

**Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
November 12, 2020**

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Kevin Beckford, Town Board liaison; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Allen Reitz, Assistant Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Design Review and Historic Preservation Board were held on Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 P.M. local time. The meeting took place with Board members and applicants participating remotely using Zoom.

Dirk Schneider opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

Leticia Fornataro discussed the progress in procuring the banners for the historic district.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **65 Mahogany Run**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a sunroom. The addition will be approximately 349 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

Tim Smith of Woodstone Custom Homes was present to represent the homeowners.

The proposed sunroom will be built to the rear of the home. The siding, trim and windows will match the existing materials on the home.

A discussion was held regarding aligning the new transom windows with the existing on the right side elevation. Mr. Smith indicated it could be done but the windows were proposed to be the same height of the slider door on the interior. The windows will be masked by evergreens. The decision was made that as drawn will be appropriate.

Bonnie Salem moved to approve the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

- **597 Mendon Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a detached garage with a hobby room and porch. The construction will total 864 sq. ft. and will be replacing an existing 600 sq. ft.+ detached garage. This application is being reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals on 1/16/20.

The contractor, Greg Bowering, and homeowners, Paul and Katie Rector were present to discuss the application with the Board.

Mr. Bowering described the new garage to be built will be a barn like style with a black metal roof, vertical board and batten, and barn doors. This structure will be screened from the road by trees.

Bonnie Salem and Dirk Schneider commented that this structure will be an improvement to what it already on the property.

David Wigg moved to approve the application as submitted.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **305 W. Bloomfield Rd.**

The Applicant is requesting Design Review for the proposed construction of a 2-story addition. The addition will total approximately 1600 sq. ft.

The architect, Paul Morabito, was present to discuss the application with the Board.

Mr. Morabito discussed the proposed addition to the current home. The siding will be a Hardi siding in Russian olive color with tan trim.

The Board as a whole reviewed their concerns with this application. The consensus was as follows:

1. Work had been completed on the side elevation to convert to a bay window addition without design review.
2. The plan shows no discernable entry point/front door entrance on the front façade of the home.

The Board feels that the bay window needs to show some structural support and that a porch entry should be added to provide some identity to the front elevation.

It was decided that this application should be held open to discuss the concerns with the homeowner. It was requested that any future submission should include an up to date photo of the home.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – NEW

- **48 Coventry Ridge**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will have a total living area of 3223 square feet and will be located in the Coventry Ridge Subdivision.

Jim Connaughton of Coventry Ridge Building Corporation was present to discuss the application.

Mr. Connaughton described the new dwelling on a corner lot trimmed by two materials. There will be a walkout basement.

A discussion was held about bringing the trim to the ground on the garage on the left side elevation. Mr. Connaughton said he could do this.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted with the adjustment of the trim on the drawing for the garage.

Dirk Schneider seconded.

All Ayes.

- **10 Lexton Way**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story single family home. The home will be approximately 2339 square feet and will be located in the Wilshire Hills Subdivision.

Jeff Morrell of Morrell Builders was present to discuss the application with the Board. He described the new construction as being trimmed with two materials and having a side load garage.

There was no further discussion from the Board.

Paul Whitbeck moved to accept the application as submitted.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

- **18 & 20 Skylight Trail**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a new town home dwelling. The proposed building will consist of two attached single family dwellings sharing a common wall. Lot 5 (18 Skylight Trail) will be approximately 2000 sq. ft. and Lot 6 (20 Skylight Trail) will be 1987 sq. ft. The town homes will be located in the new Alpine Ridge development.

Jeff Morrell of Morrell Builders was present to discuss this application with the Board.

Mr. Morrell clarified the developmental key to for colors and stone locations. The placement of units with clean lines will be placed next to buildings with stone. There will be three types of wood grain for the garage and front door. No front elevation will be similar to the unit next to it. The shake element will be tone on tone with the clapboard.

Mr. Morrell extended an invitation to Board members to come on site to view construction.

The gable on this unit has been eliminated and there is one side load garage.

Leticia Fornataro moved to accept the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

- **35 & 37 Skylight Trail**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a new town home dwelling. The proposed building will consist of 2 attached single family dwellings sharing a common wall. Lot 34 (35 Skylight Trail) will be approximately 2000 sq. ft. and Lot 33 (37 Skylight Trail) will be 2217 sq. ft. The town homes will be located in the new Alpine Ridge development.

Jeff Morrell of Morrell Builders was present to discuss this application with the Board.

Mr. Morrell stated that the color of this unit will be light mist and the doors will be English walnut.

A dormer element has been added to this unit.

Bonnie Salem moved to approve the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **65 Pickwick Dr.**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the proposed construction of a new 2761 sq. ft. home. The existing home is proposed to be demolished and replaced with this home.

The architect, Paul Morabito, the contractor Tim Smith and homeowners Jim and Martina Post were present to discuss the application with the Board.

Mr. Morabito indicated that the new home is not much more of a footprint than the home being demolished. The exterior will be light gray shiplap siding, with darker gray color in the shake material in the gables with white trim. The main roof will be standard gray asphalt roof. The metal roof will be darker for contrast.

Paul Whitbeck moved to approve the application as submitted.

David Wigg seconded.

All Ayes

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **3001 Monroe Avenue – Edible Arrangements**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the change to an existing business identification sign. The sign will still identify the business “Edible Arrangements” but will be increased in size by 1 square foot and display a new design.

Rich Loria was present to represent this application before the Board.

The new sign will be similar in size and colors to the existing sign.

Dirk Schneider commented that the new sign is more legible than the old one.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

- **900 Linden Avenue – Cube Smart**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a business identification sign. The sign will be a two-sided aluminum post and panel approximately 8 square feet identifying "CubeSmart".

Tony Snow of Gupp Signs was present.

The new sign is free standing with the name and address of the company and lit by the two existing ground spotlights.

Bonnie Salem moved to approve the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **959 Panorama Trail – Whitney Co.**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the installation of a business identification sign. The proposed size is 15 sq. ft.

Ralph Barnanes of Skilight Signs was present to discuss the application with the Board.

The letters and circle on the sign will be internally illuminated The sign will have a metal background.

David Wigg moved to approve the application as submitted.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

INFORMAL REVIEW - Kilbourn Place

David Riedman and Jerry Watkins of Riedman Corporation were present along with David Hanlon of Hanlon Architects.

The proposals for the East Building (Building 1) and West Building (Building 2) were reviewed. The existing historic Wright Home is also proposed to be restored to be put to the use of a community center. There will be a grade change of 4-5 feet between building 2 to building 1.

The buildings were described to be designed to mimic the large homes which line East Avenue. Building 1 and Building 2 will be two different heights and shapes. A central courtyard will be recessed between the east and west wings of the buildings. The materials will be a mixture of brick and siding.

Additionally, a third carriage home will be constructed in the style and materials of the two existing on the property.

The Board posed questions regarding the proposal of the restoration of the Wright Home. The members were in agreement that a more detailed presentation of elevations and materials for this structure is in order for any approval.

In general, the Board asked that documentation and presentation of materials to be used in new projects such as this one is paramount for approval given the current circumstance of virtual meeting format.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 10/22/2020 MINUTES

John Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of October 22, 2020 with corrections.

Leticia Fornataro seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Dirk Schneider moved to close the meeting at 8:10 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board