

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

August 19, 2008

PRESENT: Ann Parks, Philip Wise, Michael Montalto, Susan Angevine

OTHERS: James Brasley, Perinton Planning Board; Matt Gullace, Comstock Buildings; Ralph Gullace, Comstock Buildings; David Wigg, 619 Kreag Road; Michelle Landers, 1200 Fairport Road; Chuck Armbruster, 1200 Fairport Road; Bill George, Forest Hills homeowner; John Donaldson, Forest Hills homeowner; Jerry Rogerstad, Forest Hills homeowner; Kevin Curley, Forest Hills homeowner; Patrick Farchione, Jr., Forest Hills homeowner

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

COMSTOCK BUILDINGS 7451 Pittsford-Palmyra Road

Matt Gullace spoke first. He said that he had had a discussion with Scott Copp, Director of the Perinton Building Department, and that he told Mr. Copp that he wanted to tear part of the building down. M. Montalto said that the Commission needed to see a description of what exactly would be left after the tear-down. A. Parks said that a schematic or rendering of the faces of the buildings as seen from the road would need to be submitted. P. Wise asked a question about the time frame for this demolition. M. Gullace said that they were moving along with the plans, and that they would come back to the HAC when they had more information to present.

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CAR WASH PROPOSAL (Discussion Only) 1200 Fairport Road

Michelle Landers gave a brief overview of the plans from Dave Hanlon Architects, to construct a car wash on the front portion of the Fairport Road property. This proposal has been before the Planning Board on August 6th, the Town Board on June 18th and the Conservation Board on July 1st. A Special Use Permit was received for this property on July 23rd.

Taking cues from the 2000 Comprehensive Plan, there will be goose-neck lighting outside the building, (2 lights), planting beds out front and hanging baskets all around, as well as a drive-thru café which would sell coffee and snacks. There would be two separate buildings, the car wash and the café. Jim Brasley,

Chairman of the Planning Board, said that the Perinton Town Board had granted the Special Use Permit for this car wash with 6 conditions, 2 of which apply to the Historic Architecture Commission, and they are as follows:

1.) The HAC shall review the site plans to insure compatibility with the architectural patterns of the area

2.) The architectural design shall be reviewed by the HAC to include design elements from the Fairport Road Subarea Report.

Mr. Brasley also asked the members of the HAC to direct any comments on this proposal to the Perinton Planning Board.

P. Wise felt that this proposal was very much in keeping with other buildings on Fairport Road, and that it satisfied the architectural pattern compatibility issue.

M. Montalto suggested the addition of a third light out front, and he felt that more plantings would dress up the front area.

It was decided that the Commission would write a memo to the Town Board and the Planning Board noting their recommendations and suggestions.

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DAVID WIGG

(Discussion Only)

619 Kreag Road

Mr. Wigg requested another informal meeting with the Commission to discuss his proposed adult home for 15 residents. He showed a rendering of 4, possibly 5 cottages behind the front building. All of the buildings will be connected (pods) and will have 8' 4" to 9' ceilings. M. Montalto wondered if there would be multiple access to the cottages, as the levels of the pods are uneven. P. Wise said that the pods looked like a good idea, but that it definitely would be a cost issue to address the grading. The site also needs to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible. M. Montalto said that the concept looked good, and the simpler the better. J. Brasley mentioned that Mr. Wigg would need to go before all 5 Boards at some point – Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Board and HAC. He suggested that Mr. Wigg make an appointment with Supervisor Smith and Scott Copp to start the process.

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OLD BUSINESS

There had been discussion of having a meeting with the neighbors of the Forest Hills neighborhood to discuss possible designation of the neighborhood. A. Parks said that this meeting has been postponed until a later date. Kevin Curley, a resident of the Forest Hills area since 1993, and past-President of the Forest Hills Homeowners Association, spoke first. He read a mission statement from the neighborhood association, and said that the neighbors in attendance wanted to voice their concerns about possible meetings, communication and their wishes to

be notified well in advance of any upcoming discussions with regard to their neighborhood. He stated that the HAC had already had meetings with the neighborhood in 1994, and they came to a decision not to pursue designation of the neighborhood. There was much back and forth discussion about what it means to live in an historic area/neighborhood, and how much control the Historic Architecture Commission would or would not have over the homes. It was decided that the topic would be tabled until after the holidays.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks passed out a “Save the Date” flyer sponsored by the Landmark Society of Western New York. This gathering of regional preservation boards and commissions will be a wonderful chance for the participants to network and learn from the other members, and to enjoy a presentation by Cynthia Howk on “What Style is It: Everyday Architecture in Western New York. This will take place on October 6th at 7:30 PM in the Court Room of the Perinton Town Hall. Refreshments will be served. More information will follow.

We will be choosing a new date for the September HAC meeting, as there are several conflicts with members’ schedules.

Jim Brasley wanted to inform the Commission of three changes in the Bushnell’s Basin area.

- 1.) 672 Kreag Road, Tim Horton’s parcel – this has changed from residential to office, with no exterior changes to the building.
- 2.) Mobil Station – they would like to add a drive-thru, which would require a Certificate of Appropriateness
- 3.) Former HSBC branch in Hitching Post Plaza will now house a new “Pub” (same owners as the Pittsford Pub)

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MINUTES

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as submitted. Motion to approve by S. Angevine, seconded by P. Wise.

Ayes: Parks, Wise, Angevine (M. Montalto excused himself from the meeting at 9 PM.)

Nays: None

Unanimously approved.

There being no further business, A. Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9: 55 PM. Motion seconded by S. Angevine.

Ayes: Parks, Wise, Angevine

Nays: None

Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay