

## HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

April 10, 2007

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

**OTHERS:** James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board; Jean Krym, 210 Whistle Stop, Pittsford, 14534; Jim, Deborah, Thomas and Christopher Elman, 2543 Huber Road; Maureen Pilger, 665 Pittsford-Victor Road; Bob Bender, Tim Hortons Restaurant; Andrew Hintenach and Craig Bright, Hot LLC, representing Great Northern Pizza & Bruegger's

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING Historic Landmark Designation**

### **2543 Huber Road**

Ann Parks read her four page nomination letter for the landmark designation of 2543 Huber Road, Perinton, home of Mr. and Mrs. James Elman. This property met three of the five criteria for the designation of a landmark in accordance with the town's Historic Preservation Law. This home "possesses special character or historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the locality." (1<sup>st</sup> criteria) It also met the third criteria in that it "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style." The property also met the fifth criterion in that "because of its unique location and physical features, it represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood." Please see Ann Parks' letter in its entirety as an attachment to the April minutes.

A. Parks opened up the hearing for public comment. Jim Elman stated that his house needed a new roof. He wondered if there were any tax breaks for owners of historic properties, or any other benefits, such as a plaque for the outside of the house, for having a home designated. A. Parks said that she had heard that there may be a tax break in the works at a state level for individual homes that are historic.

M. Montalto made a motion to designate 2543 Huber Road, Perinton, New York, 14450, as an historic structure in the Town. The motion was seconded by J. Fassanella.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Montalto, Angevine

Nays: None

Unanimously approved.

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**GREAT NORTHERN PIZZA/BRUEGGER'S 683 & 707-9 Pittsford-Victor Road**

Andrew Hintenach and Craig Bright came before the Commission seeking approval for the directional signs for the new restaurant. A. Hintenach showed the revised design of the Menu Board for the drive-thru, and said that the menu board could either have a white, black or beige background. The directional signs were all less than 2 square feet, so technically, there would be no need for approval for signs with those dimensions. They are planning to start work on the site by June 1, 2007.

M. Montalto commented that he was not a proponent of large numbers of directional signs, and would like to know if all of them are necessary, as it appears too visually cluttered with the signs shown on the drawings. He also wondered if all of the signs were going to be 84 inches high. If the handicapped signs and the stop signs were left at 84 inches, and the rest were lowered to 48 inches, that would be less cluttered looking, and would be much more appropriate for a slow-moving parking lot. There are 2 "enter" signs at each entrance, and those could be 48 inches as well.

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. The motion was seconded by S. Angevine.

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

M. Montalto made a motion to grant approval of the sign package for Great Northern Pizza Kitchens with the following conditions:

- \* Internal signage will be limited to 48 inches for those signs not controlled by ADA
- \* Stop signs and ADA mandated signs to be 8 feet tall
- \* The sign panel menu board and the speaker post sign will be beige in color
- \* The Commission encourages dialogue regarding the number of signs installed, and the placement of those signs, specifically S3, S4 and S8

The motion was seconded by P. Wise.

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

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**TIM HORTON'S**  
Discussion only

**720 Pittsford-Victor Road**

Bob Bender, representing Tim Horton's Restaurant, presented plans for 4 different options for shutters and windows. The Commission liked version # 4 the best. M. Montalto wanted to make sure that the inner mechanicals of the building would be hidden. Mr. Bender assured him that they would be. The parapet will hide the HVC units. Tim Horton's would also prefer a monument style sign, instead of another on the building. B. Bender passed out another sheet without the Tim Horton's logo on the side of the building. The Commission thought that possibly a false window would look good where the name used to be. Jim Brasley commented that he liked the simplicity of the bungalow look, and that having no sign on the building, and just a monument sign out front, would probably sit very well with the Perinton Planning Board.

Jean Krym purchased a home in Bushnell's Basin in 1966 that houses their dental office. She asked a question about a zoning variance. She also wondered about the cooler in the back, and the noise it might create. She had numerous concerns about noise in general, and specifically noise from the compressor, as well as carbon monoxide, the intercom system, heavy traffic at the intersection and the restaurant being open 24 hours a day. B. Bender said that the restaurant will not be open 24 hours a day. Ms. Krym said that she was in favor of the monument sign instead of a sign on the building. She showed some old photographs of her house next door. She wondered if the design might incorporate a front porch.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Jean Keplinger had a tour of the Ranney house, which is undergoing renovation. The paving stones are in the driveway, and they look great. M. Montalto had also seen the work done to date, and thought it looked wonderful. There will be an open house for the Commission at some point before the grand opening.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Barb Clay mentioned the Volunteer Board was coming up Wednesday, May 30, 2007, and asked if anyone wanted to sign up for their dinner choice. M. Montalto spoke of the dock which will be built on the canal behind the Hess Station in Bushnell's Basin, with grant monies from the State for the Canal Development. He said that there should be plans to look over at the next Historic Architecture Commission meeting in May.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion to approve by A. Parks, seconded by M. Montalto.

There being no further business, Chairman A. Parks concluded the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay