

Village of Pittsford
Architectural and Preservation Review Board
Regular Meeting – June 4, 2001 at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: **Chairperson:** Blake Held
 Members: Steve Melnyk
 Trip Pierson
 Marcia Watt
 Ken Willard
 Attorney: Jeffrey Turner
 Board Liaison: Robert Corby
 Building Inspector: Skip Bailey
 Recording Secretary: Mary Marowski

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blake Held at 7:00 PM.

1. Alain Benhamou – 45 Schoen Place – Sign

Present: Mr. Benhamou

Application: Submitted, date stamped and building inspector approved 4/30/01.

Discussion: Applicant is proposing a wood 3' x 4' sign painted blue with beige lettering located above the entrance door.

Motion: Member Watt made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Held, to approve the signage as presented.

Findings of Fact: 1. Sign conforms to zoning. 2. Design and materials are consistent and appropriate for the structure.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
 The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

2. E. J. DelMonte – 41 N. Main Street – Sign

Present: John Tengeres

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/22/01. Building inspector approved 5/23/01.

Discussion: Mr. Tengeres has presented a 3' width x 4' height free standing, two sided lit sign. The 2' high face of the sign will be white Lexan with opaque black and gold lettering. Sign cabinet will be constructed of corian to match existing sign. Base will have metal support posts with an aluminum skirt. Landscape shrubs will be around its perimeter. Sign will advertise the "Erie Grill" and be located at the east end of the hotel entry drive along North Main Street. Proposal suggests the sign will be perpendicular to the street and will not obstruct the other sign. Signage was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board 5/29/01.

The *application is left open* pending the receipt of more information regarding the lighting specifics (depth, flush, or recessed, etc.) of both sides of the sign, height of the wall, proposed materials, and front and back elevations.

3. Jeff Hanson – 54 Sutherland Street – Doors

Present: Jeff Hanson

Application: Submitted, date stamped, and building inspector approved 5/23/01.

Discussion: Resident is proposing to install three wood, full view, Ultra VU style (Morse Sash and Door) doors to replace the existing aluminum screen doors. All doors will be painted.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Willard, to approve the application as submitted for the installation of three wood door storm door units to replace the existing aluminum doors. Doors will be "Ultra VU" style doors provided by Morse Sash and Door.

Findings of Fact: 1. House built 1948 per building-structure inventory. 2. Applicable Secretary of the Interior Standards: #6, #9

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
 The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

4. Brooke Teets – 30 East Jefferson Road – Window

Present: Bob Watters, Contractor

Application: Submitted, date stamped, and building inspector approved 5/17/01.

Discussion: Ms. Teets has installed a 5/4" x 4" painted wood frame window with vinyl clad wood sash located at the rear of the 1925 home. The octagonal window shape and vinyl material is inconsistent with the era of the home.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk, to deny the application as submitted.

Findings of Fact: 1. House built in 1925. 2. Applicable Secretary of the Interior Standards: #5, #6, #9.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – abstain; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on 6/4/01.

The contractor proposed to amend the application to install a wooden round, square, or rectangular window not to exceed the size of the existing opening. The Board instructed the applicant that once a replacement window is selected, a new application should be filed.

5. Scott and Wende Wallman – 11 Washington Road – Garage

Present: Scott and Wende Wallman

Application: Letter dated 5/18/01. Date stamped 5/23/01. Original application submitted, date stamped and approved by the building inspector 8/25/01. Application was reviewed by APRB on 9/7/00 and followed up 2/5/01 due to compliance issues regarding proportions approved. Building permit #1568 issued. Violation notice: 12/13/00; Notice & Order: 12/28/00; Appearance Ticket #1017 and #1018.

Discussion: Mr. Wallman is requesting to resubmit for the changes made to the originally approved application presented 9/7/00. The structure constructed is out of compliance as stated per minutes of 2/5/01 and other documentation on file. Additional window in rear of garage was also installed without approval. Since their last appearance before the Board, the structure had been painted and the existing (1'10"w x 4'h) window has been stained and vinyl shutters added in an effort to compensate for the proportion issue previously raised by the Board. The Board indicated to Mr. Wallman that these changes were insufficient to address its concerns regarding both the windows and the garage doors. Solutions suggested by the Board included installing wider trim around the garage doors with a crown molding to the top of the doors; barn door element; wood shutters to overlap the frame and a different, larger window. The Board suggested the residents research other carriage house samples to help them with the amending of their application. The *application is left open* pending an amended application.

