

Village of Skaneateles  
Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission  
December 14, 2011

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**In the matter of the application for a Certificate of Approval from the Commission, submitted by Brian Francis on behalf of Fragnoli Real Estate LLC, to replace the rear upper deck with composite decking and to power wash and seal/stain the railing at the premises addressed as 14 ½ East Genesee Street in the Village of Skaneateles.**

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Present: Charles Williams, Chairman  
David Neibert, Member  
Katharine Dyson, Member  
Pat Blackler, Member  
Mona Smalley, Member  
Andrew Ramsgard, Member  
Carol Young, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Kevin Allyn, Crown Construction, on behalf of the Applicant

Robert Eggleston, Skaneateles  
Ted Kinder, Skaneateles  
Cate Davis, Skaneateles  
Sally Mason, Skaneateles

Absent: Beverly White, Member  
Karlene Miller, Member

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing at 8:02 pm announcing the application of Fragnoli Real Estate, LLC for 14 ½ East Genesee Street. Chairman Williams asked, "Brian Francis?" Mr. Allyn responded, "No, I'm Kevin Allyn from Crown Construction representing the Applicant." The Chair clarified, "Changing the deck on the lake side of 14 ½ Genesee Street, behind Roland's." Member Ramsgard asked, "So the plan is just to replace the decking material, the hand rail is going to stay?" Mr. Allyn said, "That's correct." Member Ramsgard continued, "So it's really just the horizontal surfaces that were the pressure-treated going to the composite, that's all we're talking about?" Mr. Allyn said, "That's correct." Member Blackler asked, "Are you doing the lower deck and the top?" Mr. Allyn said, "No, just the top deck. The 7 foot by 19 foot upper deck has 2X6 pressure-treated lumber on it presently, and we'd like to remove that and replace it with 5/4 by 6 composite decking. It is in this color (indicating the sample) and the deck has been there so long that it is grayed and everything, so we tried to keep the same color scheme so to speak. That's basically it." Member Dyson indicated, "I don't have any problem with it. I'd move that we approve it." Member Neibert concurred. Chairman

Williams said, "There's just one thing on your data sheets in here, this is not the Skaneateles Historical Society, this is the Preservation Commission."

Member Young asked, "Could I just see the sample in here? This is something that you can paint if you want to, but you don't have to, right?" Mr. Allyn responded, "I believe you probably could paint it if you want to but that would make a maintenance issue." Several sidebar discussions took place. Member Neibert asked, "All of the rest of the railings and everything and the banisters are sort of that color right now?" Mr. Allyn, "Yes, the railings were stained gray." Member Young asked, "And this is the width that it is, right?" Mr. Allyn answered, "Yes, it is the same width as the 2X6 material that's on there now." Chairman Williams said, "From my experience, this will sag if you get too wide a span. Is that true Ted, Andy?" Member Ramsgard said, "If there's too wide a span." Mr. Allyn offered, "Depending on the type of material used, yes. Some of the solid composite would sag more than the ones with the structural ribs in it. It's lighter but just as rigid." Mr. Kinder asked, "What kind of material is that? What's the name of it?" Mr. Allyn responded, "It's called Best Deck. Builders Best, which is in Cortland, they manufacture that now up in Preble."

Chairman Williams said, "Noting that Skaneateles Historical Society is both on page 15 and 16. I just want to get that noted on yours." Member Smalley asked, "Do you nail it down?" Mr. Allyn said, "Screw it, screw it down. There are special stainless steel screws made for that." Member Smalley asked, "Do they go in the top?" Mr. Allyn, "Yes."

**Member Dyson repeated her motion, "That we approve this application for a Certificate of Approval."**

Member Neibert said, "I'll second the motion."

The Chairman stated, "We had some sketches here. I would have liked one from the top of the wall – seawall showing the whole back of the building." Mr. Allyn asked, "A picture?" The Chair said, "Yes. Please get one of those for the file."

The Chair asked for any further discussion. Hearing none the Chair called for the vote. On the unanimous vote of those members present in favor, the Chairman called the motion "Carried."

This public hearing was closed at 8:08 pm.