

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

April 9, 2013

PRESENT: James Fassanella, Michael Montalto, Philip Wise, Susan Angevine

OTHERS: James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board; Justin Hamilton, 3850 Monroe Avenue, Pittsford, NY; Todd Longwell, Stonebrook Subdivision

Acting Chairman James Fassanella began the meeting at 7:30 PM.

BRANCH ACUPUNCTURE (ME Property Holdings) 2 Thornell Road
Addition of a covered front entry

Justin Hamilton came before the Commission as a representative of the owners of Branch Acupuncture. Without the benefit of a covered front entryway, they have had numerous problems with icicles and rain at this entrance for their customers. He showed a photo of the new proposed entryway. The structure will be 8' by 7', with cedar beams and a 6' by 6' cedar column. S. Angevine asked about the color of the columns and said that if there was no other natural cedar on the door, she would prefer to see it painted white. J. Fassanella agreed, and felt that white paint or stain would be preferable. M. Montalto said that he liked the cedar idea if it matched the two doors – a bit of an Asian influence. Mr. Hamilton said that the inside of the building is “natural” – slate floors, antique barn wood ceiling, grass cloth wallpaper, sisal carpet – quite a bit of a Far East influence. He thought that the owners would be fine with either painting or staining the beams white.

M. Montalto made a motion to approve a negative declaration for SEQR, as this proposal will not have any negative impacts on the cultural environment and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Historic Architecture Commission and the scale and massing in the Egypt Historic District. The motion was seconded by S. Angevine.

Ayes: Fassanella, Montalto, Wise, Angevine

Nays: None

Unanimously approved.

J. Fassanella made a motion to approve the materials submitted on March 26, 2013 and reviewed by the Commission on April 9, 2013, as submitted; with the stipulation that the surfaces, including the beams, column and ceiling area, be painted or stained white. The motion was seconded by P. Wise.

Ayes: Fassanella, Montalto, Wise, Angevine

Nays: None

Unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ONLY

Stonebrook Subdivision

This subdivision in the Loud/Thayer area was first discussed approximately 5-6 years ago, and the architect for this project is James Fahy. Mr. Longwell showed the Commission a rendering of a proposed triplex unit, a patio home and a clubhouse with pool. He said that the idea is to make each unit look a bit different, with some continuity but with different architectural features. James Brasley stated that only a sliver of this project is in the Egypt Historic District, while the entire parcel is in the Hamlet of Egypt.

S. Angevine asked about the number of units in this project. Mr. Longwell said that there were a total of 87 units, (all rentals) and each of the units have two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The units are approximately 1260 sf. All of the units are one story, and this area covers a total of 42.5 acres. P. Wise stated that he did not like the look of the false dormers on the renderings. There were questions regarding the reason behind all of the units being built as rental units. Mr. Longwell said that studies have shown that there is currently a trend in the housing market for the construction of rentals as well as a low interest rate for the builder. J. Fasanella suggested that the Commission comment on this project for our liaison, James Brasley, to convey to the Perinton Planning Board.

- 1.) The Commission is in favor of this project as presented.
- 2.) The commercial building was not presented at this meeting.
- 3.) The sign was not presented at this meeting.
- 4.) The project is consistent with the Hamlet of Egypt Subarea objectives.
- 5.) The Commission endorses the smaller look of the units, as opposed to larger massing.

No portion of this proposal was voted on at this meeting of the Commission, as this was purely informational and for discussion only.

OLD BUSINESS

The barn surveys were discussed. Ann Parks and James Fasanella may take over some new areas which have not yet been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Poray, Town Historian, stated that Mr. David Wigg had not brought in any catalog cuts to date.

Ann Parks and Jim Fasanella completed survey sheets of the Egypt area. Bill Poray took the information and designed spread sheets/pictures of the homes and shared them with the Commission.

MINUTES

S. Angevine made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting as submitted. J. Fasanella seconded the motion.

Ayes: Fassanella, Montalto, Wise, Angevine
Nays: None
Motion unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Acting Chairman James Fassanella adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay