

Town of Pittsford Design Review & Historic Preservation Board
MINUTES
March 14, 2024

Minutes of the Town of Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 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; Jim Vekasy; Kathleen Cristman; Paul Whitbeck; John Mitchell; Bonnie Salem

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Zink, Building Inspector; Meghan Brooks, Building Department Assistant; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Cathy Koshykar, Town Board Liaison

ATTENDANCE: There were 7 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 Member Bonnie Salem asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the email for inventoried homeowners. DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman stated that they had briefly discussed it at the previous meeting. No one had any further comments.

Board Member Salem also reported that she had an unexpected call from the homeowner of 7 Landsdowne Lane, who is interested in going forward with designation. She has been actively working with the homeowner to assist her in the process.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS

11 Smead Road

Applicant is requesting design review for a 126-square-foot addition to the rear of the home, a front porch, and new windows, doors, and siding to the existing structure.

Lindsey Fox of BuildHappy introduced the application. Ms. Fox stated that the homeowners seek to renovate the exterior of the house for both function and design, as well as add a small addition to the home. They will also be replacing a section of the roof to better meet current code and prevent water damage.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider confirmed with Ms. Fox that it is just a small roof on the front porch. Board Member Salem inquired after the materials and dimensions. Ms. Fox stated that reinforced vinyl siding will be used and gave a brief description of each product. She added that

the goal is to repair and paint the garage doors rather than replace them. Board Member Salem asked if the current front porch stoop is just going to be covered or if it will be expanding. Ms. Fox responded that it they maintain the current envelope, which has a two-foot projection.

Board Member Kathleen Cristman asked about the stairs extending on the left elevation. Ms. Fox confirmed they are a replacement for the failing stoop which needs a safety handrailing. After Chairman Schneider asked about the roof shingling, Ms. Fox noted that the goal is to strategically match and blend the new shingles to the original and not have to reroof the entire structure. DRHPB Member Paul Whitbeck asked about the board and batten accent on the left elevation. Ms. Fox stated that it is white and matches other elevations.

DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg motioned to approve the 126-square-foot addition to the rear of the home, a new front porch, and new windows, doors, and siding to the existing structure as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

4 Preston Circle

Applicant is requesting design review for a 203-square-foot screened porch addition to the back of the home.

Ryan Wright of R.T.W. Construction introduced the application. Mr. Wright stated that they will be building a screened porch similar to what was submitted back in 2021. Building Inspector Bill Zink confirmed that the foundation had been partially completed. Mr. Wright stated that they will use custom-made screens with a 16–18-inch knee wall that will closely match the existing siding. The roof will be about 10 inches below the second-story windows. Fascia and framing will match with a white vinyl wood-grain PVC product.

Board Member Whitbeck asked if it will be a three-season room. Mr. Wright confirmed that it will be. Chairman Schneider confirmed with Mr. Zink that there is a footing, not just a concrete pad.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the 203-square-foot screened porch 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.

20 Kirklees Road

Applicant is requesting design review for a 556-square-foot addition to the back of the home.

Chris Hennessey of CKH Architecture introduced the application. Ms. Hennessey stated that her client would like to add an addition off the back of the home.

Chairman Schneider asked how much they will raise the ridge. Ms. Hennessey responded that it will be raised about three feet. Chairman Schneider confirmed with her that the siding will match and asked for an overview of how they will be configuring the windows in the new addition. Board Member Salem stated it seems like it will be a nice addition to the home.

DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem motioned to approve the 556-square-foot addition to the back of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Paul Whitbeck. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

9 Forestwood Lane

Applicant is requesting design review for a 280-square-foot covered deck on the back of the home.

Vaidotas Jasinevicius, homeowner, introduced the application. Mr. Jasinevicius stated that he intends to build a roof over an existing deck. The posts for framing are already there. It will have a polycarbonate roof and have no walls.

There was some discussion on the structural integrity of the design, though Chairman Schneider noted that the Building Department will be doing a code review. He added that it seems architecturally inoffensive enough and Board Member Cristman asked if the framing would be natural wood. Mr. Jasinevicius that he will be using pressure-treated wood that will be stained and sealed the same dark brown as the decking.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider motioned to approve the 280-square-foot covered deck on 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.

177 Overbrook Road

Applicant is requesting design review for approximately 1,700 square feet of additions to the front and back of the home (about 1,000 of which is conditioned living space).

Paul Morabito of Morabito Architects introduced the application. Mr. Morabito stated that they will be adding about 1,000 square feet of living space to the home. The homeowners had originally discussed adding a second floor, but eventually decided to maintain the character of the existing ranch style and neighborhood. Both siding materials used will be Hardie board. The roofing will be in a black onyx color, the garage door will be woodgrain, and the front door will hopefully be woodgrain, if they can source it. A full basement will be added as well to make the most of the footprint.

Chairman Schneider asked how far the garage will come forward. Mr. Morabito stated that the garage will be brought out about ten feet and the porch will be brought out about six feet. Chairman Schneider noted that the projection of the front porch mitigates a good part of the impact of the garage moving forward.

DRHPB Vice Chairman Wigg confirmed with Mr. Morabito that the home will be reroofed, and Chairman Schneider confirmed that the stone detail on the front porch will match the chimney.

DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem motioned to approve the approximately 1,700 square feet of additions to the front and back of the home as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS: NEW HOMES

44 & 46 Skylight Trail

Applicant is requesting design review for a two-unit, one-story, single-family townhome in the Alpine Ridge Subdivision. The units are 2,010 and 2,023 square feet, respectively.

Bill Arieno of Morrell Builders introduced the application. Mr. Arieno stated that this and the following applications are the last two homes to be built in Alpine Ridge. The designs are in keeping with the development.

There was some discussion on which houses on the street have stone detailing.

DRHPB Member Kathleen Cristman motioned to approve the two-unit, one-story, single-family townhome in the Alpine Ridge Subdivision, whose units are 2,010 and 2,023 square feet respectively, as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member Bonnie Salem. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

50 & 52 Skylight Trail

Applicant is requesting design review for a two-unit, one-story, single-family townhome in the Alpine Ridge Subdivision. The units are 1,897 and 1,884 square feet, respectively.

Bill Arieno of Morrell Builders introduced the application. Mr. Arieno stated that this has different color scheme to the previous application, with one front-load garage and one side-load garage.

DRHPB Member Paul Whitbeck motioned to approve the two-unit, one-story, single-family townhome in the Alpine Ridge Subdivision, whose units are 1,897 and 1,884 square feet respectively, as submitted. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell. Following a unanimous voice vote, the application was approved, none opposed.

PITTSFORD OAKS SEQRA VOTE

There was a brief discussion wherein the Board agreed that they did not wish to be Lead Agency for the Pittsford Oaks SEQRA application.

DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider made a motion to decline being the Lead Agency for the Pittsford Oaks application. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Member John Mitchell.

Building Assistant Meghan Brooks called role. The Board voted as follows:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER DISCUSSION

There was some discussion about the demolition of the Barn Bazaar and its history. The Board agreed that there does not seem to be any reason to reopen the issue, as the structures have only deteriorated further with time.

02/29/2024 MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of February 29, 2024, were approved following a motion by DRHPB Chairman Dirk Schneider. This motion was seconded by DRHPB Vice Chairman Dave Wigg. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved, none opposed.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board Chairman Dirk Schneider closed the meeting at 7:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Brooks
Building Department Assistant

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DEPARTMENT