HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
July 7, 2016

The 433rd meeting of the Penfield Historic Preservation Board was held on Thursday, July 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
Mira Mejibovsky
Mike Pignato

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Golding

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathy Kanauer, Town Historian
Jim Costello, Director of Developmental Services
Patrick Connolly, of DDS, representing RG&E
Aaron Burger, representing RG&E
Jason Gottfried, applicant, 2059 Five Mile Line Road
Cindy Corrigan, applicant, 1822-26 Penfield Road
Mary Anderson & Andrew Drago, applicants, 1883 Penfield Road

1.0 Approve minutes of the May 5 2016 and the June 7, 2016 meetings

It was moved by Tom Combs and seconded by Mike Pignato that the May 5, 2016 minutes be approved as written. All present voted Aye.

It was moved by Don Crumb and seconded by Glenn that the June 7, 2016 minutes be approved as written. All present voted Aye.
2.0 Consideration of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

2.1 Jason Gottfried – 2059 Five Mile Line Road – requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow him to install an 80 foot privacy fence on the north side of his home to the northerly property line and then continue it westerly, a distance of 112 foot fence along his northerly property line to create a buffer from Five Mile Line Road and also to his neighbor to the north. The fence will be six (6) feet in height, with solid white panels and constructed of PVC material. His house is sided with vinyl and the fence will complement the home. The applicant stated that he will install plantings along the exterior of the fence to break up its length, but hasn’t decided on a planting scheme yet. He stated that there are no gardens on the property and that as a new owner, he would like to develop a landscaping plan for the site. It was moved by Tom Combs that the Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for the fence subject to the applicant submitting a landscape plan showing how the fence will be landscaped. Mira Mejibovsky seconded and all present voted Aye.

2.2 Cindy Corrigan – 1822-26 Penfield Road – requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the installation of three (3) signs on the building at 1822-26 which is the former Masonic Lodge. She has recently purchased the building and operates an art shop on the first floor, while providing art lessons and art camps for children on the second floor. She would like to install a sign on the north side (rear) of the building, on the hanging sign on Penfield Road that formerly identified a photography studio, and a sign on the front of the building, in the area where the Masonic Lodge sign was located since the building was constructed in 1905. She stated that she needs three (3) signs rather than the one (1) permitted for the following reasons: (1) those driving south on Five Mile Line Road do not see the shop until they are in the intersection of Five Mile Line Road and Penfield Road and now have to turn around and head north to the public parking lot that serves the site; (2) those driving from the east to the west would not see the sign in front of the building until they were past it because the corner of the building where signage has traditionally been placed is on a portion of the building that has a 45 degree angle which makes a sign invisible to the driver; (3) the location of the traditional sign on the site is necessary because it provides identification for those driving eastward along Penfield Road and northward along Five Mile Line Road. The signs are dimensioned as follows: the sign on the north side of the building is 44” x 77” (25.66 square feet), the hanging sign on Penfield Road is 27”x 44” (8.25 square feet) and the main sign on the angled portion of the building is 48” x 77” (25.66 square feet). Ms. Corrigan noted that she would like the paintbrush to have a one or two inch relief from the sign to give it more texture. She did not bring a design of the relief this evening and will have to submit it prior to approval. She did submit two sets of color schemes for the signs. One, a light green base, and the other a light gray base. She stated that she preferred the light green base and the Board agreed. The Board liked the sign design and agreed with her rationale for requesting three (3) signs. Jim Costello noted that in addition to this Board being required to approve the signs, the Town Board is also responsible for doing so and that Ms. Corrigan will be appearing before that Board for approval on July 13th. He requested that the Board table the matter until its next meeting in order to give Ms. Corrigan time to meet with the Town Board and also get a design of the main sign with the relief of the paintbrush. He also requested that he be permitted to give the Boards thoughts to the Town Board as it reviews her request. It was moved by Don
Crumb that the matter be tabled pending review of the proposal by the Town Board, submission of
the design of the sign with relief of the paintbrush and verification of the dimensions of the
proposed signs. He also noted that the Board supports the approval of three (3) sign for the
reasons Ms. Corrigan enumerated in her presentation. The motion was seconded by Tom Combs
and all present voted Aye. Ms. Corrigan stated that she would attend the next regularly scheduled
meeting with the materials requested by the Board.

2.3 Mary Anderson and Andrew Drago – 1883 Penfield Road – requesting a Certificate of
Appropriateness to allow the demolition of a carriage house and the construction of a three (3)
vehicle garage in its place. On June 7, 2016, the applicants had invited and met with members of
the Board at their residence to allow the Board to view the carriage house first hand to get a feel
for its condition and let the Board know what kinds of ideas they had for the new garage. Mr.
Drago noted that his insurance company will no longer insure the building. The Board agreed that
the carriage house is no longer a viable or safe building as it is listing to the south at a 60-70
degree angle. The applicants prepared building designs which the Board felt could be simplified
and did not have to look as “historic” as proposed. The applicant are requesting the construction
of a pole barn design with corrugated exterior sheathing. The Board concurs that the building
should be demolished and it also concurs with the applicants’ proposal for the size of the garage
(30’ x 44.1’). The existing structure is approximately 2.5 feet closer to the easterly property line
than permitted by Code. They propose to construct the new garage with a ten (10) side setback,
which complies with Code. The only concern that the Board has regarding the proposal is the use
of corrugated steel for the exterior of the building. It discussed the use of Hardiboard™ or an
equal, or wood for the exterior. The applicants have priced each option and have found that the
costs are so high that they could not build the building if required to use those materials. The
Hardiboard™ would cost approximately $130,000 and wood would cost more. Mr. Drago noted
that in addition to the structure which he initially thought would cost $35,000 has additional costs
associated with tree removal, drainage improvements to drain storm water away from the building
and installation of new pavement to the building. The cost of the pole barn will be approximately
$66,000. Mr. Drago stated that he was proposing the same exterior as the barn on the Wickham
Farms property with a brick red Fabral exterior, white trim and a light gray steel roof. The Board
debated whether it should approve the building as proposed. Issues such as distance from Penfield
Road, the speed of traffic along the road the potential for landscaping between the building and the
road, the cost of the building and that Don did not feel that the building, as proposed, would not
compromise the integrity of the residence. This led to a motion by Don Crumb to approve it as
proposed with the condition that landscaping be incorporated to buffer it from Penfield Road. It
was seconded by Mike

Pignato. Joan Belgiorno and Glenn Enderby voted Nay and Mira Mejibovsky Abstained. The
motion failed. In order to give the applicant a chance to look at alternative options and to continue
the review of the application, Don Crumb made a motion to Table the matter until the next
meeting to give the applicants a chance to look at alternative sheathing options and verify pricing
of the structure. Mira requested that the applicants submit a sample of the Fabral material for the
Board to review. They agreed to do so. The motion was seconded by Tom Combs and all present
voted Aye. The Board felt that they may have gotten an inflated estimate and suggested that they
talk to other contractors to verify the costs and that such a structure shouldn’t cost more than $50 a
square foot. Jim Costello stated that he could request that Bob Lindsay (a reputable contractor who
has refurbished several buildings in the Five Mile Line Road Historic District) meet with them to see if the estimate they received was appropriate and to also look at alternative materials. The applicants agreed to meet with Mr. Lindsay and look at alternative materials.

3.0 Miscellaneous Matters

3.1 Discussion of proposed gas regulating facility at 1957 Five Mile Line Road – Mr. Patrick Connolly originally appeared before the Board on May 5th to discuss a proposal to relocate the existing underground gas regulating system at the intersection of Five Mile Line Road and Whalen Road to the west, approximately 110 feet along Whalen Road adjacent to the driveway which previously served the residence where the garden is now located. It is Mr. Connolly’s intent to install 4’ x 6’ x 10’ above ground silver cabinet system to house a new gas regulator. He originally proposed to place bollards around the perimeter of it. The Board expressed great concern over the placement of the modernistic cabinet system being placed within the Five Mile Line Road Historic Preservation District and directly across the street from the Hipp-Hutch House which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Board stated that it would not support a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposal as it has been submitted. Board recommendations included that the cabinet be relocated to the west side of the driveway, that the driveway be upgraded to include the use of pavers, stamped concrete or asphalt; that the cabinet be painted an earth tone such as forest green, and that a decorative fence be placed around it to buffer it from the neighbors. Mr. Connolly stated that he had taken the Board’s comments back to RG&E to make them aware of the Board’s concerns and has tried to address the Board’s concerns as follows: (a) Tom Combs had asked if the cabinet could be relocated to the west of the trees so they could act as a buffer to the churches garden, the residence to the north and also from Five Mile Line Road. Mr. Connolly stated that the RG&E has obtained a Highway Permit to use and improve the existing driveway. It would have to reapply for a new permit if the cabinet were to be moved, and the new lines would have to go through the trees root systems, which could compromise their health, so the RG&E would prefer to keep it in its proposed location. Mr. Connolly provided the Board with a landscaping proposal showing a lower garden fence with arborvitae surrounding the cabinet, which is now proposed to be painted forest green. After hearing the Board’s concerns, and the potential costs for maintenance of the proposed landscaping, Aaron Burger of the RG&E is reconsidering reverting back to an underground vault system rather than the cabinet as it would mitigate any visual impacts to the area. He will investigate the cost benefit of the underground vault and come back to the Board at its next meeting with a proposal.

3.2 Jim Costello noted that he and Glenn Enderby visited Kay Shaw, wife of former Board Chair George Shaw had a stroke a few months ago and has been rehabbing at Laurel Wood at the Highlands. She was healthy and in good spirits.
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. 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. The Town Hall auditorium has been reserved for that date and time. Cynthia Howk at the Landmark Society, Jerry Ludwig at the D & C, Steve Jordan and Bruce Zaretsky will attend. Jim Costello said that he had spoken with the Communication Director Phyllis Ely and she has agreed to assist with the public relations, invitations, etc. It was suggested that the invitations be delivered 6-7 weeks prior to the event. Jim Costello stated that he will set up a lunch meeting with Joan, Kathy and Phyllis Ely to coordinate the program, mailings, invitations, etc. and that the sub-committee will meet after that to finalize the organization of the event.

5.0 **Adjournment** – Mike Pignato motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

For The Historic Preservation Board

James Costello
Acting Clerk to the Board