

## HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

May 8, 2007

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

**OTHERS:** James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board; Jean Krym, 210 Whistle Stop Road, Pittsford, NY 14534; Lou DiRisio, Conover Crossing; Greg Schimpf, Budget Motel

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

### **BUDGET MOTEL**            7340 Pittsford-Palmyra Road

Mr. Schimpf spoke first. He proposed the removal of the existing casement windows, and the substitution of sliding windows, as the open casement windows protruded out on to the sidewalk. For each room, he will remove two casement windows and install one slider. Each room currently has two casement windows. There will not be bars on the windows, as it would impede getting out in case of a fire. M. Montalto said that he probably would be in favor of the improvements, but there appears to be an incomplete application to vote on, and many things are unclear. (no site plan for the lights, signatures are missing, etc.) S. Angevine said that she would like to see a better drawing of where the window placement would be. P. Wise agreed that the application was incomplete, and, as such, could not be voted on. A. Parks also agreed that the Commission needed more details. M. Montalto suggested the applicant go back to the Building Department, get a checklist of items form, and proceed from there. Detailed tape maps, elevations and a completed application to the Building Dept. would be a good place to start. A SEQR determination cannot be made without a matter of record that the public can review.

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### **TROLLEY BROOK ESTATES**            Conover Crossing

Mr. DiRisio said that the "Pullman" home design would have to have some changes in elevation, as many prospective buyers like that design, but there cannot be two identical designs next to each other. He showed the new proposal for D4 (D5 for the Building Dept. records). The front, side, right and rear elevations were shown. This is one of the larger ranches. It is similar to E and F, but there are some differences. P. Wise asked if all of the homes had trim on the front, but not on the sides or the back. Mr. DiRisio said that that was true, except for the homes facing Mason Road. The reason for the lack of trim on the sides and the back is purely cost driven.

A. Parks made a motion to approve the D5 elevation, as it is compatible with all the other elevations previously submitted. The motion was seconded by M. Montalto.

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

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**HITCHING POST PLAZA**                      Pittsford-Victor Road  
Signage Discussion

Jim Brasley said that the Planning Board had looked at the proposed sign design guidelines for the Hitching Post Plaza. In the past, the Planning Board would have liked to see strict uniformity in the signage, but he said that they have gotten away from that in recent years. Architect Roger Johanson had developed the guidelines for the plaza, and for the Commission to look at. P. Wise suggested that the Commission tell the applicants that some of the guidelines could be applied to their signage, and allow creativity for the remainder. J. Brasley felt that some guidelines could be approved for use, but still require the applicant to come before the HAC for approval. P. Wise also volunteered to look at past approval of signs and see if there was any similarity, and then draw up some recommendations. J. Brasley said that the Planning Board will report back to the HAC with their thoughts on these signs and rules or lack thereof.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Parks passed around an article titled “Preservation, Education and Persuasion,” written by Susie Hume. It describes how an historic Pittsford program helps homeowners “value what they’ve got.” The premise of the program is preservation through “education and persuasion.”

J. Keplinger told the Commission that the historic plaques can be purchased using the Historian’s budget, and that the homeowners will be invited to a gathering to have the plaques presented. She also attended the meeting in the Village of Fairport to discuss the proposal for an historic ordinance in the Village. The Fairport Baptist Church group seems to be opposed to allowing an historic ordinance in the Village. There will be a public information meeting on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further. At the moment, there is a demolition moratorium in place for the Village.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 10, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted, motion to approve by S. Angevine and seconded by M. Montalto.

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

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There being no further business, Chairman A. Parks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay