

**Village of Pittsford
Architectural and Preservation Review Board
Regular Meeting – June 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson:	Paul Zachman (absent)
Members:	Maria Huot John Limbeck (absent) Cristina Lanahan William McBride
Building Inspector:	Skip Bailey
Village Attorney:	Jeff Turner
Recording Secretary:	Linda Habeeb

Member Lanahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**1. Terrence Cahill, 32 South Main Street ~ Sign
Present: Terrence Cahill**

Application: Submitted, date-stamped, and Building Inspector reviewed on 4/28/08.

Discussion: The applicant is proposing replacing the existing sign on the building with a new sign made of high-density urethane with applied vinyl lettering. He stated that the sign will be installed in the same location as the existing sign, mounted with either the same mounting as the existing mounting, or an exact replica of the existing mounting. He submitted documentation indicating the proposed dimensions, design, and colors of the sign.

Legal Criteria:

The *Code of the Village of Pittsford, New York* mandates the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of buildings, structures, places and sights of historic, architectural, cultural or aesthetic value is a public necessity and purpose in the Village of Pittsford and to safeguard the heritage of the Village of Pittsford by preserving the Historic and Architectural Design District in the Village, which represents and reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history (ARTICLE XIV, § 210-57).

The Code directs the Village of Pittsford Architectural and Preservation Review Board to review, approve or disapprove all plans and building permit applications for the construction, reconstruction, removal, restoration, alteration or demolition of any exterior architectural feature within the District to ensure alterations and additions to existing buildings shall either be made consistent with the spirit of their architectural style or shall alter the structure to an appearance consistent with the architectural styles of historic value existing in the district. Alternatively, contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties may be permitted when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, material and character of the property, neighborhood or environment. In applying the principles of consistency and compatibility with the architectural styles existing in the District, the APRB shall consider composition, design, texture and other visual qualities (ARTICLE XIV, § 210-57).

Motion: Member Lanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Huot, to approve the application for a replacement sign, made of high-density urethane, with applied vinyl lettering, as submitted.

Vote: McBride – yes; Lanahan –yes; Huot – yes. **Motion carried.** This decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on June 2, 2008.

2. Jim Swetman, Home Power Systems, 44 Rand Place ~ Generator

Present: Jim Swetman

Application: Submitted, date-stamped, and Building Inspector reviewed on 3/20/08.

Discussion: This is a continuation of an open application for installation of a Guardian home stand-by generator on the right side of the house at 44 Rand Place. He noted that locating the unit in the rear of the house would not be feasible, due to inaccessible ceilings in the lower level to install gas piping and electrical work. The homeowner has agreed to screen the apparatus with landscaping, and Mr. Swetman stated that the generator is required to be 5 feet from the structure and 3 feet from screening. He is proposing a sea-green juniper plant, a compact, evergreen shrub, which typically grows 4-6' high and 8' wide, spaced 2-3 ft apart, in addition to extending the existing landscaping to minimize the appearance of the unit. He submitted documentation indicating the types and placement of the vegetative screening, and a location plan indicating the proposed orientation of the generator. He stated that the unit will not encroach on the deck stairway and will not exceed the front setback plane of the house.

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Motion: Member Lanahan made a motion, seconded by Member McBride, to approve the application for installation of a generator, with sea-green juniper shrubs for screening, to be maintained by the homeowner, as submitted.

Vote: McBride – yes; Lanahan –yes; Huot – yes. **Motion carried.** This decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on June 2, 2008.

Information Only:

Cyndi Weis, Breathe Yoga, 19 S. Main Street, presented a preliminary proposal for expansion of her business into the front area of the building. She stated that she is proposing expanding the current operation of the juice bar, retail sales, treatment area, and office space. The expansion will involve changing the style of the existing front windows from double-hung windows to store-front, display windows.

Board members were generally favorable to the preliminary proposal, noting the importance of any changes to the building being historically and architecturally appropriate.

Member Items:

Motion: Member Lanahan made a motion, seconded by Member McBride, to approve the May 5, 2008 minutes, as amended.

Vote: McBride – yes; Lanahan –yes; Huot – yes. ***Motion carried.*** This decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on June 2, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Member Lanahan adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Linda Habeeb, Recording Secretary