

VILLAGE OF PITTSFORD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM

PRESENT:

Sub-Chairperson: Daniel Olson
Members: Virginia Searl
Christopher Dabroski
Carolina Torres (Remote)
William McBride (Remote)
Absent: Jeffery Pollock
Village Attorney: Jeff Turner
Building Inspector: Steve Lauth
Deputy Clerk: Alexandria Torres Vaughn

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Member Dabroski and seconded by Member Searl to open the HPB Meeting for April 15, 2024.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Board members indicated that they had no conflicts of interest to disclose.

• **66 Monroe Ave – FOUNTAIN**

Present: Matthew Wahl (applicant)

The application was submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by the Building Inspector on 04.08.24. The applicant presents a plan for a new fountain structure. The stone structure will feature two closed circles, one extending through the bottom and another with a screen descending. For the record, Mr. Wahl is seeking approval for phase one of the project.

Finding of Fact: A new structure that meets Village guidelines according to section 210-26.4.

Motion by Member Dabroski and seconded by Member Olson to approve the application as presented.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

• **14 South Street – ROOF**

Present: Louisa Pierson (homeowner)

The application was submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by the Building Inspector on 04.08.24. The applicant discussed their interest and requested permission to install a standing seam metal roof. The applicant argued that the metal roof would be more environmentally friendly and could replicate the historical roofing materials used during the house's construction.

Trip Pierson, 10 South Street, refers to the standard metal roof that a previous board had approved.

Board members expressed concerns that modern metal roofs do not match the aesthetic of historical metal roofs and could be visually jarring in the village. The discussion continued to highlight the importance of considering the visual aspects and historical context when making decisions about

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architectural changes in the village. According to Member Torres, there is no evidence that runoff from the approved material, asphalt shingles, has any environmental impact.

Motion by Member Searl and seconded by Member Dabroski to table the application.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

• **10 Schoen Place – FENCING**

Present: Casey Dunleavy (applicant), Jennifer Collins (owner)

The application was submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by the Building Inspector on 04.08.24.

The proposed application requests approval to upgrade the existing fencing materials. Members requested that the applicant and owner define the canal's property lines. According to an instrument survey map, the property owner clarified that they had worked with the Canal Corporation when proposing the pavilion on private property. They continued to discuss the need to leave room for emergency vehicles and the type of wood material. The footprint will remain unchanged.

Findings of Facts: The fence is removable, matches the existing footprint, is consistent with the design guidelines, and has no negative impact on the streetscape's resources.

Motion by Member Searl and seconded by Member Olson to approve the application as presented.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

• **10 South Street – SHED**

Present: Trip Pierson (homeowner)

The application was submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by the Building Inspector on 04.08.24.

The homeowner petitions the Board for approval to construct a shed. The Board states that the foundation, consisting of 4 x 4's and stone, supports the posts. The shed is designed not to be temporary but rather an accessory structure, making it a more permanent solution. The conversation shifts to using corrugated metal roofs, which are more like standing seam roofs than standing scenes. Wooden panels come in sections that require placement on top. The panel design is described as having large, wide panels with double lines between them. This design is considered more corrugated than standing seam roofs. A metal roof on the shed would not be visible from the front, but the profile is visible from South Street.

Member Searl motioned, seconded by Member Olson, to approve the application with no corrugated roof and the condition that instead of the proposed metal, the roof material will be shingles.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

Findings of Fact: Meets the design guidelines for signs.

• **Arboretum – TRAIL SIGNS**

Present: Benjamin Sackett (applicant)

The application was submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by the Building Inspector on 04.08.24.

Applicant Sackett comes before the Board seeking approval to build trail signs at the intersections of the trails in the Village Arboretum as part of his Eagle Scout project.

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Findings of Fact: Way-making signs will enhance the use of the Arboretum. They are unobtrusive, made of natural materials, and appropriate for the setting. The signs will represent no negative impact on the resource.

Motion by Member Searl and seconded by Member Dabroski to approve the application as presented.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

• **31 Main Street – DOOR**

Present: Stephen Sercu (applicant)

The application was submitted, date-stamped, and reviewed by the Building Inspector on 04.08.24. Today, the applicant seeks approval to modify the existing front entry door. The HPB previously approved a different design for the door. The new design calls for removing a door with two slats and no headpiece.

Board members informed the applicant that dimensions for the pilasters and the door size are needed. Mr. Sercu will work with the architect to propose a different configuration. The Board offers to table the application and set up a special meeting once the updated drawings are received.

Member Dabroski motioned, seconded by Member Olson, to table the application for 31 N. Main Street. The recording secretary will communicate an appropriate date.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

• **5 Sutherland St – Information Only- GARAGE ADDITION**

Present: Tim Holland and Sally Cheshire (homeowners)

The homeowners come before the Board today as a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals (PZBA) to seek information regarding their garage addition plan. Additionally, they would like to build a front porch. Their design suggests that the garage will have the ability to accommodate two cars and a workshop. Member Searl advised that instead of using two periodic windows, they could use two single ones. The garage should be proportional to the house, with the width, length, and roof slope matching. Members continued to discuss the appropriateness of alterations to a home of this era, including the house's layout, the left and right-side doors, lighting, and the porch.

MEMBER ITEMS

Member Searl raises a concern about a fence previously approved on the corner lot property of 44 Lincoln Ave. Initially approved as a front yard, the fence later became a side yard due to the house's corner defining the boundary. We resolved the issue by adjusting the fence's height, which was only 3 feet high. Member Searl insists the fence does not adhere to the property's guidelines. After consulting with the Attorney, the conversation ends with the fence meeting HPB criteria.

Motion by Member Searl and seconded by Member Dabroski to close the HPB Meeting for April 15, 2024.

Vote: Olson – yes; Searl – yes; Dabroski – yes; Torres – yes; McBride – yes *Motion Passes.*

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Alexandria Torres Vaughn, Deputy Clerk

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