

**Village of Skaneateles**  
*Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission Hearing*  
May 13, 2009

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In the matter of the application submitted by DanLin, LLC. for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission to replace 3 slider doors with 1 slider assembly and 2 sets of double hung windows on the 4<sup>th</sup> level, lakeside of the building located at 54-56 East Genesee Street.

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Present: Charles Williams, Chairman  
Karlene Miller, Member  
Andrew Ramsgard, Member  
Mary Fran Strodel, Member  
Pat Blackler, Member  
Mona Smalley, Member

Jorge Battle, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Linda Roche, Applicant

Robert Eggleston, Rickard Road

Absent: Katharine Dyson, Member  
Kihm Winship, Member  
David Neibert, Member

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing at 8:31pm announcing the application of DanLin LLC for 54-56 East Genesee Street.

Member Blackler said, "he top is what you have and this is what you want to replace it with." Linda Roche representing DanLin, LLC said, "it's already replaced. I though I had to go to Jorge and just get a permit. So, when we came back from Florida the windows came. So, I said to Dan, I'll run over to Jorge. I thought you just got a permit to take them out and put them in. So, Jorge says – no- I said, Jorge, they are already in." Member Blackler said, "this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one that's already in before they come to us."

Roche continued, "the reason is, those Andersen windows up there, the wind was so strong that it started bowing the windows. No one realizes on that lake side up there how bad that wind is. Those were Andersens." Member Strodel asked, "were those on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor?" The Chairman said, "way up on the very top." Roche continued, "the more we looked at it, it made more sense. They are designer windows and everything but it made more sense to do that. Because then – we just thought it just made more sense to give it that break than those 3 sliding ones."

Member Ramsgard said, "I honestly don't have a problem with the window placement. Linda, I have to tell you, I have a huge problem with trying to approve this retroactive. You are in the real estate business and should know better than anyone else." Roche said, "I know. I didn't know that they were in. Honest to God, when he came over and told me that they were delivered and I said don't put them in, and I'll go over and see Jorge. Then I got busy and then next thing I know is Danny said, I put them in." Member Ramsgard said, "Danny knows. He knows the rules. I don't have any problem with the look of them. I have a HUGE problem with retroactively approving them. That voids the whole purpose of this Commission."

Roche said, "Buttolphs are supposed to move in that weekend. We came home that Friday. The windows were delivered Monday, and Buttolphs were moving in Saturday." Member Ramsgard asked, "how are we supposed to stop people from doing really awful things? This is not awful. What value does the Commission have?" The Chairman said, "we can have them taken out." Member Ramsgard said, "I wouldn't have a problem if they came and went through the process the way you are supposed to go through the process. Everybody has to do it. I have to do it with my building."

Member Miller said, "I think in this instance we can make an exception. I hate to make an exception but I think that we should." Member Blackler said, "but we have to make an exception. The point has been made though." Roche said, "Andy's right. Danny should have just stacked them up there and left them there. They were truly – it was already in there when he came over because I thought he was finishing the bathroom upstairs because they were renovating that. I said just hurry up and get that done before Buttolphs move in. Anyway he didn't." Member Ramsgard said, "he's an Onondaga County plumber. He knows all about permits and knows all about the rules." Roche said, "he's got a plumbing permit, that he did. I said to Jorge, you can run over there and look at it. Those were taken. I guess what he didn't think is the space. I know what you are saying."

Member Ramsgard said, "what you put in is fine." Member Miller, "well, we made our point." The Chairman said, "in reality, we could have had you take those windows out and put those slides back in and start over." Roche said, "we already gave them away. We said Free – Free Anderson sliding doors. I thought for somebody's camp. I've had 25 calls." (cell phone interference) Batlle said, "it could be awful windy with no doors and windows up there." The Chairman said, "that 6 mil plastic just wouldn't hold."

Member Blackler said, "well, if it happens again, I don't mean with you, but anyone else who comes before us, and it's something that we don't like, then they'd have to be taken out." Member Ramsgard said, "that's the problem, is trying to enforce this." The Chairman said, "after the fact, Linda gave me a call too, probably the same time she talked with Jorge, I said you have to come back to our Board with plans and pictures and all that." Roche said, "I called Chuck instantly when I found out what had happened. I said, Chuck, this is what he did."

Member Miller said, "well, they are in and we need to approve it. So, **I'll make a motion to approve this after the fact.**" Roche said, "the outside isn't trimmed. I said don't touch the outside." Member Ramsgard asked, "so what is the trim going to be?" Roche said, "the same as the whole building on the outside. It's that pine wood, what ever it is. What ever he trims it out."

Just like the rest of the building.” Member Ramsgard asked, “what color is it going to be?” Roche said, “white. Like the whole back of the building.” Member Miller asked, “will that have to come before this group?” Batlle said, “you can make that part of this application.” Roche said, “the problem is he does a great job. He’s not going to put 2 inch nothing up there. He’s going to match.”

Member Ramsgard said, “the problem is the guy – the next guy doesn’t do a good job (multiple conversations).”

Motion seconded by Member Smalley. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion. The hearing was closed at 8:38pm.

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