

**Village of Skaneateles**  
*Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission*  
November 18, 2009

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In the matter of the application submitted by Cyrus Weichert, for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission for the (existing) metal gates and metal fencing and 2-rail wooden fencing on the premises located at 81 East Genesee Street in the Village of Skaneateles.

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

Jorge Batlle, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Cyrus Weichert, Applicant

Peter Wiles, Jordan Street  
Jim Williams, Jordan Street  
Linda Roche, West Lake Street  
Kevin Gadra, Leitch Avenue  
Joe Panzarella, East Genesee Street  
Elizabeth & Evan Dreyfuss, East Genesee Street  
Jackie Keady, East Genesee Street

Absent: Mona Smalley, Member

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing at 7:36pm announcing the application of Cyrus Weichert for 81 East Genesee Street.

Cyrus Weichert, applicant said, "I put together a presentation. Hopefully you all have had a chance to review it. I'll start by apologizing publicly for the fact that we did not get approval of the fence. It was my understanding based on a conversation with the contractor that he was going to take care of that. I was very surprised to get the letter stating that it had not been done.

What we did, when we purchased the property, there were 2 existing fences. There was a dilapidated chain link fence along the boundary with the condominiums. Then in the back, behind the area where the garage now is, there was a dilapidated wooden fence. Pursuant to your

approval for the house project, when we renovated, we, at my cost, ripped down the old wooden fence and I replaced that. When it came time to do that my wife said that we should really fence the whole yard for safety and security with the children. After living there for 6 or 7 months, we discovered that the tour busses let their people out and they like to walk up the driveway, particularly on the weekends just to view the gardens behind us at our neighbors,' And the other circumstance that we had is people use the driveway for a turnaround. Many of them when trapped and don't like to back up into the traffic, so they drive right back and turn around by the garage area.

So, we installed the fence. The front fence we used the style of the match to the rear aluminum gates of the condominium project. There are photos of that in the presentation. We went a step further and paid extra to get the ornamental circles that are on the top of the aluminum gate. We set it back off the road from where the chain link fence was. Then the rear portion of the yard we enclosed just with the split rail fence around the back, where we feel we didn't need height and the appearance. So, I don't know how much detail you'd like me to take you through. We hope that this style is in keeping. Certainly tried to do everything on the property to uphold the traditional appearance. The modern materials that we can find other than going with wrought iron like the neighbors' fence, this is what we thought was appropriate for the property. I will answer any questions that you may have."

Member Neibert said, "it's fine." Member Miller said, "no." The Chairman asked for any comments? Member Neibert said, "**I make a motion that we approve this.**" Seconded by Member Dyson.

The vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion. The hearing was closed at 7:41pm.