Village of Skaneateles
Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission
September 12, 2012

Present: Patricia Blackler, Chairman, HLPC
Katharine Dyson, Member
Karlene Miller, Member
Dave Neibert, Member
Andrew Ramsgard, Member
Mona Smalley, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Historical Commission

James Lanning, Village Trustee
Chad Rogers, Skaneateles

Absent: Ted Kinder, Member
Beverly White, Member
Carol Young, Member

At 7:30 pm Chairman Blackler opened the Public Hearing in the matter of Robert Kiltz/Caskill, LLC's application to modify trim colors previously approved by the Commission for 42 East Genesee Street. Member Ramsgard, having recused himself in this matter, introduced himself and made the presentation of behalf of the Applicant, saying, "These are the colors [showing a painted board]. The first page, the 8 ½ by 11, is the photographs of the existing building with the colors rendered on to the façade. So in the top triangular pediment you see Aurora Brown which is this one; then the inside perimeter of the triangle is the Roycroft Suede – these are all Sherwin Williams colors – and then the proposed accents are the Roycroft Bronze-Green – that goes around the window trim and the frame of the archway. On the back up on the roof, fascia and soffit details, it is the Aurora Brown again; and then back to the Roycroft Bronze-Green. And then the Classic Burgundy stays on the accent pieces, and that shows up in the rendered photograph." Chairman Blackler observed, "So the two, front and back, are the same on the top."

Member Neibert asked, "Is this other thing, is this the original colors that were proposed or is it just a rendering?" Member Ramsgard replied, "It is a rendering that shows the application of the original colors. It doesn't really print that well; that's why we photo-shopped it in with the photograph so you can see it a lot better." Member Miller asked, "How are these different from what the original colors were?" Member Ramsgard replied, "The original two colors were the Classic Burgundy and we had Glazed Pear, which is this one." Chairman Blackler asked, "What made you move to change them?" Member Ramsgard said, "Robert moves in mysterious ways." Member Neibert said, "I think the new colors are better than the old ones. They are more

subtle." Member Miller said, "I do too. I like it. That's very nice." Member Ramsgard said, "It adds some more detail to it."

Chairman Blackler said, "Thank you very much for bringing bigger samples." Member Dyson said, "It looks good to me." Member Neibert said, "It looks good to me."

Chairman Blackler opened the public comment portion of the Hearing, asking "Is there anyone here who would like to speak in favor of the application?" Trustee Lanning said, "I think the new colors look wonderful, and I would advocate for their approval." She then asked, "is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition to the application?" Hearing none she said, "Then we will close the Public Hearing. I need a motion." Member Miller moved to close the public hearing. Member Neibert seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present, the Chairman called the Public Hearing closed.

Member Miller said, "I make a motion that we approve the application for new colors." Member Neibert seconded the motion.

Members Dyson, Miller, Neibert, and Smalley, and Chairman Blackler voted in favor of the motion. Member Ramsgard abstained. Chairman Blackler declared, "The motion is approved."

Following the vote, Chairman Blackler reported that in the matter of the door handles for the Genesee Street doors, that both Ramsgard and Dundon had researched it and found that the matter was discussed in the April and May 2010 meetings, and approved as a package. Member Neibert said, "All I'm saying is that this original drawing shows small handles, and now we have big handles. And I think they are not in keeping with the style of the building. They are not a colonial-looking type of handle." Member Dyson said, "But if they were approved then we have no redress." Chairman Blackler said, "I'd like to close this matter tonight."

Member Ramsgard said, "I will talk to Robert and see what I can do. In the rendering, there is confusion form the first version that we submitted, that had the ornamental ironwork, that shows the longer handles; and on the second version we took the ornamental ironwork off, and also removed the handles – we only showed the locksets. So if that is confusing, that is my fault." Chairman Blackler asked, "So do you feel that you want to discuss it with Robert?" Member Ramsgard said, "I will definitely discuss it with Robert." Chairman Blackler said, "So we don't have to bring it up again until we hear from you -- because we have brought it up several times."

Member Ramsgard said, "I will discuss it with Robert. It is confusing and my mistake for not having it on the final." Member Dyson asked, "The question would be which one did we approve then? Because if we approved the first one…" Member Ramsgard pointed out the two renderings to the Commission, saying, "These had the long handles, you can see them in there, where these just have the locksets. We took the ironwork off and it was on the same layer as the handles." Member Neibert said, "I thought these are the handles. Kind of what they did on the new Pub down here, just a short, nice handle that's sort of colonial-looking instead of Tuscany-looking."

Chairman Blackler said, "But these were approved by us. So Andy is going to talk to Robert Kiltz, and we don't have to bring it up again until Andy brings it to us and reports what Kiltz said. And if this was approved, and the whole thing was approved once, I do not think that we should go back and wreak the havoc."

Member Neibert wondered if there were mounting holes drilled in the door and "if you went to a smaller handle would you have holes drilled in the doors?" Member Ramsgard said, Well they are bronze doors; they are metal doors." Member Neibert said, "If you have to keep a long handle, because of…" Member Ramsgard said, "We'll use a bigger backplate." Member Neibert suggested, "Go to a black or a bronze, that isn't going to jump out at you like these do." Member Ramsgard said, "The finish could easily get adjusted, so that they drop back." Chairman Blackler said, "Andy, just for the record, I like the handles. And I know Beverly likes the handles. Anyway the discussion is over about the handles. The next time we can talk about this is when Andy brings it up – otherwise it is over." This matter was concluded at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to HLPC