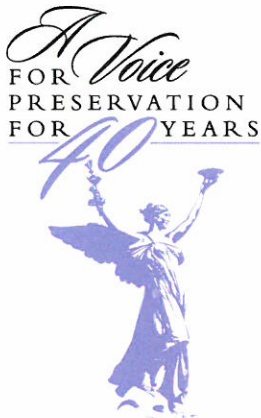


March 6, 2018



Mr. Steve Rowland, Chair  
Design Review Commission  
City Hall  
474 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**RE: 130 Van Dam Street – Addition of Porch Roof**

Dear Steve:

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation reviewed the application for the construction of a porch roof over the existing concrete stoop at 130 Van Dam Street.

The circa 1900 vernacular style house is a contributing building to the West Side Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Historically the house had a one-story full-width porch.

The Foundation is pleased with the proposed construction of a roof over the existing concrete stoop that will improve the facade of the building as well as add protection from the elements. Understanding that the metal handrail exists, the Foundation recommends a simple stick wood balustrade, which would be more historically appropriate. The Foundation also recommends against the introduction of the brackets and the stick frieze. The brackets and stick frieze do not exist on the two-story west facade porches. These new details create a false historic appearance and are strongly discouraged.

The Foundation appreciates the effort and investment the homeowner will be taking to improve this historic property.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew E. Veitch".

Matthew Veitch  
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samantha Bosshart".  
Samantha Bosshart  
Executive Director

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