

**Village of Skaneateles
Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting December 18, 2023**

Present: Ted Kinder, Acting Chairman
Dave Birchenough, Member
Lisa Riordan, Member

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards
Ian Carroll, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator

Safoora Usmani, Applicant

Bob Eggleston, 1391 E Genesee St

Absent: Chad Rogers, Chairman
Kathie Dyson, Member

*Re: Consideration of the application of **Safoora Usmani** for Certificate of Approval to replace roof deck, construct a pergola and repaint the rear façade at the property addressed as **36 East Genesee Street** in the Village of Skaneateles. All of this work has already been done.*

At 7:27 pm, Chairman Kinder opened discussion for the Usmani application for 36 East Genesee Street.

Ms. Usmani said that she had a leaking deck to repair, but it was rotted, so she replaced it instead, with a deck exactly the same size. She asserted that she did not know that a permit was required for that work. She apologized.

Mr. Carroll said that the applicant has submitted all the required information.

Ms. Usmani stated that the pergola is a replacement for a prior structure on top of the deck. She said that a terra cotta color for the rear façade was chosen to improve the appearance of the stucco.

Member Riordan asked if CEO Crompt has inspected the pergola? Mr. Carroll said Yes. Chairman Kinder expressed concern about the wind load? Ms. Usmani said the structure is wide open on top. The sides roll down. It is not bolted down. Chairman Kinder determined that the structure is made of aluminum, and strongly advised that it be bolted down if covered. He went on to state that he thinks it looks great, and that the aluminum will hold up much better than wood.

Chairman Kinder said that he has no problem with what was done, and thought that the applicant had done a good job. **Member Riordan, “I move to approve the modifications as built.”** **Member Birchenough seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, the motion was carried 3 – 0.**

Mr. Eggleston continued his presentation stating that the existing business signage is rather ugly and that the sign board is too large for the space. The cornice should be exposed. New narrower signage will be proportional and placed similarly to that used on adjacent properties exposing the transoms. The exterior door will be changed to one having full glass. Chairman Kinder and Member Birchenough thought that would look better.

Mr. Eggleston continued that in the back, the applicant would like to open up the first floor space using larger, fully-opening windows that look like 3-over-1 double-hung windows when closed. The two flankers will open upwards, the center window will be fixed. The rear door will be a full glass door painted black. On the front, shutters will be used to differentiate the building and will be painted black. The proposed awning is a black and white stripe that will project 3 feet at an 80 inch height. It will be a fixed awning. Member Birchenough said that it will be a much better front.

Member Riordan asked if there will be some white windows? Mr. Eggleston said Yes, the sliders in back. The Board asked about the lower level finishes? Mr. Billone said that they will have to resubmit when they have a fully developed plan. Member Riordan suggested that the lower level door be painted black, and asked about the shutter material? Mr. Eggleston said Composite.

Member Birchenough, “I move to approve the proposed modifications as submitted, pursuant to drawings dated 11.06.2023.” **Member Riordan seconded the motion. Upon the unanimous vote of the members present in favor of the motion, the motion was carried 3 – 0.**

This matter was concluded at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards