

Village of Skaneateles
Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission
May 11, 2011

In the matter of the application submitted by Carrie Lazarus for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission to replace/repair a waterfront deck at the premises located at 108 East Genesee Street in the Village of Skaneateles.

Present: Charles Williams, Chairman
Karlene Miller, Member
Pat Blackler, Member
Andrew Ramsgard, Member
Katharine Dyson, Member
David Neibert, Member

Jorge Batlle, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Carrie Lazarus and David Birchenough, Applicants

Absent: Members: Beverly White, Kihm Winship, Mona Smalley

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing at 7:31pm announcing the application of Carrie Lazarus for 108 East Genesee Street.

Member Dyson asked, "is that's wood that's on there now, or artificial?" Carrie Lazarus, applicant replied, "pressure treated lumber." Member Neibert said, "I'm familiar with the deck. Is it going to be the same things that's there now?" David Birchenough said, "just going to replace it. It's dangerous." Member Neibert said, "I know the deck and know how it is, and the 2 tiers." Birchenough said, "we are going to do the 2 tiers." Member Neibert said, "so basically, you are just re-doing it the way it is." Lazarus said, "except the railing will be a little bit different, and there's a drawing . Right now it is just kind of unsafe, wobbly singular posts. So we are going to make more of a substantial railing and hopefully more attractive." Member Neibert said, "and then there's a removable dock that goes out." Lazarus said, "correct."

Birchenough said, "this is still 3 feet above this water . . . 3 steps to get down to the dock." Lazarus said, "that's why the D.E.C. wasn't at all concerned, it's so high above the high water mark." Member Blackler asked, "it's not increased in size at all is it?" Birchenough said, "it's virtually the same." Lazarus said, "as it exists today it is wider than the slab. It is not 10 feet wide. In fact, the measurements . . . sticks out on both sides." Member Neibert said, "I know there's a cement slab that sticks out underneath. At least the upper part. I'm not sure about the lower part." Member Dyson asked, "3 feet on either side?" Lazarus said, "yes." Member Neibert said, "so you go down the steps to the upper part and then there's a couple of steps down to the

lower part.” Member Miller said to Member Neibert, “you really know this place.” Member Neibert said, “I was friends with the people that lived there before them. So, I’ve been out on that dock many times in years gone by.”

Member Ramsgard asked, “what’s the finish going to be on there?” Lazarus said, “I’ve submitted a sample. This is actually the product. This is from Purcells. It’s just sort of a wood stain. We are going to do it the most natural color. He told me, honestly, these really aren’t representative of what it actually looks like when it goes on the wood. In 4 weeks we can do it. It’s one coat that needs to be reapplied every year. So, it just looks like natural wood, not paint. He said that it won’t chip or peel but you do have to re-do it every year or two.” The Chairman said, “hopefully that’s one of the finishes that won’t be so smooth that it’s slippery when it’s wet. Some of these newer finishes – even the stains, when you put them on every year, they build up and this is what they warned me.”

Lazarus said, “we also plan to paint the railings white.” Member Miller said, “that would look nice.” Member Blackler asked to see the color chart. The choice is #009, **Dark Oak, Sikkens Cetol SRD.**

Member Neibert asked, “is that going to be one level or are you going to have 2 levels?” Lazarus said, “it’s still going to be 2 levels.” Member Dyson said, “nice spot.” Member Ramsgard asked, “you are going to close off a little bit more of the lake side with the handrail?” Lazarus said, “yes, for safety reasons we feel like we should. Right now there’s really not much there at all. So, yes, we will do that.” Birchenough said, “those uprights 2 by 4 just have lag screws. They are not bolts, they are nor anything. You wouldn’t want to lean against it vey hard.” Member Neibert said, “he had it open because he used to pull his canoe through there.”

Member Dyson said, “**I make a motion that we approve this as presented.**” Seconded by Member Neibert.

The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion. The motion was passed. The hearing was closed at 7:38pm.

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