

August 1, 2018



Ms. Tamie Ehinger, Chair  
Design Review Commission  
City Hall  
474 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**RE: 155 Union Avenue – New Construction**

Dear Tamie,

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation has reviewed the revised plans for the construction of a new single-family residence and accessory structure at 155 Union Avenue.

The site of the proposed new residence is located in the Union Avenue Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This historic district represents a significant collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century residential architecture through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, showing an evolution of architectural style.

The Foundation supports the construction of new contextual design that is compatible with the historic district. The Foundation appreciates the changes that the applicants made based on the recommendations that the Foundation provided including: the reduced height of front and rear gables, cladding the gable ends in cedar shingles, the removal of the brick treatment on the primary façade, and changes to the primary facade window fenestration and porch supports as well as changes to the façade of the garage.

Last week Samantha met with the applicant and at that time she suggested a front door that was more in-keeping with the surrounding houses in the district. She also indicated that the octagonal window in the gable-end is not appropriate. Other windows and/or a vent would be more appropriate. The applicant indicated that the window would be removed. The Foundation respectfully requests that the Design Review Commission take these additional comments into consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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

Matthew E. Veitch  
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Samantha Bosshart'.

Samantha Bosshart  
Executive Director

Cc: JPSMSC LLC, Applicant