6. Charles Kenton – 85 West Jefferson Road – Fence

Present: Charles Kenton

Application: Submitted, date stamped, and building inspector approved 5/23/01.

Discussion: Resident is requesting approval of a split rail fence along the perimeter of his property to match an existing portion of the fence. Maximum fence height will be 3'. Mr. Kenton had stated the split rail fence would follow the property and terminate after turning to align with the driveway for a possible future gate. This fence would be located approximately 4' off the sidewalk. Mr. Kenton later stated he would like fence installed as a safety feature for the containment of children and family pet. He added that the split rail fence would have wire fencing attached up to the second rail. The Board raised concerns regarding the angling of the fence with the driveway and the applicant agreed to omit this from the current application and to address this issue in the future if a gate is added. The Board further noted that the application was not complete since no sample of wire was submitted and expressed that the wire should cover the full height of the fence and be as "invisible" as possible. Applicant requested that the Board act on the application for a split rail fence only and agreed to submit a

second application for the wire portion if it is added later. The *application has been left open* pending the submission of the omitted wire treatment application.

7. Richard Holahan – 38 Rand Place – Fence

Present: Mr. & Mrs. Holahan

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/23/01. Building inspector approved 5/24/01. Planning and Zoning Board approved 5/29/01.

Discussion: Because restraints placed on fence design by the Planning and Zoning Board were not acceptable to applicants, they *withdrew application* following further discussion with the APRB over other possible solutions.

8. Mary & Alden Hayden – 24 Monroe Avenue – Gazebo

Present: Mrs. Hayden

Application: Submitted, date stamped and building inspector approved 5/23/01.

Discussion: Applicant is proposing to install a gazebo on their property approximately 50' from the canal. It will be octagonal in shape prefabricated and made of pressure treated wood. The design was submitted.

Motion: Member Watt made a motion, seconded by Member Pierson, to accept the application as proposed for an octagonal gazebo no greater than 12' in diameter at the location presented in the attached site map and consistent with the photo submitted.

Findings of Fact: 1. House built 1962 circa. 2. Gazebo stylistically different but distant from the house and remote from view. 3. Materials are consistent with gazebo treatment.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

9. Sandra Marlow – 30 East Jefferson Road – Deck

Present: Sandra Marlow

Contractor: Chase Pitkin Installed Services

Application: Submitted, date stamped, and building inspector approved 5/14/01.

Discussion: Resident would like to replace a window in the back of the 1957 home with a door and construct a 16'L x 10'W pressure treated wooden deck with steps to the ground. A out swinging entry door 36" w x 80" h (interior wood/ exterior aluminum) with a full view manufactured by IC Clear Collection C series is proposed. All construction detail is provided in application.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve the application as submitted for a pressure treated deck attached at the rear living area of the 1957 home measuring 16'l x 10'w with stairs to the ground +/- 8' to ground level. An outswinging steel entry door measuring 36" w x 80" l with a large glass panel is approved as a replacement for the a rear window.

Findings of fact: 1. 1957 Home. 2. Door material is wood with aluminum clad. 3. Doors are an often and easily changed element of a house. 4. Applicable Secretary of the Interior Standards #9

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

10. Terence Ward – 47 Courtenay Circle – Deck

Present: Terence Ward

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/22/01. Approved by building inspector 5/23/01.

Discussion: Mr. Ward is proposing to construct a custom pressure treated deck 16'1 x 16'w with 12'1 x 12'w adjoining sections to be attached to the rear of the 1965 built home. The 16' section will be approximately 5 ½' above grade and the 12' section will be approximately 20" above grade. All construction details are provided in the application.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk to approve the application as submitted for a pressure treated deck to be attached at the rear of the 1965 built home. The dimensions and style of the proposed deck are consistent with the era of the home.

