

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

January 14, 2014

PRESENT: Chairman Ann Parks, James Fassanella, Phil Wise, Jean Keplinger, James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board; William Poray, Historian

OTHERS: John Colaruotolo, 32 Neuchatel Lane, (7245 Pittsford-Palmyra Road); Jean Krym, 716 Pittsford-Palmyra Road; Paul Zachman, 20 Rand Place, 604 Pittsford-Victor Road

Chairman Ann Parks began the meeting at 7:30 PM.

PAUL and KAREN ZACHMAN

604 Pittsford-Victor Road

Paul Zachman informed the Commission that this property, built in 1850, has been a private residence since it was built. They are interested in converting this single family home to one of the following uses – commercial, mixed use, office, gallery, public amenity rental. The existing structure would be renovated, including an addition, site plan modifications and improvements. They would like to remove the rear porch and add a 10' by 16' addition on to the west side. They will be using clapboard wood siding and the same historic materials that are on the existing home. On the east side of the property, facing the Canal Walk, they would install replacement windows. (Colby double-hung wood sash windows, catalog cuts provided)

Mr. Zachman showed a sample of the brick that they are proposing for pavers. He showed a picture of the light fixtures, which are consistent with the Canal Walk lighting. (Catalog cuts will be forthcoming) This is a modest, simple home, and they are trying to keep it that way. Ann Parks had a question about the shutters. Mr. Zachman said that they would use appropriate wood shutters and locks to make them functional. Ms. Parks asked about the removal of the brick chimney. Mr. Zachman said that the chimney has pulled off the side of the house at least 2 inches.

P. Wise commented that he liked the very simple look of the house from the canal side. James Brasley said that the Planning Board hasn't heard this applicant yet, but the site plan committee has looked upon it favorably. Mr. Brasley felt that this was a very thorough application, and he was impressed with it. P. Wise asked a question about the railing leading to the canal. There will be a 30 inch high railing – the look borrowed from some handrails in the village of Pittsford. The handrail will be on one side of the stairs heading down to the canal level.

Jean Krym commented that Mr. Zachman's reputation had preceded him in the Basin. She is very excited about the clapboard detail and the shutters. She asked about public amenities. Mr. Zachman said that they are seeking a permit for a small dock on the canal, possibly available for

kayak rental. James Fassanella thought this was a great use for this building, and was happy to see it consistent with other buildings in the area, small and simple.

J. Fassanella made a motion to accept 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. The motion was seconded by J. Keplinger.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

J. Fassanella made a motion to accept the proposal for 604 Pittsford-Victor Road, items submitted on 11/25/13, 12/12/13, 12/27/13 and materials received on 12/31/13 regarding the railings, split rail fence and patio, lower level, lighting that will match Canal Walk lighting, wood shutters, brick pavers, and landscaping. All of the above have been reviewed and approved by the Historic Architecture Commission but are subject to Perinton Planning Board approval. The motion was seconded by J. Keplinger.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

7245 PITTSFORD-PALMYRA ROAD

John Colaruotolo

Chairman Ann Parks gave a brief summary of what had transpired at the above address in the historic hamlet of Egypt. Siding was in the process of being installed on the building, until the Perinton Code Enforcement and Development Department told the workers to cease. Permission had not been granted by the Commission to side this notable building. A color-coded ranking system was used to identify structures with historic and architectural significance relative to age, degree of external physical integrity, and level of possible significance. This building has a Green Plus rating. A rating of Red is the highest (most importance historically) and Green Plus is just below the Red designation. This building is unique because it is cast concrete block.

Mr. Colaruotolo spoke with Tom Klonick, whose building is similar to this one. Mr. Colaruotolo said that they tried to pressure wash it, but found that it was deteriorating the face of his building. He said that the walls are extremely cold and quite difficult to insulate. They also tried to sandblast the building, but that didn't work well, either. He said that they need an option that will work well, look good and continue to perform well. A. Parks suggested he consult with some preservation experts who have dealt with a problem similar to this before. The Commission is interested in preserving this very important historic building. P. Wise suggested

that Mr. Colaruotolo describe in detail what he has tried and the Commission would also try and find a solution for him.

OLD BUSINESS

It was mentioned that the red door on the barn on the Millow property, 526 Ayrault Road, had been remounted.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Parks and Jim Fasanella will continue the barn survey, hoping to finish when the leaves are still off the trees, possible in February or March.

James Brasley told the Commission that there was a big crowd at the last Planning Board meeting for the Le Thi Be Walter's application for building renovation in Bushnell's Basin, which had already been approved in 2007, but had expired.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting were approved with a correction. J. Fasanella made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by J. Keplinger.

Ayes: Parks, Fasanella, Wise, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motions unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Ann Parks adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay