Penfield Historic Preservation Board
April 7, 2016
Meeting Agenda
7:30 PM

1.0 Approve minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting – Belgiorno

2.0 Consideration of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness – Belgiorno
   2.1 Vitelli – Canopy replacement at 2135 Five Mile Line Road.

3.0 Miscellaneous Matters
   3.1 Discussion of proposed conversion of building at 2106 Five Mile Line Road to apartment use.

4.0 Discussion of proposed historic preservation event in October.

5.0 Adjournment
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
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The 430th meeting of the Penfield Historic Preservation Board was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. EDT, in the Supervisor’s boardroom at the Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Belgiorno, Chair
Tom Combs
Don Crumb
Glenn Enderby
Steve Golding
Mira Mejibovsky
Mike Pignato

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Costello, Director of Developmental Services
Kathy Kanauer, Town Historian
Julie Vitelli, owner of Marquise Plaza, 2135 Five Mile Line Road
Tom Gangemi, prospective buyer of 2106 Five Mile Line Road

1.0 Approve minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting

It was moved by Don Crumb and seconded by Tom Combs that the March 3, 2016 minutes be approved as written. All present voted Aye.

2.0 Consideration of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

2.1 Vitelli – canopy replacement at 2135 Five Mile Line Road – Julie Vitelli appeared before the Board to request a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow her to replace the eighty-eight (88) foot long canopy on the front of her building that collapsed during the most recent snow storm. The canopy had all of the signs of the businesses operating in the plaza. She has submitted a new sign package for the building. The package eliminates the back-lit illuminated canopy. Each business will have a black sign with white lettering identifying the businesses. In addition, the package includes the placement of black decorative separators between the signs, giving the signs an historic look. The signs will be 2’ x 8’in area and a diamond shaped sign will be placed in the front of the pitched roof area identifying the name of the plaza. That sign will also be black with white lettering. All of the signs will be front lit. The Board felt that the new sign package is a great improvement to the building and gives it a much more historic feel, as does the applicant. It was moved by Don Crumb and seconded by Mira Mejibovsky to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed sign package. All present voted Aye.

3.0 Miscellaneous Matters

3.1 Discussion of proposed building at 2106 Five Mile Line Road – Tom Gangemi informally met with the Board to discuss his proposal to purchase the church at 2106 Five Mile Line Road from Mark Crane and convert it into an apartment building. He proposes to install
nine (9) units into the building. He is working with architect Patricia Partridge. He stated that he has spoken to Jim Costello about the Board’s concern for the preservation of the stained glass windows in the building and he is confident that he can preserve them. He is concerned about the window in the front of the building because it has a crucifix in it and it may not comply with the NYS Fair Housing Act. Joan Belgiorno suggested that Tom meet with Steve Jordan who could assist him with the window preservation issues. He intends to repaint the exterior of the building and upgrade the porch for the tenants. He would like to install an additional door on the south side of the building to provide better access to the units. The new access would also not require him to build an internal hallway nor reducing the area of one of the apartments. The Board discussed various design details with Tom, recognizing that it has no approval authority for internal modification, but felt that it may assist him in addressing space constraints relating to his proposed layout. He has met with the Town Board to informally discuss his proposal as well, as he will be required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit from that Board for the conversion. The Historic Preservation Board is supportive of the conversion as it will ensure the preservation of the building and will assist in reenergizing the Four Corners. Tom noted that he would like to be fully operational before the winter months. The Board asked Tom to finalize his plans and apply for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness. He stated that he will return to the Historic Preservation Board to request a Certificate of Appropriateness once all of the design details have been addressed and shown on revised drawings.

3.2 Kathy Kanauer noted that Kay Shaw, wife of former Board Chair George Shaw had a stroke about a month ago and has been rehabbing at Laurel Wood at the Highlands. She may be there indefinitely. Kathy stated that she is in good spirits and will accept calls and visitors.

4.0 Discussion of Historic Preservation Event – the Board continued its discussion of hosting an event in the fall at the Town Hall to provide residents, particularly residents who own historic homes, to gain a better understanding of the importance of historic preservation in general, but also to provide some history of the homes they live in and to give them insight and appreciation of their history. Kathy Kanauer and Jim Costello met with Anna Knapton to reserve the town hall auditorium in October. They noted that the auditorium is generally available and that the Board should select the date that is best for it. The Board determined that October 15th can accommodate everyone and that it should be a two hour event, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Kathy Kanauer stated that she will contact Cynthia Howk at the Landmark Society, Jerry Ludwig at the D & C and Steve Jordan to see if they can present on that date. Jim Costello said that he would contact Bruce Zaretsky to do the same. Joan suggested that the Jeff Crane Award be presented at the event and the Board agreed that there would be two recipients this year and they are Mark Nulton at 1759 Penfield Road and Bridget Marsh at 1750 Penfield Road for the improvements they made to the residential structures on those sites. Tom Combs, Mike Pignato, Kathy Kanauer and Jim Costello volunteered to assist Joan Belgiorno with organizing the event. Jim Costello said that he will speak with the Communication Director Phyllis Ely to see if she could assist with the public relations, invitations, etc.

5.0 Adjournment – Mike Pignato motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

For The Historic Preservation Board

James Costello
Acting Clerk to the Board