Findings of Fact: 1. House built in 1965. 2. Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, #10.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

11. Ted Collins – Aladdins – 8 Schoen Place – Commercial Patio

Present: John Crawford

Application: Submitted and date stamped 9/26/00. Drawings dated 6/30/00. Building inspector approved 5/23/01. Planning and Zoning Board approved 5/29/01.

Discussion: Mr. Crawford has proposed to add a patio 10' x 12'10" to the existing deck. Railings will tie into the existing deck to the previously approved field stone wall. It will be located at the left canal side view of the building. Mr. Crawford is also seeking approval of a furnace pvc pipe boxed in exterior and running up along canalside elevation to roof with hooked termination protruding (+-) 2' 0" above and painted to match the buildings.

Motion: Member Pierson made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Held to approve the application as submitted for the porch, rail and enclosure for the furnace part.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

12. John Kemnitz – 12 Elmbrook Drive – Porch Posts

Present: John Kemnitz

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/1/01. Building inspector approved 5/2/01. A property assessment was completed by Bero Associates Architects 4/16/01 for Historic Pittsford.

Discussion: Resident is proposing to install a lamppost in the front yard of the home along side the driveway. The post is 6'6" and has a 32" base with fluting. This posts decorative features are more elaborate than the era of the home but the post is separate from the house and in keeping with the general character of the village.

Motion: Member Pierson made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk to approve the lamp post design as submitted.

Findings of Fact: 1. House constructed in 1955 per building-structure inventory. 2. Secretary of the Interior Standards #5, #6, #9.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

Other discussion from the Bero review included the possibility of installing two flying copper snow geese to the cupola of the house. Detail information of feature and specifics regarding location would need to be submitted prior to a Board decision.

Resident is also proposing to replace three front porch columns on his brick ranch home with decorative columns similar to the lamp post design.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk, to deny the application regarding the column design for the 1955 built home based on the Secretary of

Interior Standards (#3) which states the following: “Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.”.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

13. Rob Pierce – 71 North Main Street – Porch Renovation

Present: Andy Moll, Contractor

Application: Submitted and date stamped 3/21/01. Revised 5/30/01. Approved by the building inspector 5/30/01.

Discussion: Mr. Moll stated that the current intention is to save the façade of the sleeping porch. They will use the existing openings and install custom Marvin wood windows and in-fill the lower archways, maintaining the detail. The front and rear will match. A new six panel wood door is proposed. Existing door is a porch door and can be saved. The rear dormer will be slightly larger than the front but will be constructed in the same dimension ratios.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve the application as submitted with the following provisions: 1. West elevation #6: New addition attachment to porch be offset (+-) 2 –12” from the existing porch based on the Secretary of the Interior Standards (#9) which states: “New additions, exterior alteration, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.”. Subject to final approval of east elevation and dormer, windows as shown to match the existing. New windows are to be primed wood exterior double hung. Sleeping porch has the option of either using double hung or casement windows in the same dimensions with a single exterior muntin. All other treatments as shown in revision drawings approved by building inspector 5/30/01 are granted.

Findings of Fact: 1. Initial construction of home is 1913 as listed in the building-structure inventory. 2. Secretary of the Interior Standards #5, #6, #9, #10.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

14. Pam Wright – 8 Wood Street – Porch Renovations

Present: Pam Wright

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/22/01. Building inspector approved 5/23/01.

Discussion: Resident is seeking approval to a previously approved APRB application (#633 approved by building inspector Robert Ramsdell on 4/23/96) for which building permit #1274 has issued and expired. The approved project stated the an application for a new overhang and steps with the following conditions: 1. To fully frame the lattice under the porch; frame will be 1” x 4”. 2. The balusters will be 5/4” x 5/4” in cross section with six equal parts; 3. To submit a revised drawing of both the new brackets and top railing; 4. The existing door will remain; 5. Shutters will be removed and not replaced. Porch constructed in all wood with black asphalt shingles (architectural style optional).

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk, to approve the unchanged application as submitted for wood materials and a black asphalt shingle roof.

Findings of Fact: 1. Circa 1880 as listed in the building-structure inventory. 2. Secretary of the Interior #6. 3. Previously approved application.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

15. Tom & Mary Dannhauser – 16 Locust Street – Porch Renovations

Present: Tom Dannhauser

Application: Submitted, date stamped and building inspector approved 5/23/01.

