

**Village of Skaneateles**  
**Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission**  
**May 12, 2010**

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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 meeting deals with the work being done on the boat house.*

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Present: Charles Williams, Chairman  
Beverly White, Member  
Andrew Ramsgard, Member  
Karlene Miller, Member  
Mona Smalley, Member  
Pat Blackler, Member  
David Neibert, Member

Jorge Batlle, Secretary for the Historical Commission

Evan Dreyfuss, Applicant

Absent: Karharine Dyson, Member  
Kihm Winship, Member

Chairman Williams opened the meeting at 7:53pm. The Chairman said that this is a continuation of the boathouse part of this project.

Evan Dreyfuss said, "thank you for helping us with the roof last time. The addition that they had put on in the 1950s is off now and the boat house really looks stunning, from the house. It has a square on it that really messed up the architecture. It was an addition that really shouldn't have been there. Now that's off. You have a roof like this and then a pavilion coming out. I want to let everybody know that there's some pretty neat log trim on that boat house – some old log timbers. When they put the addition on, they cut that all off. So, we are having them re-created to match it. So, it's really going to look neat.

For this, when we decided to take the addition off, the contractor said that you should do the windows. So, we are going to do the windows. The windows are going to be the exact same manufacturer, the exact same type as the windows on the main house. The windows will have the same exact trim color as the house. I think it's a antique white, exactly the same. The boat house color will be the same as the house.

The boat house has 8 windows. I'll go through them for you. They are all the same. There is one that we have changed but they are all the same to match the house. They all have that

double mullion, except for one change which I will go over at the end. The boat house now – if you are in the boat house and you are looking at the church, there's 2 big windows. They have double mullions. We are going to match that. They look the closest to the original. So, that's going to be matched. The front of the boat house, when you look out toward the Lake, you are on the Lake, both the windows are exactly like this. They are replacement. They were put in in the 1950s. We are going to match on the side what was original. The only change on your sheet is, and most people don't know the window is there, by above that old rollup door – we will have to come to you next year – when we fix that door, we are going to do something similar but make it look like it should look. There was a window that is - this window right here, 3 foot 2 long and 1 ½ wide. It's a teeny little window. This winter it broke, just shattered and broke. So, originally when the contractor put the order in, so let's match it. Then Eggleston took a look and said, no, no no, we don't want to do crossbar here. It's too small of a one and a half foot wide and it won't look right. Just do the mullion like that (shows sketch). So we have done that actually on the front house. There's been some windows that were originally like that. So, that's the only change. It's up to you guys if you want to have a double line there, you can do it. It would look a little funny. He said it looked funny because it's too small. Then on the side looking at the Dower's house, we will be capturing the window because there's 2 there right now. And they are both ??? One's like this – replacement, and then one is a mullion window that we will put new. But, when they did the boat house addition, on top they went through a window to make a staircase down into it . We put the window in and put the log in to match the trim. So, when all the windows are in, all the log work that's there now is staying. Then any log work on that second, that window I was telling you about, will be put back in. Then on the roofline actually, they cut some of those logs, when they stuck it on to the pavilion – they chopped it out. So, we are going to replace that.

Then the foundation along the side of the Dowers, that had cut that all out. We actually have stone left over from our deck work. The stone came from Ginley's actually. It matches our house which is very hard to find. So, we will put that in so it will look exactly like it was when it was done in the 1890s. The other thing I want everybody to know is that when they did this renovation of the boat house in the '50s, that pavilion had timbers that came down to the seawall. But they cut them off and they raised them up on concrete so the water wouldn't rot them. But, they didn't level them out. So, when you are on the Lake, you'll see the boat house looks like it is tipping over. It is because either the roof is sagging or those two lights over ??? so when he puts that roof on that it will be straightened out and it won't look like it fallen down." The Chairman said, "the Dower's had the same problem." Dreyfuss concluded, "so that's why I am here tonight. We are going to match exactly what's in the house."

Member Blackler asked, "is the roof up or is it going?" Dreyfuss said, "it's going right now. They are taking it off – a slatted roof – the wood underneath rotted, so they have to rebuild the underlayment. Then rebuild the tower. They are doing it right now... I told our painters – we have painters right now painting the back deck. Then the side over here – that will all be done before the tour. I have also asked, when you come into the house... to paint the piece that you see right now at the waterline. It will be the same as the house, and the trim will be the same. So when the tour comes it will look like it's done." Member Miller said, "this is the Home and Garden Tour – their home is open."

The Chairman said, "I appreciate when you say the front of the boat house – you have 'lakeside' here so people know what we are talking about." Dreyfuss said, "we will have to come back next year for the door. I may have something custom done. I have to see pictures of what was there. I have no idea what was there. See if we can fix it."

Member Miller said, "I think it's wonderful. **I make a motion that we approve what the Dreyfuss' are doing on their boat house, with the windows, as presented.**"

Seconded by Member Neibert. The vote was 7-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting was closed at 8:01pm.

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