

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

May 13, 2014

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

OTHERS: Michael Doser, Director Code Enforcement & Development; William Wilcox, Loud Road; Josh Miles, Branca Italian Cuisine; Laura & Ralph Baranes, Branca Italian Cuisine

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

BRANCA ITALIAN CUISINE 683 Pittsford-Victor Road

The owners of Branca Italian Cuisine came before the Commission to seek approval for signage for their new restaurant, which is located in the space which used to house Great Northern Pizza.

The proposed sign will be lit by gooseneck lighting, as it was with the previous business, and the sign itself will be non-illuminated. A. Parks asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this application.

M. Montalto made a motion to grant 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. Fassanella.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Montalto, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

M. Montalto made a motion to approve the proposed plans for signage at 683 Pittsford-Victor Road, received by the Code Enforcement and Development Department on May 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by J. Fassanella.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Montalto, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ONLY

Michael Doser - Bushnell's Basin rezoning to Mixed Use

M. Doser stated that the Town Board would like input from the Planning Board and the Historic Architecture Commission on the rezoning of Bushnell's Basin to Mixed Use. Mr. Doser presented a power point to the Commission and wanted the HAC's opinion as to whether they believed it was appropriate to rezone this historic hamlet in Perinton. The Commission was in favor of this rezoning. A. Parks said that historically villages and hamlets were "mixed use." Mr. Doser asked if a letter of support could be written and given to the Town Board. A. Parks said that she would write a letter of support.

DISCUSSION ONLY

7174/7200 Pittsford-Palmyra Road

M. Doser appeared before the Commission to discuss the building in question at the above address, Robinson's Garage. The owner of the garage is Ronald LaFica. Stacey Haralambides owns property to the north of this garage, and would like to purchase both the garage and the little white house just to the west of the garage. The garage was a gas station at one time. Mr. Haralambides is not interested in keeping these structures as they are now if he purchases them. Mr. Doser said that Mr. Haralambides would like the Commission to consider the possible demolition of these buildings, as he would build something else in their place. M. Montalto said that he believed Mr. Haralambides could incorporate the front buildings into his mini storage business, which is behind the properties in question. A. Parks stated that the garage is a very unique structure, which is why it is rated green minus on the scale utilized by the Landmark Society of Western New York, which aims to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning that fosters healthy, livable and sustainable communities.

J. Keplinger stated that the Commission needs to have an idea of what the "something else" would be, what it would look like and what it would be used for. Mr. Poray added that the lots in question lack depth, and the main value that they would have would be to the individual who owns the property behind them. Mr. Wilcox said that Sonny Robinson used to own the lots behind these two structures being discussed. A. Parks mentioned that the guidelines for the hamlet of Egypt talk about building up by the front of properties and parking in the rear. P. Wise suggested that a design charrette could be scheduled, reminiscent of one that the Village of Fairport did awhile ago. J. Fassanella thought that Mr. Haralambides should have been here himself, and not a member of the Town staff relaying this information for him.

OLD BUSINESS

Barn Survey – Ann Parks said that the last portion of the Barn Survey is finished, and it just needs to be put together in an organized fashion.

Possible New Designations –

Ann Parks mentioned that the Commission may wish to consider designating some new properties.

- 1.) 204 Fishers Road, as it is a Red on the Landmark Society's scale (highest)
- 2.) 6156 Pittsford-Palmyra Road – west of the canal, Italianate structure
- 3.) 1055 Moseley Road, near Garnsey, Greek Revival
- 4.) 943 Moseley Road

These are some ideas of possible historic designations to pursue one at a time. The Commission would send a letter to the owner of the property, letting them know that they are in the survey of historic homes in Perinton, and ask them if they might be interested in designating their property as an historic landmark.

It was decided that the Commission would begin with the Hiram Moseley home at 1055 Moseley Road.

New Holland sign –

J. Brasley stated that there will be a new sign, approved several years ago, that will replace the present New Holland sign, and the building mounted signs will be coming down.

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted. J. Fassanella made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by M. Montalto.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Montalto, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Ann Parks adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay