

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Board (HPARB) of the Village of Cooperstown was held in the Village Office Building, 22 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York on July 8, 2014. Members in attendance were Chair – Teresa Drerup, Liz Callahan, Roger MacMillan, Ralph Snell, and alternate David Sanford. Also in attendance was Zoning Enforcement Officer – Tavis Austin and Deputy Village Clerk – Jennifer Truax. Eight members of the public were present.

Ms. Drerup called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Regular Agenda

4 Grove Street (Cynthia Falk) – proposed field change to previously approved shed

Dr. Falk stated that the original approval for the shed included vinyl siding. She explained that it has been determined that the shed will also serve as a backboard for a basketball hoop and due to concerns about the ability of vinyl siding to withstand this type of use they would like to use T-111 instead of the originally proposed vinyl siding. She continued to state that they would like to change the location of the door to provide for easier access and add a transom window to provide natural light into the shed.

Dr. MacMillan made a motion to approve the field changes to the shed at 4 Grove Street to include the use of T-111 siding, the relocation of the double door to the west side of the shed, the addition of a transom window on the south side of the shed, and the deletion of the pass door. Mr. Snell seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Callahan, Drerup, MacMillan, Sanford, Snell

Motion carried.

79 Chestnut Street (Bennett Sandler of Equity Energy for Jeff Katz) – Proposed installation of air source heat pumps continuation of review from June 2014

Mr. Sandler shared photos of the residence with the location of the proposed units indicated. He explained the location of each of the units.

Ms. Callahan asked if there are a total of four proposed units.

Mr. Sandler stated that was correct.

Ms. Drerup reviewed the size and location of the units and questioned if the unit near the chimney would stand proud of the chimney.

Mr. Sandler stated that he does not feel that the unit will stand proud of the chimney. He further stated that should it be proud of the chimney it would not project very much. He continued to state that the line hides will be painted to match the residence. He pointed out the proposed line hides in the photos.

Ms. Drerup asked if there would be additional landscaping added to the property to help with the added noise from the units as well as screen the units from view.

Mr. Sandler stated that there is no landscaping proposed as part of his contract with the property owners. He continued to point out that the existing vegetation will provide a great deal of screening.

Mr. Snell asked if there were any setback or parking issues created by the proposed additions.

Mr. McManus stated that no issues would be created for the parking or setbacks.

Mr. Snell asked if the deck would be painted.

Mr. McManus stated that the deck would not be painted but would be sealed with a water sealer and remain natural in color.

Ms. Drerup asked the distance from the deck to the ground.

Mr. McManus stated that it was 1' 8".

Ms. Drerup stated that no railing is necessary for the proposed deck.

Mr. McManus stated that the Grady family would like a railing to help prevent items like the grill from getting too close to the edge. He continued to state that they feel this is extremely important with the proximity to the driveway.

Mr. Snell asked Mr. McManus to indicate on the plans the details of the deck rail.

Ms. Drerup asked Mr. Austin if there are any setback or any parking space issues created by the proposed additions.

Mr. Austin stated that he has not seen a site plan, therefore, he does not know if there are any setback issues. He further stated that should the board decide to act he will hold the permit until a site plan is submitted and the setbacks and required parking have been reviewed.

Mr. Snell asked Mr. McManus what materials would be used.

Mr. McManus stated that all materials would match the existing materials.

Mr. Snell asked that the details regarding the materials be added to the plans for future reference.

Mr. Sanford asked if the siding would be knitted in to the addition and areas where window or door replacement will affect the siding.

Mr. McManus stated that there would not be a seam or any other issue with the siding as new siding will be put in place which extends across the addition.

The board discussed the window replacement including the size of the windows and their location.

Mr. Grady stated that each window has been measured and the replacement windows will be an exact fit.

Mr. Snell suggested that the corner board be carried down to provide a distinction between the existing structure and the addition. He stated that he feels that carrying the corner board down will provide a more appealing visual effect.

Ms. Drerup stated that she is concerned about the aesthetics of the second story windows over the sliding door. She explained that the windows are wider than the proposed door and larger than the other windows in the structure and look out of scale.

The board discussed the proportion of the windows.

Ms. Drerup reviewed the window order provided and stated that if the order is correct than the windows will not be disproportionate although the plan indicates that they are larger than the other windows.

Mr. Grady agreed to ensure that the windows are not wider than the sliding door and are in proportion with the other windows in the residence.

Mr. Sanford suggested that stepping the addition back 4" or so and allowing for a reveal would also be more aesthetically pleasing.

Ms. Drerup stated that if the addition were stepped back 6" the eave would not extend beyond the existing structure.

Mr. Grady agreed to the proposed modifications and added them to the drawings.

Ms. Drerup asked for the details of the window trim.

Mr. Grady stated that they will match the existing trim. He stated that he believes that the trim is 4" in width.

Mr. Sanford made a motion to adopt the following resolution for a Certificate of Appropriateness:

Action by the Village of Cooperstown, Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Board

Resolution date: July 8, 2014

A resolution to approve the proposed addition and window replacement at 25 Pioneer Street, Cooperstown, NY

WHEREAS the Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Board has made the following findings of fact concerning the proposed application:

- A public hearing is not required;*
- The requirements of SEQRA have been met for this action;*
- The structure is listed as contributing in the Glimmerglass Historic District Nomination Form;*
- The proposed materials will match the existing materials;*
- The proposed addition will not be visible from a public way; however the window replacement will be visible;*
- The proposed work meets the criteria under Section 300-26.E. (2)(b), (2)(c), (3)(a), (3)(b), (3)(c) and (3)(d).*

Section 300-26 of the Zoning Law having been met with regards to the proposed addition and window replacement as indicated on the drawings as submitted and modified on July 8, 2014, at 25 Pioneer Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the duly appointed members of the Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Board of the Village of Cooperstown do this 8th day of July 2014, determine that

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Drerup, MacMillan, Sanford
ABSTAIN: Callahan

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Truax
Deputy Village Clerk