

**Village of Skaneateles**  
**Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission**  
**August 11, 2010**

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In the matter of the application submitted by Evans & Lau Masonry for Cyrus Weichert for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission to take down and rebuild a brick chimney on the premises located at 81 East Genesee Street, in the Village of Skaneateles.

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Present: Charles Williams, Chairman  
Karlene Miller, Member  
Pat Blackler, Member  
David Neibert, Member  
Kihm Winship, Member  
Beverly White, Member

Jorge Batlle, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Eric Evans, Contractor for the applicant

Absent: Mona Smalley, Member  
Andrew Ramsgard, member  
Kathryn Dyson, Member

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing at 7:32pm announcing the application of Evans and Lau Masonry for Cyrus Weichert, for 81 East Genesee Street. He said that several photos have been supplied.

Eric Evans, contractor for the applicant said, “the chimney is at the back side of the house – there’s 5 chimneys... not the ones shown in the street photo. We just wanted to display the whole house. You’d have to go down the driveway to the back one story section of the house.” Member Winship said, “you can see it from the Thayer House drive.” Evans continued, “the chimney is deteriorating. It’s in pretty rough shape. Bricks are starting to spall and fall off and it’s kind of listing. So, it’s in need of a major overhaul. We are going to take it down to the roofline and rebuild it from there.”

Member Neibert said, “so this is an interior chimney that comes up through the center of the roof.” Member Miller asked, “does it go to a fireplace?” Evans said, “it does go to a fireplace, a large Rumford fireplace in the family room kitchen area.”

Member Winship asked, “the other chimneys have some like metal tops on them. Is this going to have this same thing?” Evans said, “it will not. It’s going to have the clay flues which you see now coming up through – not very tall. It’s not going to have a decorative one at this

point. He hasn't indicated that he wanted anything like that. It will be a low profile, clay tile and then what we generally do now, instead of just doing a mortar wash on top, we do a concrete cap – poured in place concrete cap which is longer lasting . We did the same on Dreyfuss' chimneys also. It's a poured in place. We form it out of lumber and then pour the concrete in place.” Member Neibert said, “so it's on top of the brick. I have a photo of one we did on a repair (shown). . .it will not have those metal tops. That's the poured in place concrete cap.” Member Miller said, “that looks good..”

Member Winship said, “the brick I noticed on the other chimneys, the brick is like all kinds of colors.” Evans said, “it is. So, this is the brick. (shows sample board) This has a contrast within the colors, which will kind of blend back in with the chimneys that are staying on the main house.” **Belcrest 760**

The Chairman asked, “is there a chance that that concrete cap could have the brick dust in it give it some color vs. the white?” Evans said, “yes. We could darken it or give it more of a brick or a shaded color to the concrete. We can do that. . . .we can dye the concrete.”

Member Winship said, “it seems fine to me.” Miller said, “it does to me too.” Member White said, “I don't see any problem with it.”

Member Miller said, **“I make a motion that we approve the application as presented.”**  
Seconded by Member Winship.

Member Neibert said, “and it's not really visible from the street anyway.” The Chairman said, “they will be doing the same thing on the front ones someday.” Evans said, “yes, I believe we will.”

The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion. The hearing was closed at 7:37pm.