

**Village of Pittsford
Architectural and Preservation Review Board
Regular Meeting – October 2, 2000 at 7:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Blake Held
Members: Steve Melnyk
Beth Sullivan
Ken Willard
Trip Pierson
Attorney Jeffrey Turner
Recording Secretary: Anne Hartsig

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blake Held at 7:30 PM.

1. Elaine Smillie – 32 South Main Street – Sign

Present: Elaine Smillie

Application: Submitted and date stamped 9/18/00. Approved by the Building Inspector 9/18/00.

Specifics: Applicant wants to change the name on her sign. The new sign will project out on the two ends. It will be finished on the sides. It will be 14” H x 92” L. The sign will be made of redwood and will have a sand blasted background. It will be stained a reddish color and will have white letters.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk, to approve this application as submitted with the stipulation that there be blocking on the ends to make the sign smooth to the surface.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes. **Motion carried.**

2. Old Pickle Factory – 1 Grove Street, Suite 2010 – addition of two windows

Present: Sheila Fustanio

Application: Submitted and date stamped 9/20/00. Approved by the Building Inspector 9/20/00.

Specifics: Applicant would like to add two casement, vinyl clad windows on the first floor, west elevation of the building to match an existing window. Date of initial construction of the building was 1913. This building burned. Date of construction of current building is unknown. Many windows were replaced in 1984. Those replacement windows (Anderson Perma Shield vinyl clad windows) were approved by the APRB.

Board must follow standards of the Secretary of the Interior which were adopted 1/4/88. Even though vinyl windows were installed in the past, the material is inconsistent with the era of the building. The Board could not distinguish this building from any other historic home or building in the Village. Therefore, Board members could not approve of vinyl windows.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Melnyk to approve two wood casement windows to match in size and color the casement windows already installed in the building. Windows are to be installed on the west elevation, first floor as presented on plans submitted 9/20/00.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes. **Motion carried.**

3. Laurence Hickey – 3 Stonegate Lane – two story addition to rear elevation

Present: Mark Muller, Architect

Application: Submitted and date stamped 9/20/00. Approved by the Building Inspector 9/20/00.

Specifics: This structure was built in 1966. A two-story addition on the rear elevation of the house is proposed. Vinyl clad casement windows were approved in 1996. This addition will be visible from the dead end of Washington Ave.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Pierson, seconded by Chairperson Held, to approve this application per drawings as submitted with application date stamped 9/20/00.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes.
Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. Original date of construction was 1966.
2. Vinyl has previously been approved as a construction material.
3. Windows, trim and siding will match existing in size and detail.

4. Carol Bowler – 17 Elm Street – alteration to garage door/apartment

Present: Richard Doyle

Application: Submitted and date stamped 9/19/00. Approved by Building Inspector 9/19/00.

Specifics: Applicant wishes to replace double garage doors with an Anderson Narrowline vinyl bay window. Exterior finishing would match existing. The windows in the bay would be double hung. Driveway will be replaced with lawn and plantings.

Mr. Doyle discussed options other than what is shown on the plans. Board members requested drawings that reflect exactly what is being proposed. They did not feel a bay window would be in conflict with the era of the home but did recommend that primed wood exterior windows rather than vinyl be used in the plans. The application was tabled until next month.

5. Barry Lawrenz – 9 Wood Street – Door, window dimensions and photos

Present: David Roop, contractor and ??

Application: changes to application submitted and date stamped 8/24/00

Specifics: Applicant's contractor presented photos and window dimensions for the record. The 47 x 37 window has been changed to an awning window rather than a casement window.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Sullivan to approve the changes in the windows as per the documentation provided.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes.
Motion carried.

Specifics: Applicant would like to change railing on porch from 27" to 30" high for safety reasons. Building code requires height to be from 32" – 36". 30" will work well with existing posts. Building Inspector Bailey said he would approve 30" height because it is close enough to the required height. Applicant also would like to use alternative spacing of balusters. The original spacing pattern seems to have been three, skip two, three, skip two etc. Board members could not determine if spacing was deliberate or an attempt to cover up missing balusters.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve the porch railing at the suggested height of 30" and to replicate the existing handrail and existing baluster size using common spacing of 3 ½" centers. Lattice is to match existing.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes. **Motion carried.**

Specifics: Applicant wishes to use wood front door with arched glass window shown in photos submitted at this meeting. Door will be stained dark and have urethane finish. Porch floor and ceiling will have natural wood finish. Board members determined the door is inappropriate for the style of the home in terms of architectural judgement. However, they discussed the issue of personal expression vs. architectural correctness.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Melnyk, seconded by Member Sullivan, to accept the proposed door as installed and shown on photos submitted 10/2/00. **Findings of fact:** 1. Prior existing door was not historic. 2. The door is an easily changed feature. 3. House reveals past evidence of layering of style and design features. 4. Door's arched opening, while not consistent with the general character of the house, is reflected in other decorative elements such as the porch brackets.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – no, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes. **Motion carried.**

6. Fleet Bank – 9 North Main St. – ATM lighting fixtures and brackets

Present: Mike Quagliatta, Q-Tech and Howard Stapley, Fleet Bank

Application: Submitted and date stamped 4/5/00.

Specifics: Applicant presented “The Wall Director”, a fixture made by Kim Lighting. The bank will need five such fixtures at locations approved by the Planning Board. The fixtures will be mounted 17 feet off the ground in order to achieve the required foot-candles at 50’ from the source. These fixtures have a downlight with a forward throw.

The Board discussed the support brackets to determine what would look the best.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve five “Wall Director” fixtures as submitted and date stamped 10/2/00, and to allow them to be mounted with vertical steel channel support brackets 8” wide x 1” return, and angled horizontal support brackets of bent steel plate, 3-4” in width.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – yes, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes: September 7, 2000: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk to approve these minutes as amended.

Vote: Sullivan – yes, Pierson – abstain, Held – yes, Melnyk – yes, Willard – yes. Motion carried.

Other Business: Chairperson Held briefly discussed an upcoming cell tower issue and the St. Louis Church renovations that may come before the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Anne Z. Hartsig, Recording Secretary

