

**VILLAGE OF PITTSFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

Present:

Chairperson: Lisa Cove
Members: Bill McBride
Ken Morrow
Mark Harrington
Virginia Searl

Village Attorney: Jeff Turner
Building Inspector: Steve Lauth
Village Clerk: Dorothea Ciccarelli
Recording Secretary: Marina Pacheco

Chairperson Cove called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

The Recording Secretary read the following statement:

Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's recent Executive Orders 202.1, 202.3, 202.4, 202.6, 202.7, 202.8, 202.18, 202.13, 202.14, 202.15, 202.18 and due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Village hall will be closed to the public during this meeting. The public can watch the live meeting online from the videoconferencing link made available on the Village of Pittsford's website or Facebook page.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Board members had no conflicts to declare.

Towpath Bike, 21 Schoen Place – Sign

Present: Ian MacDonald (Historic Sign Restoration)

Application: Submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by Building Inspector on 01/25/2021.

Discussion: Mr. MacDonald presented plans for a clear acrylic sign, back decorated with black decorating of Towpath's logo. 100% silicone and aluminum studs to be used for installation to prevent rust weeping over time. No plans to add lighting.

Chairperson Cove opened the floor for questions from the board. Member Morrow asked if Towpath will be taking up the entire building. Building Inspector Lauth clarified that they will have the majority of the building, however a realtors' office will be moving into the lower right part of the building.

Motion by Member Searl, seconded by Chairperson Cove, to approve as submitted, the application of Ian MacDonald for a sign at 21 Schoen Place. No conditions. Findings of fact: this application complies with the Village design principles and standards and does not pose a negative impact to the historical resource.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.

Decision Filed in the office of the Village Clerk on February 8, 2021.

Village Bakery & Café, 5 State Street – Sign

Present: Tucker Kuhe (Owner)

Application: Submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by Building Inspector on 1/25/21.

Discussion: Mr. Kuhe presented plans to update the previous sign which was vandalized. Rather than replacing, intends to update the sign with the entire bakery name. Same style lettering will be used, but slightly smaller. No plans to add lighting.

Chairperson Cove opened the floor for questions from the board. The Board had no further questions.

Motion by Member Searl, seconded by Chairperson Cove, to approve as submitted, the application of Tucker Kuhe for a sign at 5 State Street. No conditions. Findings of fact: this application complies with the Village design principles and standards and does not pose a negative impact to the historical resource.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.

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Worldleaders, 37 South Main Street – Sign

Present: Joe Morone

Application: Submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by Building Inspector on 1/25/21.

Discussion: Mr. Morone presented plans to install a red sign with white at the location with similar specifications to the pre-existing sign for “LIV Acupuncture”. No plans to add lighting.

Chairperson Cove asked about the color scheme, stating that the images that the Board received were orange-red. Mr. Morone explained that red will be a fire-engine red (color title: Crimson). Chairperson Cove asked if there was any flexibility with the colors of the sign as it is common for historical buildings to have more muted color schemes.

Attorney Turner made note that while the Board does have jurisdiction over color choice, they must provide findings of fact as to why the plans provided are not compatible with the structure.

Member Searl stated that there is no cohesive color plan in place for the business currently occupying that block and if the colors are the colors of the company logo then she had no objection.

Several members agree with the comment by Member Searl that colors are acceptable as they are the business' logo colors.

Motion by Member Searl, seconded by Member McBride, to approve as submitted, the application of Joe Morone for a sign at 37 South Main Street. No conditions. Findings of fact: this application complies with the Village design principles and standards and does not pose a negative impact to the historical resource.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.
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Michael Camarella, 36 Sutherland Street – Fence

Present: Michael Camarella (Owner), Tom Johnson (Designer)

Discussion: Mr. Camarella and Ms. Johnson presented plans for a fence to connect from the front right corner of the house, encompass an in-ground pool area, and connect to the carriage house in the rear of the property. Plans are for a 48 in. tall metal fence with “transparent link fencing” mesh which will prevent kids from scaling it. Also included are two 5 ft. wide, 4 ft. tall wooden Cotswold English style gates. Vegetation planted on the street side will be used to conceal the metal fencing so that only the gate is visible. Style of gate was chosen to match English Tudor style of house.

