# The Installation of a Residential Retractable SunSetter Awning to an existing deck at 425 Marlborough St \#5 Back Bay. 

This proposal is to install a retractable residential sized SunSetter Awning to an existing deck. It would be installed above the back of the deck not visible from the street, the back mini alley or the main alley. This is on top of a 4 story brown stone building.

The reasoning behind my request:

I'd like to install an alternative to an unstable umbrella for shade on the back of my deck. As you will see via the attached photographs, this is where I have my dining table and chairs. It would tie into the existing deck framing and railing support system. It is a motorized retractable awning unit that that will be securely bolted to a metal structure and the fabric rolls out of the unit, and the weight of the awning is a total of 85 lbs .

About five years ago my umbrella blew over and smashed my glass table. The umbrella stand under the table was a very heavy metal flat umbrella stand with the umbrella pole locked in place.

Since then I've always secured the umbrella with two bungee cords to the side railings when up. This summer the umbrella blew over again taking the table with it, and breaking yet another umbrella.

One day late this summer my neighbor a few doors up had her smaller umbrella (which has never been an issue) blow off her roof deck onto the pavement below just missing impaling a pedestrian walking by.

After hearing that I decided I need to figure out how to get a secure way of shading the backside of my deck. SunSetter states their awnings are wind resistant which withstood winds of $50-75 \mathrm{mph}$, in tests by an independent laboratory.

After doing a lot of research, I realized that the retractable motorized Su Setter awning with a built-in wind sensor is the best approach. There are a few of them existing and installed on other decks on my block that can be seen from my deck.

This is not the cheapest option, but it's the best option. This is the least obtrusive way for me to do this, as I don't want to install a large Pergola that would change the functionality of the deck permanently, plus be more visibly intrusive requiring constant weatherproofing and the wood will deteriorate as it ages.

The proposed awning is 10 ft wide for a 12.5 ft wide deck. When it opened, it would extend out over the dining table and chairs via motorized arms 7 feet. It has a wind sensor that will retract it if senses too much wind and this can be set to a sensitive mode if needed. Per the
manufacturer, it can withstand gale-force winds, and my deck is sheltered by the surrounding higher buildings.

## How to install it:

The best way to do this so it has the strongest structure without adding another material to the deck is to install it using 3 wrought iron supports (to look like the existing black iron railings). But these would be a bit thicker than the existing side and middle railing supports.

I interviewed with three ironwork companies about the fabrication of supports to handle the awning by weight and functionality to match my existing railings. They all came up with the same plan of three supports tied into the deck structure with a steel crossbeam to attach the awning brackets. All joints will be bolted together, not welded, and all metal work will be painted the standard ironwork black to match the existing railings.

No metal work will be performed during the installation, its only nuts and bolts as the posts and cross beam would be fabricated off site.

This awning would be installed at a $7 \mathrm{ft} 6^{\prime \prime}$ height above the deck flooring per the manufacturers guidelines. This is less of an eyesore then my old umbrella was when it's up.

From the back of the roof - all you will see are 3 supports and a black cross bar. You won't see the rolled-up awning when it's not in use, and it would have a protective cover on it during the winter months- only visible to me on the deck side.

The Sunsettter awnings can withstand strong wind storms per the manufacturer specification, and it will be aesthetically pleasing in a mid-linen brown solid color- per the sample sent in with my application.

I think this is a safe attractive option for shade on my deck (which I use all the time).
I look forward to your approval.

Best,
Alexandra Crivon


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



THIRD FLOOR PLAN


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# Somerville Ornamental Iron Works, Inc. 

## 11 George Street

Somerville, MA 02145
10/20/16

## Alexandra Crivon

## 427 Marlborough St \#8 Boston MA 02115

I am pleased to propose the steel awning support structure project.
We plan to: A. Design \& install a frame to support the Sunsetter Awning
B. Fabricate a frame that will tie in to the floor joist with (6) lag screws .

The frame will have (6) holes to attach the awning, prime and painted black.
We propose to deliver and install (3-6 week) after receiving order
$\left.\begin{array}{|c||l|l|}\hline \text { Item } & \text { Description } & \\ \hline 1 & \text { Fabricate steel frame, prime \& paint black } & \text { Price } \\ 2 & \text { Install frame on roof deck } & \\ 3 & & \\ & & \\ & \text { (Delivery 3-6 weeks ) } & \text { Total Cost }\end{array}\right)$

Terms: $50 \%$ of payment upon signing of proposal.

> All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alternation or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.
> Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance:
Signature:

## Thank you

Sincerely,
Joseph Mirabile
339-221-1549

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Our top-of-the-line, most popular models, the ultimate in push button shade and protection.
Now simply press a button and get cool shade and protection instantly. The Motorized and Motorized XL Awnings operate effortlessly in

Read 3047 Reviews seconds, so you can control the weather on your deck or patio. They are the ultimate in convenience, protection, and affordability.

