Village of Skaneateles Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission Regular Meeting October 16, 2023

Present: Chad Rogers, Chairman

Kathie Dyson, Member Ted Kinder, Member Lisa Riordan, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

Donald Reeves, Home Depot, on behalf of the applicants

Tyde Richards, Village Trustee

Absent: Dave Birchenough, Member

Re: Public Hearing in the matter of the application of GO Permits LLC on behalf of Robert Gregory for Certificate of Approval to replace 13 windows at the property addressed as 32 East Genesee Street in the Village of Skaneateles.

At 7:10 pm, Chairman Rogers opened the public hearing for the Gregory application for 32 East Genesee Street. He explained that the application involves the use of vinyl windows, and that this Board has not approved vinyl windows for use in Historic District applications. The Board's guidelines recommend wood or aluminum clad wood windows as acceptable replacements.

Mr. Reeves argued that the material is good.

Member Dyson said that the material is not the same. Mr. Reeves argued that the proposed solution is less expensive and offers better performance with vinyl. He continued that except for Marvin or Pella, nothing is aluminum clad. This is an expensive option for the second and third floors application which are not readily observable.

Member Kinder stated that the sash on Anderson windows is no longer wood, it is a composite. Mr. Reeves asserted the performance is the same when painted.

Chairman Rogers stated that the Board has had Pella and Marvin clad products presented to the Board. He does not think it will accept vinyl. Member Kinder said a lot of people are confused about the numbers of choices.

Mr. Reeves asked if the Board would approve Anderson hybrid windows? Chairman Rogers said it would have to study the specs. Mr. Reeves argued that Anderson should not be a problem, in that it comes in a painted white finish with grids so the appearance looks good. Member Dyson asked if the grids are between the glass? Mr. Reeves answered Yes. Member Dyson stated that she did not think that met the guidelines either. Mr. Reeves asserted that they have been approved in historic districts in Utica and Ithaca.

Chairman Rogers said he suggests leaving the matter open.

Member Riordan, ", "I move to adjourn the public hearing and to continue this matter to a future meeting pending the applicant's updating of the materials to be used." Member Kinder seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, the motion was carried 4-0.

This matter was concluded at 7:34 pm.

Member Dyson said that she did get the West Lake Road historic district information. Chairman Rogers said that he is just looking to have a conversation to see if there is interest in pursuing an initiative. Member Kinder stated that how it is presented is important. The Board members reclarified that the Board's interest is in those portions of structures or other attributes that are visible from public rights-of-way. Member Dyson stated that she believes the entire Village should be an historic district, like Pittsford, NY. Obviously, new structures will be introduced from time to time.

This discussion was concluded and on motion of Chairman Rogers, seconded by Member Kinder, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards