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Minutes

July 25, 2024

Per Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will only be held through remote conference technology.

In attendance: Julia Tarka, co-chair, Peter Rosbeck, co-chair, Ken Magnuson, Hilary Grannis, James Cisek, Cari Williamson. Susan Catling was absent. Ken Magnuson left the meeting after the first applicant.

Julia Tarka called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

11 & 13 Dock: Bill Roman discussed having a custom-made replacement window with restoration glass, painted white on the outside and unfinished on the inside. We want to ensure the flashing is right and the window matches where it was previously. The gable area of the structure will be re-shingled as well. Julia Tarka asked for board comments on the window. Ken Magnuson questioned the window lining up with the door where it originally was. A.: If I can, I will. Julia Tarka stated it was more about not breaking the shingle line.

The Candy Bazaar deck was discussed. Julia Tarka asked for board comments. Ken Magnuson discussed design changes and poor craftsmanship. James Cisek agreed with Ken. Bill Roman also stated his disappointment with the result. Julia Tarka questioned when the deck and stairs are stained, would all of the repairs discussed be made and would you use the old pictures when re-building? A.: Yes. Ken Magnuson stated the new handrail is not placed in the original location, and, is not attached to the stringer, is now independent of the deck. I am unclear if the original post and stairs were fixed to the mainframe but the new stairs are no longer fixed to the mainframe and asking if this is code. A.: The original frame still exists it could be how the handrail is attached to the stairs. Julia Tarka asked if there were more questions from the commissioners. No one from the public spoke either in favor or

opposition. The public portion was closed and moved to board deliberation. The Commissioners thanked Bill Roman for returning before the Commission and using the Boston Sash Windows. Commissioners discussed the need for improvements, including rebuilding the benches and deck in a more historically, appropriate way and addressing issues related to the stability of deck boards and steps. Julia Tarak asked what the applicant would be willing to do for changes. Bill Roman agrees to take responsibility for these modifications, rebuild benches to match original design, fix wobbly stairs, straighten the edges of the deck, and stain the deck with a driftwood gray color, matching the lampposts around the property. The staining will happen in the off-season. Julia Tarka motioned for a vote. Motion to Approve with changes made by Ken Magnuson, seconded by Cari Williamson. *Unanimous vote by the board.*

30 Pierce Lane. Paul Pertile proposed replacing the grass with a cobblestone apron, as the grass is frequently damaged by vehicles. The apron would be 10 feet wide and 65 feet long. Julia Tarka asked the commissioners if they had any questions. James Cisek asked if any consideration was given to having a strip of lawn 2 to 3 feet wide by the homeowner's fence. A., Yes, instead of 10' they can do 7'. Peter Rosbeck asked if some grass was near the fence. A.: Yes, about 10 inches. Peter Rosbeck approves the proposal, clarifying that the homeowners would be responsible for any damage caused by utilities and not used for parking. Motion was made to Approve with conditions by Peter Rosbeck seconded by Hilary Grannis. *Unanimous vote by the board.*

25 School. Bruno Oliviera. Applicant shared photos and a description of the window to be used. James Cisek asked if the windows were original to the house. The homeowners spoke and stated in 2003 they had a renovation and had replaced windows. Julia Tarka asked for board comments, seeing none, a *Motion to Approve was made by Hilary Grannis, seconded by Cari Williamson.*

139 Katama. Matt Gongola discussed his proposed application to replace five windows with Marvin Elevate. Hilary Grannis asked if they were the original windows to the house. A.: I do not know the age of the windows. Julia Tarka asked how the commissioners felt about the Marvin Elevate. Hilary Grannis answered it is Marvin's middle of the road, if these are the original windows from a house built in the 1900's I would not like to see these windows replaced with these windows. Peter Rosbeck stated it is difficult to determine the age due to storms in the windows. Julia Tarak asked if the commissioners would like to move this application to a public hearing and a site visit to make a decision. A Motion to move to a public hearing and a site visit was made by Hilary Grannis, seconded by James Cisek.

2 South Water. Ted Karalekas explained his application. Rockland Trust Bank made an emergency call regarding the ramp railing possibly falling, temporary wood

railings installed and plans rendered. I propose to install the rails inside the ramp. The proposal is brick with a slate top and aluminum rail. Julia Tarka asked if the board had questions. James Cisek asked what the original material was used. A.: Cast Steel. I want to build the stone wall for safety so a child would not fall through the railings. Hilary Grannis asked how high the brick wall would be. A.: The same height as the metal. Hilary asked about the height of the pier that is there now. A.: 4' going down to 36" with the slope. I want to keep the top of the brick wall at 40" and is code. James Cisek asked if the building inspector had seen these plans. A.: No, but Reade Milne said." if the HDC approves the plan, she will sign off." Julia Tarka clarified the height at the bottom is 3' tall and will slope up to 4'. A.: No. The height will be almost 40" because the top is 48". Peter Rosbeck talked about the capping on the brick. A.: Slate. Peter asked if a handrail was going to be inside. A.: Yes, for wheelchair access. Peter clarified the handrail is on the inside of the brick and a slate top and the handrail will be at the same height as the old rail. Julia Tarka asked if there were any more questions from the commissioners. Julia asked each member for their vote. Motion to Approve as presented made by James Cisek, seconded by Hilary Grannis. *Unanimous vote by the board to approve as presented.*

New/Old Business: Motion to Accept July 11, 2024 minutes made by James Cisek, seconded by Hilary Grannis. Hilary Grannis, James Cisek, Cari Williamson, Julia Tarka approved the minutes.

The Martha's Vineyard Commission asked the HDC to respond to the changes made regarding the Prada Home. James Cisek stated the original front door is going to stay, and the three dormers still look very modern but other than that they are doing a good job in trying to save the house. James stated working with the MVC and the applicant and getting the changes we had requested. Hilary Grannis said every single window location has been maintained during the renovation, and has no problem with the dormers.

James Cisek made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hilary Grannis. *Unanimous vote by the Board to Adjourn the Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Sharon Brainard, Administrator

Approved: _____ 7/29/2024
As voted