

**Village of Skaneateles  
Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission  
November 18, 2019**

Present: Kathie Dyson, Acting Chairman  
David Birchenough, Member  
Ted Kinder, Member  
Lisa Riordan, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

No one present representing the applicant

Excused: Chad Rogers, Chairman

Re: Consideration of the application of Clair Stephens on behalf of Cornerstone Financial Group for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission to install a locator sign to be mounted in the window at the property addressed as 92 East Genesee Street in the Village of Skaneateles.

At 7:00 pm, Chairman Dyson opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission for November 18, 2019 with the matter of the Stephens application for signage. Chairman Dyson noted that there was no one present on behalf of the applicant, but said that the Board could proceed with its discussion.

Chairman Dyson noted that she has heard some comment regarding the use of ceiling lighting fixtures in Legg Hall that are alleged to be inappropriate and not in keeping with Historic District use. While internal finishes are typically not the purview of HLPC the question was raised since they are visible from the sidewalk through the windows when lighted.

The Board discussed that this space is the north eastern unit on the ground floor of Legg Hall. The sign in question is to be suspended just behind the window glass.

Member Birchenough stated that the sign is already there. Chairman Dyson said that it is not a small sign; 24 by 18 inches in size. Member Birchenough said he thinks it looks "terrible". Chairman Dyson offered the opinion that it would look better as a vertically hung sign that projects perpendicularly from the building. Mr. Dundon noted that the Village code prohibits signs that project more than 12 inches. Member Riordan agreed that this sign would be a good perpendicular sign. Member Birchenough agreed that it would look better that way.

Board discussion turned to how to implement a change to Village Code in order to permit vertically hung signs that project perpendicularly from the façade of the building. Mr. Dundon suggested that the Board invite Trustee Eriksen to its December meeting. Trustee Eriksen is the

Village Board liaison to the Historic Commission and would be the one to carry the Board's recommendations forward.

The Board returned to the Stephens matter and ascertained that there was no detail as to how the sign was to be mounted. Further the Board felt that the requested signage would be more appropriate if mounted in a different manner, as it is a thick sign and utilizes attractive colors. Without the applicant present, the Board could not determine what alternative methods had been considered, if any.

**Chairman Dyson, "I move that we table further discussion on the Stephens matter, adjourning it and continuing it to the December 16 meeting of HLPC. The applicant is urged to be present or represented. Further that Chairman Rogers will invite Trustee Eriksen to the December meeting. Further that this meeting be adjourned." The motion was seconded by Member Birchenough. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, the motion was carried 4 – 0.**

This matter was concluded at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards