

**Village of Skaneateles**  
*Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission*  
June 10, 2009

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In the matter of the application for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission submitted by Evan and Elizabeth Dreyfuss for alterations to the house and windows, modifications to deck and cabana, relocation of parking area, removal of addition to boat house, and general alterations to the boat house, for the buildings located at 100 East Genesee Street in the Village. *This is a continuation and update, and modifications.*

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Present: Charles Williams, Chairman  
Mary Fran Strodel, Member  
David Neibert, Member  
Karlene Miller, Member  
Mona Smalley, Member  
Pat Blackler, Member  
Kihm Winship, Member  
Katharine Dyson, Member

Jorge Batlle, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Robert Eggleston, Architect for the applicants  
Evan Dreyfuss, Applicant

Absent: Andrew Ramsgard, Member

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:49pm. Robert Eggleston, Architect for the applicant made the presentation. He said, "we came back for a change on the railing. We then went and got it priced up and we are back for yet another change. Unfortunately, custom making the square grid style was ten times the normal cost of the railing. That was just a little bit hard to kind of work into the budget. So, what they did find was similar to what we had approved before. The single rail on the bottom and the double rail on the top. Then put a metal round spindle. It'll be  $\frac{3}{4}$  round spindle, a little heavier round spindle metal in the center. On the long spans we'll actually have a board that goes – an 1-1/2 post that goes up to kind of support it and keep it from sagging. So it breaks it into an appropriate works of that nature.

The wood will be Epay, which is a Brazilian cherry. It's actually a very nice – kind of has a reddish tone. What they'd like to do is try doing that in a natural. You can get it with a nice sealer on it and it will stay kind of that reddish color. The spindles in between will be a black spindle. Again, the idea to kind of make them disappear as you are on the deck looking out. We do have to have it a 36 inch high rail. Then we'll have the natural Ebay. So, this will be darker in the center. We'll take the trim color for the posts as originally planned in between." Member Blackler asked, "which is what?" Eggleston said, "it's a creamy color. The trim color of the house. Then there is the darker gray for the house itself. The railing system goes all the way

around as shown before. One other that they have just made a decision on, and that's some light fixtures – some coach light fixtures on the back. (Presents catalog page showing the light fixture). What they would like to do is on each of the posts here – they have 6 posts along the back – they won't do it where they have the double post. They have picked out this bollard design. It is a Cordova Outdoor Lantern. I believe that have settles on the medium size, 24 inches." Evan Dreyfuss said, "...I just want to know the cost."

Member Miller asked, "24?" Eggleston said, "24 inches tall and 9 inches wide, and that includes the finial and the hanging piece. The actual light fixture is about 9 by 12 and then it's got the finial. That will be in a black finish which will compliment the black metal on the rail." The Chairman asked, "that's on these lower columns?" Eggleston said, "correct. So, that will be on the 6 lower columns not the paired one but the 6 lower columns."

Member Blackler asked, "can I have the exact dimensions of this post. This picture bothers me. I wished it weren't here... It makes it looks massive in this picture." Eggleston said, "what our problem was – because the grid was like a 2 inch wood. It was very heavy wood, appropriate to the house. We didn't want to go with something too light and airy. So, that's why we have the ¾ inch. We have the detail drawn to scale. You've got an 1 ½ top and middle rail, with 4 inches between. The bottom rail is up 4 inches with an 1 ½ - I believe this is going to be about 22 or 23 inches tall in the center." Dreyfuss said, "the posts are standard 3 ½ by 3 ½ and be boxed in." Member Blackler asked, "so what do you end up with, 4 by 4?" Eggleston said, "these are like 6 to 8 inches. The posts?" Member Blackler holding the photos said, "I'm talking about the white things." Eggleston said, "oh, they want to be 6 to 7 inches wide. You don't want them too spindly, too light." Dreyfuss said, "I think it is 4 by 4." Member Dyson said, "they will be a toned down color. They will not be white." The Chairman asked, "the base of your rail is a 2 by 4?" Member Blackler said, "if they are 6 to 7, I personally think that they are too wide." The Chairman said, "they would have to be 6 inch square posts." Eggleston said, "we can keep them no bigger than 6 inches. I don't think you want 4 inches. It's going to look too light. And it's going to look cheap." Member Mille said, "according to your drawing, you won't have that many posts either." Chairman Williams said, "the post on my old house at 103 (East Genesee) they were 6 inch posts."

Member Blackler said, "I hate to even bring it up because having Evan owning this house is probably one of the best things that has ever to it. I still fell about the posts." Member Dyson said, "I think it's hard to tell from this picture because of the perspective that we getting." (multiple conversations). Eggleston said, "the question is, does this elevation look appropriate to you?" Members Smalley and Blackler said, "yes." Eggleston said, "and we will do it to this and I believe that's 6 inches. I think we are 8 inches below." Member Neibert said, "I think six inches would be right." Member Miller said, "I do too. I agree." Using hand gestures, Member Neibert said, "4 inches would be about like this, and that would be very skinny looking." The Chairman said, "using this picture as a reference of your scale, these posts are much closer together." Member Neibert said, "I agree. I think 6 inches is probably a good substantial size."

Member Miller asked, "what color will the be?" Eggleston replied, "ecru." The Chairman said, "I thoroughly agree with your metal spindle in the middle there for support. How do you anchor your rails to that?" Eggleston said, "what happens is they are dowelled in – the metal is

dowelled in to and rabbet in to the bottom and top rail.” Dreyfuss assed, “with a locking pin.” Member Winship said, “I think the drawings looks fine. The house is huge. You want something in scale with the house.” Member Neibert said, “yes. Four inches would be too small.” Member Miller said, “too small, I agree.” Member Dyson said, “I think it is hard to sit at a table like this and figure it out proportions. Say what you say and that’s what it looks like, I’d go with that. (multiple conversations).

The Chairman asked, “will it be a true 6 inch or is it going to be a 6 inch board that’s 5 ½?” Eggleston said, “personally, I’d like a true 6 inch. By the time we take they 3 ½ inch and then you put the enclosure around it, and then there is usually some shim space in there. It will be no less than 5 ½ - but closer to 6.” Member Neibert said, “close enough. From a boat on the Lake you’ll never know.” The Chairman said, “we will know.” Member Miller said, “looks good.”

Member Winship said, **“I make a motion to accept this railing modification and light fixtures as presented.”**

Seconded by Member Miller. The vote was 8 to ) in favor of the motion. The meeting was closed at 7:59pm.

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