

**Village of Pittsford
Architectural and Preservation Review Board
Special Meeting – October 18, 2005 at 6:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson:	Steve Melnyk
Members:	John Limbeck Marcia Watt Scott Latshaw Ken Willard
Secretary:	Linda Habeeb

Chairperson Melnyk called the meeting to order at 6:30.

1. Arthur Pires, 70 State St. - Window replacement

Present: Mr. & Mrs. Pires

Dan Culhane, Kolbe Windows

Discussion: The applicants are amending their previously-approved application for all-wood Kolbe & Kolbe replacement windows with exterior applied muntins to request approval for six-over-one wood windows with exterior-applied extruded aluminum muntins. The applicants submitted a sample of the proposed window. Mr. Culhane stated that exterior wood muntins are problematic because they tend to delaminate over time and, therefore, the manufacturer recommends the use of extruded aluminum muntins with their all-wood sashes.

Chairperson Melnyk stated that the original windows are a one-over-one style, and because muntins are an added feature to the house and are not replacing original wood muntins, the Board has more latitude in granting the requested material change. It was pointed out that on a window with double-pane glass, the visual appearance of true divided lites is no different from the appearance of simulated divided lites. However, the muntins used with true divided lites must be of a greater thickness. Therefore, while Mr. Culhane would recommend the use of wood muntins with true divided lite windows, these windows would have a less historic appearance.

The Board had consulted the architectural advisor and presented his comments to the applicant.

The Board stated that under the Village Code, one of the objectives is to conserve and improve the value of property within the district. It was noted that muntins and jambs are similar features of windows which are distinct from the core issue of the sash and frame, and that the proposal is for all-wood windows with new, industry-applied features.

Findings of Fact

- ✍ This request is for an alteration, or change of style, because the original windows were not divided lites.
- ✍ The metal muntins used in the Kolbe simulated divided light window are a better historical representation than the wood muntins used by Kolbe in true divided thermal pane lites, due to the width of the muntins being narrower.
- ✍ Only the jambs and sashes are being replaced.

- ✍ The manner in which the muntins adjoin or abut the wood sash has an appearance consistent with wood muntins.
- ✍ The muntins are a truly extruded product, a separate material, as opposed to application of metal over wood as in the case of cladding.

Motion: Chairperson Melnyk made a motion, seconded by Member Limbeck, to approve the change to the application previously submitted for replacement windows to permit the applied muntins to be extruded aluminum instead of wood, finished in a paint color matching the sashes and existing frame.

Vote: Limbeck – yes; Willard – yes; Melnyk – yes; Watt – yes; Latshaw – yes. *Motion carried.*
This decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on October 18, 2005.

Minutes:

Motion: Member Limbeck made a motion, seconded by Chairperson Latshaw, to approve the September 8, 2005 minutes, as amended.

Vote: Limbeck – yes; Willard – yes; Melnyk – yes; Watt – abstain; Latshaw – yes. *Motion carried.*
This decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on October 18, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Melnyk adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Linda Habeeb, Recording Secretary