The Motorized XL Awning is identical to the standard Motorized model, except that it offers greater projection (it extends out from your house up to 11 ft .8 in see details on the right.) So the XL provides the maximum in coverage, shade, and protection.

Our motorized awnings are a "lateral arm" style. The motor operates strong support arms that open and close horizontally under the awning canopy.

These exceptional awnings give you the same features - or better - than other electric awnings costing hundreds or even thousands of dollars more, including a sophisticated dual cable system that needs no vertical supports, plus a reliable SOMFY ${ }^{(0)}$ motor - the best in the industry - hidden inside the awning roller.

Motorized and Motorized XL Awning Prices

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- Nighttime enjoyment. Add our Dimming LED Lights to extend your awning usage into the evening.
- Turns your deck or patio into a beautiful "outdoor room".
- Lets you outsmart the weather. Provides cool shade anytime you want. It can be up to 20 degrees cooler under your awning.
- Great protection. Blocks $99 \%$ of harmful UVA and UVB rays.
- Helps keep the inside of your home cooler by preventing sun from coming in windows and sliding glass doors.
- Closes in seconds when you want to enjoy the sun.

Motorized \& Motorized XL Model Facts:

## - Awning Style:

Lateral arms open and close horizontally under the canopy, with push button Remote Control.

- Widths and Fabrics: Motonized Model 8 ft - 18 ft . (Acrylic or Laminated Fabric)
- Fabric Color Choices:

Woven Acrylic Fabric and Color Choices

- Minimum Mounting Height: needed for installation: 7 ft .6 in.
- Installation:

Do it yourself in just 2-3 hours, with easy to follow, step-by-step instructions and DVD. Most Authorized SunSetter Dealers also offer optional professional installation.
Dealer Locator

- Requires Electricity: The Motorized Awning has a standard 18 ft . cord that plugs into any grounded outlet.
- American Quality:

Assembled right here in the USA. 5 Year Limited Warranty
















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BACK BAY ARCHITECTURAL DISTRICT

CONDITIONAI APPROVAL

Mr. Edgar Puente
160 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02116
NOTICE OF DECISION
Application \#87.07
425-427 Marlborough Street
Dear Mr. Puente:
At a meeting held in Boston City Hall on January 14, 1987, the Back Bay Architectural Commission reviewed and voted to approve the following items of your application as modified:

1. Door frames in each building to be reconstracted with details of what presently exists at 427. The doors themselves will be an exact replica of what existed prior to commencement of work at each location.
2. Wood windows will be replaced with new replacement sash and jamb frame with new material (either wood or PVC clad wood) to match the color and the profile of the existing sash. These will match what existed prior to their unauthorized removel.
3. Use of wrought iron railings details to be submitted prior to installation as a material for the front yard. These details shall show (a) general design, (b) relationship to the existing stone curbing and (c) relationsing to the railing for the steps.
4. Construction of roof decks, as shown on plans dated $4 / 16 / 86$, except the handrail system should be of wrought iron similar to the design and details of the front yard railings (peinted black) and access to the roof shall be by an operable skylight finished with standing seam copper or black anonized aluminum. All plumbing vents shall be cut to minium code height ( $2^{\prime}$ plus or minus) and painted black.
5. Mechanicsl equipment to be screened by a metal enclosure of detailing and color to metch roof hatch.
6. All details to be finally approved by staff.

Mhis determination by the commission is based solely upon documentatior presented at the hearing. If actions by other authorities having jurisdiction over this proposel are in conflict with this decision, those actions may affect the status of this certificate. The applicand is responsible seeking commission approval of any changes to this project, and failure to do so will invalidate this certificate. (This means a continuation of any unauthorized work.)
Any alterations associated with the intent of this application that ar not comprehensively noted, dimensioned and described in thi documentation provided to the commission are unauthorized and, i. constructed, shall constitute a violation of Chapter 625 of The Acts 0 1966, as amended.

This decision is valid for two years.

Mr . Edgar Puente
January 28, 1987
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The commission also voted to deny without prejudice the $6^{\prime}$ stockade fence in the rear and the work proposed to the rear elevation. You should return to a subsequent meeting with plans showing an accurate representation of what is built and what is proposed including details about restoration of brick, masonry and detailing of doors (noting that the present clear glass will not be acceptable and existing white will not acceptable and the revised plan should include all drains and identify vents). A separate Certificate of Appropriateness will be required for this portion of the work.

Please present a copy of this certificate when filing for a building permit at the Inspectional Services Department (Fth floor, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue) prior to issuance of a permit.

16ank you for your cooperation with the architectural commission.
Respectfully,
Gently. Ferpuon
Jean M. Ferguson
Executive Secretary
CC: Design Partnership of Cambridge
RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE
Application \#87.07
MOTION by Gordon SECOND by Lewis
AFFIRMATIVE: Gleason, Christiansen, Gordon, Lewis and Johnson NEGATIVE: (None)
ABSTAINED: Rothstein

