

The **Historic District Subcommittee** of the Gates Mills Architectural Board met in regular session on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023** at **5:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

Members present: Sara Welsh: Chair, Laurie Deacon, Jane Lindmark, and Charles Spear.

Members absent: Greg Nosan.

Also present: Joseph Giglio; Architect, and David Ellison; Architect.

1. Addition and renovation plans for the **GALE** residence at **7880 Old Mill Road**. Matt Ross, Architect and Rob Gale, Homeowner were present.

Mr. Ross reviewed the proposed renovation plans for the Board. He indicated the project consists of a new front porch addition and some new window changes around the exterior of the existing house.

Mr. Giglio recommended a shed roof for the front porch in lieu of the hipped roof shown. He suggested the hipped roof does not fit with the existing structure because there are no other roofs of this type. The shed roof will allow it to be higher, which will let more light into the house and allow for better proportion with the columns.

Mr. Ellison agreed. He also advised when adding the front porch, it should be done in a way to preserve all the existing trim and siding so in the future if the porch is removed, the front of the structure will look like it does now.

Mr. Gale agreed with the comments.

Mr. Ross will make the suggested changes and email for consideration.

After further discussion the Board felt with the suggested changes, the proposed addition and window renovations would not impact the Historic District in a negative way.

No Action Taken

2. Terrace addition plans for the **HORNER** residence at **7695 Deerfield Road**. Richard Kawalek, Architect was present.

Mr. Kawalek reviewed the proposed request for the Board. He indicated the Horner's currently have a brick patio off the back of the house with a seasonal canvas awning and metal framework they use for entertaining. They would like to have a more permanent structure that can be used throughout the year. The proposed design matches other porch roofs currently located on the house. All material and colors will match existing.

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve as *final* the proposed terrace roof addition plans as submitted on the basis the proposed work does not impact the district in a negative way.

Motion by: L. Deacon 2nd: C. Spear

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
 Nays: None.

Motion Approved

3. Detached garage demolition request for the **KOCH** residence at **7460 Foxboro Road**.

Mrs. Koch, Homeowner was present.

Mrs. Koch reviewed the demolition request for the Board. She indicated they currently have a 4-car detached garage with an apartment above they would like to demolish and not replace. She indicated some of the structure, mainly the greenhouse, is in such poor condition it is dangerous to their small children. She indicated the Board is probably aware of all the work and money they spent renovating the main house and property. They currently do not need any additional storage space; 2 other detached buildings are on the property and renovating the garage would be more than they would like to invest.

Mr. Ellison explained the Village's current ordinance regarding the demolition of a structure. He stated the decision is based on "economic hardship". He also suggested dismantling the structure and salvaging items like the greenhouse and overhead garage doors.

Mrs. Welsh suggested there is grant money available from the State for preserving structures of this type. She also stated the role of the subcommittee is to preserve structures like this that are located within the district and do not have the authority to grant permission for demolition, permission can only be granted by the Architectural Board.

Mrs. Koch stated she understood and would investigate the possibility of applying for a grant.

Mr. Biggert stated if the request is denied by the subcommittee, it will then go to the Architectural Board for consideration.

After further discussion, a motion was made to deny the demolition request as submitted on the basis the proposed work would impact the district in a negative way.

Motion by: C. Spear 2nd: J. Lindmark

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
 Nays: None.

Motion Approved

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at **5:39 PM**. Refer to audio record for additional detail.

Sara Welsh, Chairman

Dave Biggert, Secretary