

Village of Skaneateles
Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission
August 8, 2012

Present: Patricia Blackler, Chairman, HLPC
Ted Kinder, Member
Dave Neibert, Member
Mona Smalley, Member
Beverly White, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Historical Commission

Dennis Coleman, Syracuse, on behalf of the Applicant

Absent: Katharine Dyson, Member
Karlene Miller, Member
Andrew Ramsgard, Member
Carol Young, Member

At 7:30 pm Chairman Blackler asked Member Kinder to recap the matter before the Commission. Member Kinder said, “There were three open issues at the end of last month’s public hearing: the color of the two entry doors into the LakeHouse Pub; another was the hardware on those two entry doors; and the third was the color for the two man-doors that are around the back side, near the overhead garage door. So, starting out with the doors to LakeHouse Pub, I think what you guys came up with and what we submitted is black. We’d like to do both doors in ‘black ink’. The ‘gunmetal’ is the west elevation basement doors. The two doors would be black; the doors to 300 are black; the doors to the upstairs are black; it goes with their color scheme.

Member Kinder continued, “The ‘gunmetal’ would be for the two man-doors next to the overhead door.” Member Neibert asked, “Does that ‘gunmetal’ match the overhead door or is that something different?” Member Kinder replied, “No. That overhead door unfortunately is white and it’s a factory finished white. But all the rest of the trim is white, so it goes along OK. This kind of goes pretty well with the stone that we had approved last month, it’s just kind of a natural, earthy color that we think goes pretty well with the stone – the gray of the stone. We’d just like the doors to just kind of go away, really. And then the hardware, we do have one slight change from what Bob [Eggleston] noted on the application. He said ‘the westerly West Genesee Street door will have a Knoxville pull plate with a Wilshire pull’, which is this one right here. Just simple, square – just wanted something that was not fancy, that would go along with the bar that’s not fancy bar at all.”

Member Neibert asked, “What is the length of that pull?” Member Kinder responded, “That is a 12 inch. Actually the plate is 12 inches, the pull itself is only 8 inches.” Members Neibert and

Kinder agreed that the 18 inch size would have been too big. Chairman Blackler said, “I think it is quite simple and strong looking.” The Members White and Smalley concurred that it seems to fit.

Member Kinder said, referring to the application, “One thing that Bob says, though, that we’ve kind of re-thought is ‘the westerly West Genesee Street door (which is the main door into the LakeHouse Pub; the door that everybody uses and the door that everybody used to get into Morris’s) will have this pull on it, the eastern door will have no hardware on the outside’. We got thinking about that and we think that we should put a pull on that door also, just to make it look right, even though it will be limited access. That door is an emergency exit, so there’s a panic device on the inside so that people can get out. It may be a little confusing; people may come up and pull on it – you might have to put a little sign saying ‘exit only’. I think after the first few weeks people will get it. But our thought was that it would look funny to have these two doors here and one doesn’t have a pull on it.” The submittal was changed to note that the hardware would be on both doors.

Member Neibert asked, “So what’s the color of the handle, is it black also?” Member Kinder replied, “It is an oil-rubbed bronze. It’s pretty much what you see here, it’s dark, it’s not black, it has an oil-rubbed bronze look to it.” Member Neibert questioned the hinges, which are to match the handles. Member Smalley asked, “So for upkeep of the doors, is all you have to do is rub it with oil every couple of years?” Member Kinder replied, “You really don’t have to do anything with it. What it will do after a few years, you’ll start to see where people have grabbed on it – which is cool because then it will look like it has been there for 100 years.”

Chairman Blackler asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none she said, “I’ll entertain a motion.” **Member Neibert said, “I’ll make a motion to approve the details as presented.” Member Smalley seconded.** Upon the unanimous vote of all members present in favor of the motion, with Member Kinder abstaining, Chairman Blackler declared, “The motion is passed.”

This matter was concluded at 7:40 pm. A sidebar discussion then ensued regarding the status of the work being done, possible opening dates, capacity, and the partners’ willingness to host a fundraiser for The Creamery sometime after the opening.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to HLPC