

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD OF THE VILLAGE
OF SAGAPONACK IN THE
TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
AND STATE OF NEW YORK

A special meeting of the Architectural and Historic Review Board of the Village of Sagaponack was held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 3175 Montauk Highway, Sagaponack, N.Y.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandford with a flag salute. Present were Board Members Vice Chairperson Tom White, Barbara Slifka and alternate member Robert Barandes. Also present were Village Building Inspector John Woudsma and Pat Arancio-Remkus, secretary. Absent were Gideon Mendelson and Sean Selfe and Village Attorney Anthony Tohill.

MONTHLY MEETING

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amendments

1. Frank Gallipoli
128 Town Line Road
908-10-4-41
 - Applicant proposes amendment to building permit #P00000304 – revisions to swimming pool enclosure design

Robert Marx, architect from Roger Ferris & Partners, presented the application. Roger Ferris was also present. Mr. Marx stated that this is a three part discussion:

1. The details of the pool such as the joints and seams
2. The landscaping, citing and planting
3. The samples. He stated that they brought larger samples and would like the board to go outside to see them shortly.

Mr. Marx stated that there were questions about the design and layout of the paneling of the pool. He stated that the corian will be fabricated in panels that will be 10' long. There will be seven across the long side and shorter panels at the corners. There will be three panels on ends.

Barbara Slifka asked if he has ever used corian outside to which Mr. Marx responded that it is used outside.

Barbara Slifka asked if corian holds its look to which Mr. Marx responded that the lighter colors do fade. He stated that black is not stable color-wise outside. He stated they get cloudy and lighten. He noted that the lighter colors are stable.

Roger Ferris stated that corian makes and has tested different colors and some are rated for outside and some are not.

Chairperson Sandford asked if what they are saying is that the darker colors would.....to which Mr. Ferris responded that they actually do rate the black for exterior use, but they do tell you that they fade and we are also concerned with how hot it will become to the touch. He noted that particular color is a heat sink.

Mr. Marx stated that there is a perforated or open railing on the back side away from the house so you will not really see from the street.

Chairperson Sandford stated that she rode past the site and noted that the public sees mainly the end that faces the street and a long existing hedge row to the south. The pool is blocked by the cottage to the neighbor to the north to which Mr. Marx agreed. He stated that is the pattern down on those narrow lots. Many of those lots have fairly dense and fairly tall privets on either side going south. He noted that with this site, when you are coming down to the beach, your view towards the pool is obscured by the hedge and the house.

Barbara Slifka noted that it is just the narrow end that would be in view to which Mr. Marx agreed.

Mr. Marx stated that there is concern about the character of the lots in the neighborhood and how much screening and separation there is from the street and the lots. He had mentioned last time that they might put a low hedge along street. The owner does not want to grow the hedge tall because he has the porch and he wants to watch the world go by. They are proposing that they would create some foliage barrier to create some privacy for a portion of the site. They want to keep half of the site open. We want to keep the lane between the house and the street open.

Mr. Marx stated that they would be interested in having Tim Rumpf speak with the AHRB about what landscaping they might do so they can provide some privacy.

Tim Rumpf, landscape architect of Araiys Design in Southampton, stated that he is aware that the AHRB and Mr. Marx had previously discussed hedging and screening. He presented his site and concept. He noted that the red lines reflect the site lines of the length of the pool. He stated that from the southeast corner, you can see back to the southwest corner and from the northeast corner the house shields the pool. He stated that they moved the hedge back to the line of where the house and the porch are so you no longer see the pool.

Chairperson Sandford asked if that would substitute for the long hedge to which Mr. Rumpf responded no. There would be a secondary hedge row. We are proposing to use osmanthus, which is also known as false holly. He noted that it is a holly-like bush which can be trimmed architecturally. It will be a tight hedge that will be 5' tall. It will allow light in and will not make you feel constricted in the backyard and it will not make

the lot seem smaller. We would plant the minimum amount to screen all of pool from Town Line Road.

Barbara Slifka noted that the view of the pool would be minimal.

Tom White stated that if you brought the plantings closer to the pool it could be a shorter line to which Mr. Rumpf agreed.

Mr. Rumpf stated that they were trying not to push it up against the pool so that the owners can still enjoy and see the pool from the porch. We would lose that if we pushed the hedge back more.

Mr. Marx showed the rendering and stated that there is more foliage here than Mr. Rumpf is describing and the hedge is scruffier. He stated that the false holly is less fluid and is a tighter and more architectural hedge. He stated that the porch rail is 4' off of the ground and the floor is up approximately 2'. The hedge will be much higher than the rail of the porch. The eye still carries over the hedge to the back of the lot and gives a full view of the lot.

Chairperson Sandford asked if they are keeping the hedge at 4' to which Roger Ferris responded that they will be keeping the hedge at 5'. Chairperson Sandford stated that she prefers 4', but she noted that the purpose is the main concern.

Tom White asked if the foliage of the hedge is full season to which Mr. Rumpf responded that it is evergreen and will have small white flowers on it in November. He noted that it is very prickly and is deer resistant and that sparrows, nuthatches and chickadees like to hide in it.

