

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

November 18, 2008

PRESENT: Ann Parks, James Fassanella, Phil Wise, Michael Montalto, Susan Angevine

OTHERS: Tim Oakes, Interim Building Department Director; James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board; Gabe Antenucci, Design Pool & Spa; Pat Farchione, Forest Hills resident; Tom Quinn, Forest Hills resident

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

DESIGN POOL & SPA 7244 Pittsford-Palmyra Road

Gabe Antenucci spoke first. He explained that a more residential look, reflecting existing structures in the hamlet, was the goal for the building. He described the plans, including a new façade, vinyl siding, roofing, and four new columns. A sample of the architectural shingles was shown, as well as samples of the siding. Currently, there is a ramp at the rear of the building which leads to the basement, and they would like to widen the ramp. At some point in the future, the existing pool will be dug out and filled in, but improvements to the façade are all that are being discussed this evening.

P. Wise asked a question about the sign. Mr. Antenucci said that the sign will remain the same, no changes at all. The applicant will need to go before the Planning Board and the Zoning Board, as a variance is needed for the overhang.

M. Montalto made a motion to approve a negative declaration for SEQR, as this proposal for the project at 7244 Pittsford Palmyra Road, dated 11/6/08 and 11/10/08, and plans dated 10/30/08 are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Historic Architecture Commission and the Egypt Subarea Plan, and will not have any negative impacts on the cultural environment. The motion was seconded by J. Fassanella.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Montalto, Angevine
Nays: None
Unanimously approved.

J. Fassanella made a motion to approve the design specifications for the project at 7244 Pittsford Palmyra Road, dated October 20, 2008, and submitted to the Historic Architecture Commission on November 18, 2008. The approval shall include new elevations for the south and east, and the addition of siding, roofing, shingles and columns to the existing structure; all of the aforementioned subject to the approval of the Perinton Planning Board and the Perinton Zoning Board.

M. Montalto suggested that the motion include a memo from the Commission to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board which would endorse or recommend the approval of the setback variance, which is consistent with the Perinton Master Plan and the Egypt Subarea Plan.

The motions were seconded by S. Angevine.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Montalto, Angevine
Nays: None
Unanimously approved.

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BUSHNELL'S BASIN CANAL PROJECT

Michael Montalto spoke about the progress being made with the grant application that the Town of Perinton had received for Bushnell's Basin Canal Improvements. He said that the Town had completed a review of the proposals, and will issue a negative declaration under SEQR. Construction should start on this project sometime next fall. The Public Information meeting to present the formal project will likely be held by the beginning of 2009.

Mr. Montalto showed renderings of the retaining wall and described the materials that will be used. The signage will be similar to the ones used on Cobbs Lane at the Perinton DPW facility. There will be boat hook-ups similar to those in the Village of Fairport. The lighting will be candy cane style, similar to what is at the Hess gas station in Bushnell's Basin.

There will be a small floating dock for canoes and kayaks, and 300 feet of dockage. There will be a fence separating the dockage from the pedestrian walkway. The dock will be made of a polymer type plank that looks like wood, but will hold up like Trex.

For the design of the restroom building, it was suggested by the Commission that old photos of Bushnell's Basin trolley station should be looked at, in lieu of the RS&E trolley station at Egypt. M. Montalto said that he would like to take back input from this Board to be able to include elements that are important to the Egypt Subarea Plan.

P. Wise asked a question regarding the need for the fencing next to the path. The Commission as a whole did not favor the inclusion of the fencing. Mr. Montalto will return to the December meeting with further details of this project.

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OLD BUSINESS

A. Parks proposed holding two informational meetings, most likely in April, for the Forest Hills residents. The yearly Forest Hills meeting is held in April at the Perinton Community Center, so the HAC felt that it might be beneficial to combine their meeting with a general information meeting on historic preservation. She also suggested that we ask a few residents who currently live in historic districts and have applied for certificates of appropriateness to come to the meeting and describe their experiences and what it means to them to have their home designated as historic.

NEW BUSINESS

The Fruit & Salad Company had to postpone their appearance before the Commission due to easement issues regarding their dumpster enclosure location. They received a letter from the Perinton Building Department which stated that their dumpster enclosure is not supposed to be at its present location and that this issue needs to be resolved.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 21, 2008 meeting were accepted as written, motion to approve by P. Wise, seconded by J. Fassanella, unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Ann Parks adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay