The 434th meeting of the Penfield Historic Preservation Board was held on Thursday, July 28, 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
   Don Crumb
   Glenn Enderby
   Steve Golding
   Mira Mejibovsky
   Mike Pignato

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

   Tom Combs

ALSO PRESENT:

   Kathy Kanauer, Town Historian
   Jim Costello, Director of Developmental Services
   Aaron Burger, representing RG&E
   Fritz May, applicant, 1862 Penfield Road
   Andrew Drago, applicant, 1883 Penfield Road

1.0 Approve minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting

   The minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting have not been prepared and will be available at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

2.0 Consideration of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

   2.1 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. Jim Costello acted on her behalf as she had to work this evening and had submitted the materials requested of her by the Board. She met with the Board at its July 7, 2016 meeting and her request was tabled pending submission of a drawing showing the relief of a paintbrush on the
main sign and verification of the sizes of the three (3) proposed signs. Ms. Corrigan submitted the materials requested by the Board. The Board reviewed the drawing of the proposed sign with the relief of the paintbrush and the sizes of the proposed signs. The signs are dimensioned as follows: the sign on the north side of the building is 48” 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). It was moved by Glenn Enderby that a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted to permit three (3) signs on the building as proposed; the background of the signs will be the light green proposed by the applicant and agreed to by the Board; the main sign over the front door will be permitted to have a paintbrush with relief from the sign surface as proposed; and the applicant shall submit an insurance certificate to the Town for the sign proposed to hang over the sidewalk on Penfield Road. The motion was seconded by Mike Pignato and all present voted Aye.

2.2 Fritz May, 1862 Penfield Road, representing the Penfield First Baptist Church, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the existing freestanding sign to be repainted from a white background with black lettering to a burgundy background that matches the front doors of the church with white lettering with the exception of the service times and date of the erection of the church, which will be painted gold leaf. The piping on the sign will also be painted white and the posts supporting the sign will remain white. The nursery school sign below the church sign will remain white with black lettering. The Board found the sign to need painting and the applicant’s proposal is an improvement. It was moved by Don Crumb to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the sign to be repainted as proposed and to allow the areas where gold leaf is proposed to be painted white if the applicant desires. Steve Golding seconded the motion and all present voted Aye.

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. Ms. Anderson and Mr. Drago appeared before the Board on July 7, 2016 to request the Certificate of Appropriateness. The matter was tabled pending the applicants consulting with Mr. Robert Lindsay to assure the Board that the pricing that they received was not inflated and to determine if there were alternative building designs that would be more cost effective and aesthetically pleasing that a pole barn with a Fabral corrugated exterior finish. Mr. Drago informed the Board that he met with Mr. Lindsay the day after the last meeting and Mr. Lindsay prepared an estimate of $125,400 for a wooden structure. Jim Costello confirmed Mr. Lindsay’s estimate as he had also spoken to him regarding the matter. Mr. Lindsay stated that the cost of materials alone for a wood frame structure of this size would be $72,000. In addition, drainage work would have to be done, the removal of mature trees and the cost of dumpsters to remove the debris would be approximately $6,000. This does not include labor costs. This cost was about $5,000 less than the estimate Mr. Drago had received for Hardiboard™ prior to the last meeting. Mr. Drago has made a proposal that he would construct the garage as a pole barn, but will install vinyl siding (color Red Lighthouse) on the exterior of the garage to eliminate the Board’s concern for the Fabral corrugated exterior. In addition, he will install a brown metal roof that had previously been agreed upon by the Board and him and will have white trim, shutters and gutters. The existing carriage house was constructed with a substandard setback of 7.75 feet from the easterly property line. The new structure will be constructed with a ten (10) foot setback from that property line in compliance with Code. Don Crumb moved to approve the granting of the
Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the demolition of the existing carriage house and construction of a 30’ x 44.1’ three (3) vehicle garage with a brown metal roof, Lighthouse Red vinyl siding, white trim, shutters and gutters with a minimum ten (10) foot setback from the easterly property line. Mira Mejibovsky seconded the motion and all present voted Aye.

2.4 Mike Turco – 2079 Five Mile Line Road – requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow exterior modifications to his residence which include removal of the existing roof and replacing it with a black roof with gray specks, repainting the home with Atlantic Tide Blue with white trim and shutters and Carriage Red front door. He also proposes to replace the floor decking and supports on the porch, update and reuse the exiting pillars, remove the lower portion of the siding on the front porch and replace it with lattice and create drainage openings on the porch to drain the porch. The existing porch does not have them and it has created rotting on the porch. Steve Golding moved to approve the modifications as proposed. Glenn Enderby seconded the motion and all present voted Aye.

2.5 Mia Brunsen – 2094 Five Mile Line Road requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the installation of two (2) signs to identify her business. Jim Costello acted on Ms. Brunsen’s behalf as she was detained at work. Ms. Brunsen recently relocated to this site after operating from 1790 Penfield Road for several years. She would like to install a 20” x 20” hanging sign in the front of the building and a 20” x 20” hanging sign on rear of the building which is where the main entrance is located. The signs are yellow and red and have a flower graphic on them. Mira Mejibovsky moved to approve the granting of the Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the installation of the two (2) signs as proposed. Mike Pignato seconded the motion and all present voted Aye.

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 of 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 arbor vitae 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. The Board noted that he may apply for the Certificate of Appropriateness for an underground vault at his convenience.

3.2 Jim Costello noted that on July 18th 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 October 15th 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 it should take place, 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 participate. 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