


**Town of Edgartown**  
~Historic District Commission~  
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**Historic District Commission**  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 7, 2021



In accordance with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, this meeting was conducted through remote conference technology and was recorded.

Members in attendance: Susan Catling – Chairman, Carole Berger, Ken Magnuson, Peter Rosbeck, Cari Williamson. Absent: Chris Scott & Julia Tarka. Staff: Bricque Garber & Doug Finn –Zoom Host

Ms. Catling called the meeting to order at 4:02 and explained the Public Hearing procedures.

**Public Hearing: 37 Main St. (20D-206)** North Water St Corp. Patrick Ahearn/agent. Applicant proposes a new section of 6 foot wood fence at the East (Main St) side of the yard. *The proposed exterior stairway was been withdrawn from this application.* The Public Hearing Notice was read. Mr. Ahearn made his presentation requesting a 6 ft board fence be placed at the opening of the alley. Given comments from the last meeting, he noted that he has no objection to the fence or screen to be painted white rather than Essex green as provided in the application and noted no objection to the commissioner’s request for a section of the fence to have a gate for refuse removal. The reasons for the fence deal with the sight of trash containers, electric meters, public access to leave trash and use of the alley as a toilet area. Mr. Ahearn further noted that the tree roots have raised the bricks and created walking hazard.

Members questions and comments: Cari Williamson, would you consider creating a “swoop” on the gate. Cari further expressed a preference for white rather than green to be more consistent with other properties and tie in the neighboring building. Susan Catling asked if they would consider a lattice top on the fence. Carole Berger noted that this alley is wider than many others on the street and thus should be considered more carefully when considering how best to cover the span. Carole agrees that the alley is an eyesore and that some fencing is a good idea. Cari asked if the fence could be 5 rather than 6 feet? There was a further discussion of a gate. Patrick said that he would prefer a solid 6 foot fence to hide the visual of the meters on the adjoining building. He feels it is an important feature.

Ms. Catling opened the public hearing, James Joyce said that he thinks this is too tall and will look like a “giant wall” noting a preference for the fencing to be placed on the far side of the tree. He thinks the meters, which have been there for a very long time, are not different than seen in other Main St locations and need not be a consideration in this application. Mr. Ahearn responded to the concerns saying that the removal of meters from the site line is very important and he disagrees with Mr. Joyce’s objections and suggestions. Mr. Joyce reiterated his contention that this fence

Would create too much of a ‘solid wall’ and asked for some compromise. The comments from both Mr. Ahearn and Mr. Joyce became heated and were interrupted by the Chairman.

Ben Hall noted he has the same concerns that Mr. Joyce stated. Mr. Hall said that a dipping arch would provide a view into the ‘Town Green’ and asked that the fence not be too white nor too green. Mr. Hall and Mr. Ahearn began to discuss the green park space. At that time Ms. Catling interrupted that conversation, as well, noting that the application before the Commissioners is just for a fence on the Main St. side of the building not the use of the green space. Ms. Catling closed the public hearing.

Carole Berger said she is in favor of a 5-6 ft. fence with a gate. Cari Williamson again asked for a swoop in the gate for a better view through to the tree and the green space.

At that time, Mr. Ahearn showed a sketch on the screen that indicated a 6 ft. fence at the both edges of the alley and a gate that swoops down to 5’ in the center, painted white.

All members were polled and found no objection to the changes, per the drawing presented. Motion to approve as presented during the hearing, to be painted white, Cari Williamson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carole Berger. Unanimously approved. Mr. Ahearn emailed the drawing, signed and dated, to Bricque for inclusion into the record of proceedings. (see attached)

**21 Planting Field Way (20F-36.2)** GSC Realty Trust. Guy Grassi/agent. Applicant proposes to add a pool cabana. Mr. Grassi appeared to discuss the cabana. It was noted that the cabana plans were reviewed as part of a previous application but were not called out in that application. Cari asked about the visibility from the public way. A: very limited as only a small part is visible through the hedges. Members reviewed the plans and there was a brief discussion. Motion to approve as presented Susan Catling. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Berger. Unanimously approved.

**28 Pierce Lane (20B-114)** John Linnan. Brian Dennison - Permit Services/agent. Applicant proposes to install 8 Renewal by Andersen replacement windows. Charles Berkowitz represented that there will be no change to the building trims. There was a short discussion, members noting that they have previously approved Renewal by Andersen replacement windows at another project. Motion to approve Carole Berger. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cari Williamson. Unanimously approved.

**95 School St. (29A-4.2)** Katherine Walsh. Gene Erez/agent. Applicant proposes to replace 6 windows and remove 2, 1/2 round windows. Donald Morway appeared for the applicant and discussed the removal and replacement of 6 windows and the removal of 1/2 round windows to be covered with clapboard. The members concurred that the removal of the 1/2 round windows will be more historically accurate. Motion to approve Susan Catling. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Magnuson. Approved.

**38 N Water St. (20D-216)** Colonial Inn LLC. Michael Calheta/agent. Applicant proposes to replace rotted trim with existing detail using composite where possible. Photographs were shown and Mr. Calheta explained that he will replace the trim with its current detail and configuration using Klear (composite) where appropriate and mahogany for railings. Motion to approve, Ken Magunson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Rosbeck. Approved.

**41 Winter St. (20D-218)** Edward Kuchinski. Hilary Grannis/agent. Change to approved plans. Applicant proposes to change foundation veneer from stone to brick to match existing. Photos of the excavation showed a brick foundation on the Summer St. side of the building. She requested to match the brick rather than the stone veneer as was previously approved. Motion to approve Ken Magnuson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Berger. Approved

**New/Old Business:**

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Motion to approve Susan Catling. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Berger. Unanimously approved.

The members thanked Doug Finn for hosting of the meeting and adjourned at 4:58.

Respectfully submitted:

*Bricque Garber, Assistant*

Approved by vote of the commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.21.21  
*Bricque Garber, Assistant*