonwood Lane**

The Applicant is requesting design review for 544 SF oversized accessory structure next to the pool.

Mike Volpe of Josh Landscape was in attendance.

Mr. Volpe discussed the pool house accessory structure. He indicated the materials including siding, trim and doors would be the same as on the home. The roof shingles and aluminum gutters will also match existing on home. The indoor ceiling will be tongue and groove.

The height was altered to 12 ft. and will not be taller than the addition on the home. This was done to minimize the impact of the structure to Tobey Road. Bonnie Salem indicated this will be near a designated home, but she has no issue with it.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted provided all materials match the existing.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

- **809 Roosevelt Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of an approximately 232 SF sunroom addition off the back of the house.

No representative was present to discuss this application with the Board, however the Board felt they had enough information to proceed with a review.

The plans indicated that the siding, trim, fascia and soffits would match the existing on the home.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition that all materials match the existing on the home.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

## **RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW HOMES**

- **78 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is request design review for the construction of a two-story single family home approximately 3135 square feet that is located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Austin Miller representing Coventry Ridge Building Corporation was present.

A short discussion of the flat panel on the front elevation was held.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **6 Aden Hill**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a one-story single-family home. The home will be approximately 1756 square feet and will be located in the Wilshire Hill Subdivision.

Bill Arieno representing Pride Mark Homes was present to discuss this application with the Board.

Mr. Arieno described the placement of the home on the pie shaped corner lot. He indicated that this lot is similar to another lot in the Wilshire Hills subdivision.

Paul Whitbeck moved to approve the application as submitted.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

## **DISCUSSION ON MATERIALS - ALPINE RIDGE SUBDIVISION**

Bill Arieno and Keith Barker of Morrell Builders were present to submit samples of new building materials proposed to be utilized on Section two of the Alpine Ridge subdivision. It was reported that the Board's concerns with the materials on the corner boards on the new section have been mitigated. Mr. Arieno and Mr. Barker presented samples for the board and batten and the cedar shakes. They report the vinyl materials are the same manufacturer except for the cedar shakes but are all in the same color palette. Only two more units will have cedar shakes in the gables.

The Board expressed that they are pleased to see the corner board corrections and are generally satisfied with the new product although there are lingering concerns about how the products will age in comparison to the products in section one.

After further discussion, John Mitchell moved to accept the products as presented on November 10, 2022, for lots 29 and 30, section two as approved on the condition that the materials are matching colors despite being a slightly different material.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2022, MEETING**

John Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2022, meeting.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Mitchell moved to close the meeting at 7:40 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly  
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board