

Village of Pittsford
Architectural and Preservation Review Board
Regular Meeting – July 9, 2001 at 7:30 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: Anne Hartsig

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

1. E. J. Del Monte – 41 North Main Street – Sign

Present: Mr. John Tengeres

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

Discussion: Mr. Tengeres presented additional elevations, dimensions and information on material for the proposed sign from the Lonowood Art Company dated May, 2001. He presented a catalog cut for a proposed lighting fixture for the sign. He stated the location for the sign would remain the same.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Melnyk, to approve the sign as presented on specs from the Lonowood Art Company, Inc. date stamped June 11, 2001 and to approve a 120 volt Micro-Flood lighting fixture as proposed on specifications from Kim Lighting date stamped and presented to the Village on June 11, 2001.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
 The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on July 9, 2001.

2. St. Louis Church – 64 South Main Street – roof

Present: St. Louis representatives requested permission not to be present for this application.

Application: amended application dated 6/30/01 and signed by the Building Inspector 7/9/01

Discussion: Construction workers realized that the roof on the Church is metal standing seam rather than copper. APRB approved a roof to match existing, which was thought to be copper at the time of approval. St. Louis is requesting approval for installation of a metal standing seam roof. A sample was provided.

Motion: Member Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Held to approve this amended application for installation of a standing seam metal roof, Una Clad Kynar 500 Fluorocarbon Steel, color Patina Green, as presented on file copy drawings dated 6/30/01 and as shown on the single story additions on the Main Street elevation.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
 The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on July 9, 2001.

3. Elaine Olsker – 14 Elmbrook Drive – change exterior of chimney

Present: Mr. John Kemnitz

Application: Submitted, date stamped and Building Inspector approved June 21, 2001.

Discussion: The house was constructed in 1948. The applicant currently has fiberglass sheets with faux brick finish on her chimney. The sheets have caused water damage to the interior of the home. The applicant seeks approval for brick and/or stone to be applied to the exterior of the chimney. Chairperson

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Held stated that all brick would be acceptable but that additional documentation showing the actual way the chimney would look with both a brick and stone application would be required.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Watt, to approve the replacement of the existing fiberglass system on the chimney with a new thin brick. If the applicant chooses the option of using both brick and stone, submission of a visual sample of the stone pattern, pattern name and company, the dimensions of the chimney and a rough diagram of where the brick and stone would be placed on the chimney is required for approval prior to the issuance of a permit.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on July 9, 2001.

4. Mr. and Mrs. Hart – 17 Maple Street – replacement windows

Present: Chuck Buscemi, Morse Property Services

Application: Submitted, and date stamped June 20, 01 and Building Inspector approved 6/21/01.

Discussion: This house was built in 1947. Mr. Buscemi stated that the house was approved for vinyl siding in May 1995 by the APRB. It currently has double hung wood windows with aluminum storm windows. The intent is to leave the existing picture window and the storm windows. The new windows will be installed behind the storm windows and existing trim. New windows will be wood with exterior aluminum cladding, will have insulated glass and will include vinyl jamb liners. They have wood interior removable muntins.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve the installation of new windows as presented on the application using Marvin Tilt Pac windows with the condition that wood muntins (6 over 1) be applied on the exterior to match existing windows and to maintain the exterior of this post war home. The motion was made on the basis that the house was built in an era when aluminum was used as a building material.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on July 9, 2001.

5. David Anderson - 19 West Jefferson Road – fence request

Present: David Anderson

Application: Submitted, date stamped and Building Inspector approved on April 11, 2001.

Discussion: Mr. Anderson proposes a three foot high white picket wood fence in the front and a round rail cedar fence (height not specified) in the back as presented on a catalog cut with application materials date stamped 4/11/01. Board members discussed two proposed openings in the front picket fence. The applicant had not decided whether or not to have gates or just leave openings for future gates. The width of the openings was not defined on the application materials nor was the exact location of the proposed fence.

The round rail fence will be placed approximately 6' inside the lot line on the west side of the back yard and across the back yard in place of an existing fence.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Watt, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve this application for a three foot high, white picket wood fence to be placed in the front yard, giving the applicant the option of having the section of the fence from the eastern corner to the driveway be a continuous picket fence or containing a single gate. The gate is subject to APRB approval prior to installation. The western section of the fence shall be as submitted on the instrument survey map. In addition, the motion is to approve the round rail fence to be installed along the western property line and along the lot line parallel to Jefferson Road in the back yard, all dimensions as submitted.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on July 9, 2001.

6. Kathy Tichenor – 12 West Jefferson Road – fence request

Present: Mrs. Bagley

Application: Submitted, date stamped and Building Inspector approved on 6/20/01.

Discussion: The house was built in 1951. The applicant has proposed a four-foot high chain link fence in the rear yard of the property. Board members questioned the exact location for the placement of the fence.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Pierson to approve this application for a four foot chain link fence to be installed in the rear yard at 12 West Jefferson Road with the fence coming off the house parallel to the rear wall of the house for roughly fifteen feet with a gate within that fifteen foot section, then following the perimeter of the property line in the back within three to four feet of the property line and returning again to the east side at the rear corner of the house with roughly a four foot wide section parallel to West Jefferson Road with a gate in that section, provided that major portions of the fence do become engulfed in natural vegetation.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on July 9, 2001.

