

Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
Minutes
May 27, 2021

PRESENT

John Mitchell, Acting Chairman; Paul Whitbeck, John Mitchell, Kathleen Cristman, Bonnie Salem, Leticia Fornataro

ALSO PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Dirk Schneider, Dave Wigg

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

John Mitchell, Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION

An update on the installation of the historic district banners is that the Town has rented a lift truck in order to install them. An event to plan a commemoration of the banner installation will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bonnie Salem discussed another avenue for obtaining a historical marker for the East Street Burying Ground. The Catskill Casting company produces markers in the style of the familiar New York State markers with the same logo and colors. Kevin Beckford indicated that he would approach the Town Board for funding for this marker. Bonnie Salem made a motion to pass a resolution that this funding be requested for a marker. All Board members present voted aye.

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **153 Mendon Center Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the construction of a two story addition and porch. The approximately 360 square foot two-story addition will replace the current two story area that was damaged by a motor vehicle. The approximately 480 square foot proposed porch will be built over an existing deck and wrap around the side of the home. The applicant did receive approval from the Zoning Board for setback relief.

The homeowner, Brian Lilly was present.

He is looking to improve the aesthetic of the home with a second story addition and wrap around porch. The footprint of the home will remain the same.

Leticia Fornataro moved to approve the application as submitted.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

- **3 Chattingham Court**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a dormer. The dormer will be located to the rear of the home and will allow for increased square footage in the bathroom and bedroom.

The homeowner, Brian Kwarta, was present.

The new roof will be a flatter style roof.

The Board cautioned that although this is not a design problem, this style of roof could present water damage issues.

Paul Whitbeck moved to approve the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All Ayes.

- **17 Callingham Road**

The Applicant is requesting design review for a proposed bedroom, bathroom and laundry addition. The addition will be approximately 340 square feet and will be located on the west side of the home.

The homeowner, Bobbi Pearson and designer, Bob Stenger were present.

The Board expressed concerns about the lack of fenestration on the side elevation. Small high transom windows were recommended to break up the expanse.

John Mitchell moved to accept the application as submitted with the condition of the addition of two small windows to develop interest on the west elevation.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

- **4000 East Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the renovation and additions to an existing home. There will be an addition onto the living room and four new dormers. The exterior renovations include new windows, doors, roof and adding stone and timber to the exterior of the home.

Alex Wiedemer, the project manager for New Design Works was present.

Leticia Fornataro moved to approve the application as submitted.

John Mitchell seconded.

All Ayes.

- **14 Laureldale Drive**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a porch. The porch will be approximately 232 square feet and will be located on the front of the home. The project will also include changing the garage doors to one door and the removal of decorative posts.

Brian and Marianne Hahn, the homeowners, were present.

The Board expressed concerns about this submission. Comments included that the arts and crafts styling of the porch and the bay window did not fit the colonial style of the home, the shutters are being removed and materials had not yet been decided.

This application was held open to allow the applicant to provide more detailing on materials and thought on the design.

- **4 Baynard Court**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a covered patio. The roof structure will be approximately 340 square feet and will be located to the rear of the home.

The agent for the homeowners, Mike Volpe was present.

A deck will be removed and replaced with a covered patio area in the same footprint. The timbers will be stained or painted and the trim board will match the soffit of the existing home.

Bonnie Salem moved to accept the application as submitted.

Kathleen Cristman seconded.

All ayes.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- **3400 Monroe Avenue**

The Applicant is requesting design review for the addition of a business identification sign. The sign will be approximately 43.75 square feet and will identify the "Elmwood Agency Corp." business. The sign will be 6" deep aluminum extrusion cabinet painted black and will be internally LED light.

Chuck Sciortino of Premium Mortgage Company was present.

The sign will be approximately 1 ft. larger than the current RMS sign but will meet Town Code. Letters are LED Vinyl graphic that will be lit internally. This sign is required by code to be on a timer.

Kathleen Cristman moved to accept the application as submitted.

Paul Whitbeck seconded.

All Ayes.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- **117 East Street**

The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to Code Section 185-196, for a porch addition. This property is zoned (AG) Agricultural and is designated historic.

This public hearing remains open. The homeowner chose to withdraw from the meeting this evening.

OTHER – REVIEW OF 5/13/2021 MINUTES

John Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of May 13, 2021 as written.

Bonnie Salem seconded.

All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

John Mitchell moved to close the meeting at 8:00 pm.

All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Donnelly
Secretary to the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board