Member McBride asked why designs for a metal fence and wood gate were presented. Mr. Johnson explained that metal fencing was proper for a standard pool enclosure. The metal is black in order to further camouflage it. Intention is to plant shrubbery at least 4 foot tall to conceal metal portion of fence.

Member Harrington asked where the gate would be located. Ms. Johnson explained that gate would be centered between fence and house. Approximately 12 ft. of fence will run from the house to the gates, gates will be 10 ft. across and connect to another segment of 12 ft. fence.

Member Searl stated as a finding of fact that previously the Board has not identified vegetation as a permanent feature and able to disguise construction.

Board members held discussion regarding size of the gateway. Mr. Camarella explained that he believes that the 10 ft. gateway is more scalable to the size of the house and that two 4 ft. gates would look out of place. Also explained that size is for ease of access in order to maintain the pool. Mr. Camarella noted that he frequently uses his neighbors' driveway for closer access to his back yard.

Attorney Turner stated that sizing is a personal preference to the owner and outside of the jurisdiction of the Board.

Members reach consensus that 10 ft. gateway is acceptable as it will likely be necessary in order to allow trucks/equipment to gain access to the pool area.

Member Searl, made note that as vegetation was not included on the plans submitted with the application, the Board would vote on the fence disregarding the proposed vegetation.

Attorney Turner advises that there are many cases where vegetation is used to screen air conditioners and generators and that vegetation can be made a condition of approval.

Motion by Member Searl, seconded by Chairperson Cove, to approve the application of Michael Camarella for a fence at 36 Sutherland Street with the condition that vegetation must provide solid screening of metal fence. Findings of fact: this application complies with the Village design principles and standards and does not pose a negative impact to the historical resource.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.

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Thomas Bidenbach, 9 Jackson Park – Garage Conversion

Present: Thomas Bidenbach

Discussion: Mr. Bidenbach presented plans to convert an existing garage into a family room. A garage was built with the house originally and the previous owner added 3 more and a car port in the 1970s. House is small and sits on the canal but does not have a canal view. Plans include removal of a garage door, 6 replacement windows and installation of a canal-facing picture window. Materials will be high end fiberglass.

Member Searl asked if all the replacement windows will be casement windows. Mr. Bidenbach confirmed. Explained that original windows were installed by Anderson and that the style is no longer carried. Using Rochester Colonial for custom work to achieve similar style.

Several Board members have discussion as to whether it is more appropriate to have wooden windows installed to align with the other windows. It is determined that the updated material used for this project will be sufficient. Member Searl cited that post-war standards are inclusive of newer materials and that the home falls into this category, therefore fiberglass in place of wood is acceptable.

Member Searl asked if replacement windows will have mullions as other original windows do. Mr. Bidenbach did not have mullions in the plans but agreed to add them to conform aesthetically.

Motion by Member Searl, seconded by Chairperson Cove, to approve the application of Thomas Bidenbach for a garage conversion at 9 Jackson Park with the conditions that all new windows will have flanking casements, and that windows are not factory mullied, however, mullions will be added that have the same dimensions as those on pre-existing windows. Findings of fact: this application complies with the Village design principles and standards and does not pose a negative impact to the historical resource.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.
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MEMBER ITEMS:

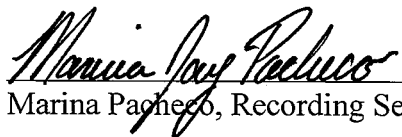
Motion by Chairperson Cove, seconded by Member McBride, to approve meeting minutes from 1/11/2021 with corrections.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.

Member Searl suggested that the Board hold a work session (open to the public) to determine a set of standards for window repairs and replacements going forward. Several members agree that a workshop would be helpful. Member Searl to reach out to all Board members to determine what topics they would like to cover. Secretary Pacheco to compile tentative dates for workshop. Board Members agree that Mayor Corby should be involved as well.

Motion by Member Searl, seconded by Chairperson Cove, to adjourn meeting at 7:15 PM.

Vote: McBride – yes; Cove – yes; Morrow – yes; Searl – yes; Harrington – yes. Motion Carries.



Marina Pacheco, Recording Secretary