Barbara Slifka stated that it is still the color of the corian that the Board does not like. Mr. Marx stated that there are two parts to the conversation. The first is that you embrace the color and you love it and we do not need any screening, but we were not hearing that. We want to talk to the Board about the color. We still think the color is ok.

Robert Barandes asked if they are willing to make a commitment to the screening to which Mr. Marx responded yes.

Chairperson Sandford noted that the three issues are screening; if the mass was broken up at the end of pool facing the street, which it is with one large tile and two pieces at the corners; and the third topic was the color. We had asked for a very light grey. We were interested in the relationship of the house to the pool. Why do you not have a grey sample to which Roger Ferris stated that the owner does not want it to look like concrete.

He stated that the owner originally chose black but we discovered that it will be too much of a heat sink. He noted that the owner is an artist. He had asked them to pursue primary colors. We steered him away from those and suggested white. He studies white and his response was that white is too garish. He stated that you will see that with the big samples that they brought. He stated that they started talking about what other colors are in the environment. We started focusing on the color of the pool and the sky as it reflects into it and the color of the dawn and the sunset and the pinkish hue that it has in combination with the turquoise of the water. That is how we arrived at this very subtle

pink color. When you look at the small chip in this lighting, it can be startling, but outside in the sunlight in the landscape, it is actually quite subtle. It becomes closer to beige almost.

Chairperson Sandford asked Mr. Ferris if he had experience with the strawberry corian to which he responded no, he has never used it before, but it is guaranteed by Dupont not to yellow. He noted that if any color would yellow it would be white. He noted that in Cambridge at Harvard's campus there are benches made from white corian and they have been there for eight years. The benches are as white today as the day they were made. He feels pretty confident that they will not yellow.

Chairperson Sandford noted that the taller hedge will be evergreen. She asked about the lower hedge to which Mr. Rumpf responded that because of the deer they were considering a low boxwood hedge. It is a tight plant that has a very fine texture.

Barbara Slifka asked how high the lower hedge would be to which Mr. Rumpf responded that it will be 2 ½' – 3' tall.

The Board and members of the audience went outside to view the samples.

Robert Barandes stated that he had asked the AHRB secretary to go on the internet and print out some of the other whites that are available in terms of the request that the Board had made originally which was to bring a sample of dirty white. We went from glacier white to glacier ice. I believe that you brought designer white which is by far the most abrupt. In terms of being subtle without printing out all of the colors, if you take a look at arctic strawberry, which is the fifth color in terms of coloration and there is everything from the abalones to the..... I don't know how the Board feels about having asked for other samples of other whites more in keeping with what Chairperson Sandford had asked for which was a dirty white. He stated that he understands the architect's issue that they have a client who has asked for this and they have settled on it, but we are not....

Mr. Marx stated that he is trying to work with the AHRB and the sample that he brought it glacier white. He stated that when you talk about a dirty white outside in the full on sun, it becomes glacier white or designer white. He stated that in the sun it is like refrigerator white outside.

Chairperson Sandford noted that they brought strawberry ice and glacier white to which Mr. Marx responded yes.

Chairperson Sandford stated that everyone has agreed that we do not want a mottled color to which everyone agreed.

Chairperson Sandford stated that she has become more sympathetic to the strawberry ice.

Robert Barandes stated that he would be in agreement with the color as long as there is a commitment for the hedging. He stated that it then becomes a matter of personal taste and we are not imposing this on anyone. No one would see it unless you were trying to see it..

Chairperson Sandford noted that the neighborhood has great variety and this would add to the variety.

Village Building Inspector John Woudsma stated that the continued assurance of plant life is done through a vitality bond to which Robert Barandes responded that he hopes that the AHRB does not go that far. Are we going to ask them to bond it or are we just going to request...to which the response was no. He stated that they should ask him as a member of the community would he consider maintaining....Chairperson Sandford responded no, we will write it up in the notes and send it in a letter listing what was said. They must maintain the hedge in front of the pool. We would just make a request to the homeowner. It is a matter of trust.

Village Building Inspector John Woudsma suggested that the AHRB should run it past Village Clerk Rosemarie Cary Winchell and Village Attorney Tony Tohill because there may be ramifications that are not obvious to the AHRB and to why things are done in a certain way. If everyone is willing to put there pen to paper that is enforceable.

Tom White stated that as long as the screening is maintained from the neighbor's perspective that is what we were worried about.

Chairperson Sandford asked for a motion to approve the amendment to building permit #P00000304 – revisions to swimming pool enclosure design – approved for the color strawberry ice with the expectation for the landscaping plan that a 5' osmanthus will screen the end of the pool to serve as a view shed as per plan submitted. A motion was offered by Barbara Slifka and seconded by Robert Barandes. It was unanimously approved.

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Chairperson Sandford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Tom White and Robert Barandes seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

Time noted: 4:35 PM

PATRICIA ARANCIO-REMKUS
Secretary to Board