

**VILLAGE OF PITTSFORD  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM

**Present:**

**Chairperson:** Bill McBride

**Members:** Jeff Pollock  
Maria Murillo  
Christine Lanahan

**Village Attorney:** Jeff Turner

**Recording Secretary:** Marina Pacheco-Walker

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson McBride called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Member Pollock disclosed that he was previously an extended relative to Chris DiMarzo through a previous marriage. Attorney Turner did not find it to be a conflict.

The remaining Board Members had no conflicts of interest to disclose.

**75 MONROE PRESENTATION**

Chairperson McBride explained that the presented plans will be considered for information only. The Board will not be making any decisions related to the application at this time. The Board will not be accepting public comment at this meeting, however, the public may submit comments and questions to the Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk via email, on the Village website, or on the Village Facebook page.

Chairperson McBride explained that the applicant had previously presented at the August 12, 2021 meeting. In the previous meeting, the Board stated that the mass and scale on what was Building 5 were too large. The Board requested that Mr. DiMarzo scale the building down somehow. The Board also commented that they would like to see diversity in the physical look. Suggested characteristics in keeping with the downtown main street. Aesthetics techniques can be used to pull down the look of the mass and scale.

Chris DiMarzo and his architect Dirk Schneider presented their updated proposal to the Board and the public. Presented a new building layout of 3 “building groups”. Building 3, which was previously Building 5, had been scaled down. “Perceived gaps” and varying setbacks along the blocks will be used to create the appearance of multiple small buildings. Board members felt that Building Group 3 was still too large. Mr. DiMarzo agreed to scale down further.

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The Board and Mr. DiMarzo's team discussed the different sidings, windows, and doors that could be employed to create variety and to bring down the large appearance. Pergolas/terraces on the roofs and the balconies and green spaces were discussed. The use of gables as an homage to Schoen Place was suggested.

Board members agreed that at this point, the site plan, size, and scale of the project as presented is acceptable to them with the exception of the modifications suggested to building group 3. The next step will involve reviewing the aesthetic details that will be used to achieve an aesthetic that is consistent with the Village. Mr. DiMarzo's team will select one of the buildings in their proposal and design it fully to provide an example of what the finished product could look like.

Mr. DiMarzo stated that he has applied with the PZBA and is waiting to be added to the agenda. Once the meeting with the PZBA is held, Mr. DiMarzo will meet with the HPB again to discuss the aesthetic details.

**Chairperson McBride adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.**

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Marina Pacheco-Walker, Recording Secretary