Discussion: Resident is proposing to repair/replace the steps, decking and railings of the front and side porches due to deterioration. New steps will be constructed off the side of the porch. New newell posts will replicate what is existing. Decorative ball in similar style and scale will be applied. Porches will be constructed with pressure treated fir treads and tongue and groove fir decking (5/4" x 3"). Rails will be new clear cedar rails and spindles. New railings on the front porch will be 29" h which more congruent to its original application. Side porch railings will be 28" to accommodate the slightly smaller porch posts. Bottom railing will be 4" above the floor. Railings, decks, and steps will be primed and painted with colors to match the house.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve the application as submitted based on front porch current railing not original (shadow lines). New railing closer to original intent. Side porch approved as submitted with new newel posts to match the existing.

Findings of Fact: 1. Home initially constructed in 1894 as stated in the building-structure inventory. 2. Secretary of the Interior Standards #6, #9.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

16. Kevin & Annmarie Vanini – 40 Lincoln Avenue – Porch Renovations

Present: Steven Verdi, Contractor

Application: Submitted, date stamped and building inspector approved 5/14/01.

Discussion: Contractor is proposing to tear down the lower roof, posts, and deck structure of the existing side porch. He will rebuild the porch with custom pressure treated lumber (14'1 x 7'w) with three 4" x 4" posts (42" below grade with concrete footings), single 2" x 10" ledger board, 2" x 8" floor joists (16" oc) bridging and blocking around 4" x 4" posts. 5/4" x 6" decking applied parallel to the house, square 2" x 2" baluster railing system with 2" x 4" top and bottom rails and 5/4" x 6" premium cap boards. A closed stringer and riser staircase will be built including 4" x 4" posts. 1" x 6" vertical pressure treated skirting will be applied around the perimeter of the porch with a hinged access gate. Roof will be shed style. This will include 4" x 4" posts, double 2" x 10" wrap around beam, 2" x 8" rafters (16" oc), 2" x 6" ceiling beams, 1" x 3" horizontal ceiling firing. 1/2" OSB sheathing for the roof and 1" x 8" fascia and rake boards. Overhang soffit will be 2' to match existing 4" x 4" knee bracket. Roof will have installed aluminum drip edges, ice and water shields with tarpaper and shingles to match the existing roof. Gutter system will be applied. All roof work will continue in the exact roofline, size and shape, to the existing. Existing two windows and door to remain in their existing location.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve the application as amended by board drawings identifying elements and materials to match the existing and other materials as stated in proposal.

Findings of Fact: 1. House built in 1923 as stated in the building-structure inventory. 2. Secretary of the Interior Standards #5, #6, #9.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard - yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

17. St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 28 Lincoln Avenue – Garage Renovations

Present: John Meyers, Mark Josefski, Jeff Josefski

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/23/01. Building inspector approved 5/24/01.

Discussion: Eagle Scout Jeff Josefski proposed garage renovations to include the removal of the existing garage doors with the replacement of two 2'w x 3'h double hung windows centered by a double 36" nine lite door unit. The front of the garage will be re-sided with cedar clapboard siding and painted to match the existing siding. Gutters will be installed. Side door will be replaced the same style door. Previous use of the structure was a garage. Current use is a storage facility. Proposal is to give the structure the appearance of a storage facility vs. a garage. Work proposed would indicate the need for new headers or a single header across the front of the garage for support. The Board suggested barn door option. The *application has been left open* pending a review of accurate dimensions and details for the proposed renovations.

18. James Salerno – 21 Rand Place – Garage Restoration

Present: James Salerno

Application: Submitted and date stamped 5/23/01. Building inspector approved 5/24/01.

Discussion: Due to a garage fire, resident is proposing to repair/rebuild the 24' x 22' garage back to its original design with block walls, clapboard siding on the second level and wood roof with standard roofing materials. The original side and back doors will be re-used. New glass in the original windows will be used. A wooden overhead door (Shadowline) will be installed.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk, to approve the application as submitted for the exact replacement of all garage materials and style as the previous garage.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion carried*
The decision is filed in the Office of the Village Clerk 6/4/01.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Mary Marowski, Recording Secretary