



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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January 16, 2018

Mr. Bradley Birge
Administrator of Planning and Economic Development
City of Saratoga Springs
474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Re: SEQRA
Rip Van Dam Proposed Expansion
353 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY
13PR02563

Dear Mr. Birge:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) as part of your SEQRA process. These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/ Cultural resources.

This submission includes revised building elevations and renderings for the expansion of the Rip Van Dam Hotel. The more uniform fenestration pattern at the upper stories is an aesthetic improvement, which also helps to address our concerns with height and visibility along Broadway. The colonnaded entrance as well as the bracketed cornice are compatible, though slightly elaborate for in-fill construction in a historic district.

If this project will involve state or federal permitting, funding or licensing, it may require continued review for potential impacts to architectural and archaeological resources, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or Section 14.09 of NYS Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 268-2164.

Sincerely,

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