7. Hicks and McCarthy – 23 South Main Street – addition

Present: Robert Bryant

Application: Submitted and Building Inspector approved 6/20/01

Discussion: The applicant proposed a 4' x 2' addition to the Hicks and McCarthy restaurant to replace an existing doorway for the purpose of housing an ice machine. The adjacent shuttered windows will remain. The height of the bump out will be just over the existing door height. Board members were concerned that the application does not give true documentation of the dimensions of the bump out and the existing architectural features. Without accurate drawings, it is impossible for the Board to envision the impact of the addition on the existing structure and to determine whether or not the shuttered windows should remain or be sided over.

Motion: Chairperson Held made a motion, seconded by Member Watt, to *hold this application open* until further documentation is submitted.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
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Because the applicant left the meeting before the Board completed action this matter, Member Watt will draft a letter to the applicant stating the information that the Board will need to make a decision on the application.

8. Lynn and Linda Lanphear – 14 Jackson Park – porch addition

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Lanphear

Application: Submitted, date stamped and Building Inspector approved on June 20, 2001.

Discussion: The original structure was built in 1900. Ms. Lanphear explained that the application is twofold. Phase I consists of the construction of a wooden open porch on the canal side (east) of the structure. Posts on the porch will match the existing street side post. All materials will match existing. Phase II consists of a 10' x 17' sunroom recessed back from the open porch, also on the east elevation. All materials will match the existing house. Chairperson Held asked for dimensional drawings that articulate the trim and corner boards for the sun porch portion of the addition.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Melnyk to 1. approve Phase I as submitted on the application including turned posts to match the existing porch post, all details to match existing as shown on drawings and 2. to conditionally approve Phase II subject to final documentation being submitted and Board approval of such documentation.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
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9. Carrol Bowler – 17 Elm Street – addition

Present: Richard Doyle, contractor

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Application: Submitted, date stamped and Building Inspector approved on June 20, 2001.

Discussion: The house was built in 1907. The applicant wishes to enclose a sleeping porch and extend the roofline to connect to the main house. The applicant wants to eliminate the windows shown on the south side of the addition to allow for a bathroom at some future point. The builder stated that the sleeping porch was not original to the house but that there had been a porch of some kind. All trim would match the existing. Board members did not wish to see the south side windows eliminated. In addition, Chairperson Held stated that given the year the house was built, all wood windows, one over one would be allowed. Anderson windows would not be allowed.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Pierson, to approve this application for an addition as submitted on drawings dated 6/20/01 with the provision that the windows be all wood, primed exterior, single pane over single pane, a gable vent reflected on construction drawings, all trim, siding and other materials to match existing, including the roof or a new asphalt shingle roof on the entire house, all other elements of the house with the exception of the sleeping porch area of the house to remain the same. If there were a desire to change the windows, it would require an amended application.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
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10. Mary Ellen and Alan Burris – 7 East Jefferson Circle – siding and windows

Present: Mary Ellen Burris

Application: Submitted, date stamped and Building Inspector approved on 6/21/01.

Discussion: This house was built in 1954. The applicant wishes to replace the siding on the house with vinyl siding and replace the living room windows with vinyl slider windows. Chairperson Held explained that the APRB must follow the Secretary of the Interior Standards. This house is within a historic district. Vinyl building materials were not available at the time this house was built. (It is possible that aluminum windows and siding would be approved because aluminum was available at the time the house was built.) Chairperson Held suggested talking to Historic Pittsford to arrange for John Bero to visit the site and explore options. He said the corner windows are a key architectural element of this house. The board would like to see the exterior maintained, particularly the windows, with the proportions and dimensions as they exist.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairperson Held, seconded by Member Melnyk to deny this application as submitted.

Vote: Held – yes; Melnyk – yes; Pierson – yes; Watt – yes; Willard – yes *Motion Carried*
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11. Mitchell and Barbara Messina – 6 High Street – information only – addition

Present: James Yarrington, Architect

Application: Submitted, dated 6/26/01. Variance required.

Discussion: Mr. Yarrington said the purpose of the proposed plans for this house addition is to retain the simplicity of the existing home. The applicant wishes to build a two-story addition including a basement. All windows would be wood, double hung units, painted to match the existing. Clapboard siding with regular exposure, roofing, corner boards will all be built to match existing. A projection (not shown on plans submitted on 6/26/01) will be added for a gas fired fireplace, but will be largely absorbed into the mass of the house. There will be a plain railing, closely spaced. The door will be a plain upper light door. Board members approved the conceptual drawings. Zoning issues must be resolved before APRB can vote on the application.

Building Inspector's Report

Signs for "Ewe Too" and "Sissy's" were discussed. It was determined that these signs need APRB approval because they have been moved to different locations.

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Pam Wright – 8 Wood Street: is currently in violation because of vinyl windows and a second story porch. Chairperson Held said the windows are visible. Attorney Turner stated there should not be exceptions for these windows. Building Inspector Bailey will follow-up.

Messner sign – a new sign has been installed. The old sign should be removed. Inspector Bailey will see if a permit for the new sign has been issued.

Minutes

It was decided that additional review of the 5/6/01 minutes is needed for clarification.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Held adjourned the meeting at 10:35 PM.

Anne Z. Hartsig, Recording Secretary