

# Town of Edgartown

## ~Historic District Commission~

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### Zoom Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020



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

Members in attendance: Carole Berger, Susan Catling, Peter Rosbeck, Chris Scott & Cari Williamson. Absent: Ken Magnuson, Julia Tarka & Molly Costello.

Staff: Doug Finn-Host & Bricque Garber.

Mr. Scott opened the meeting at 4:02 PM and read from the Governor's order regarding remote teleconferencing.

**Public Hearing: 73 N. Water St. (20D-289)** Brian Mann. Applicant proposes the addition of a 30 x 14.5' Pool, pool fencing, change to Blue Stone and enlarge existing brick patio. Chairman Scott explained the HDC process for the Public Hearing. Bricque read the Public Hearing Notice.

Mr. Mann presented his plan for addition of a new pool, behind his house and the pool fencing. He provided photographs and diagrams and noted/displayed previous remarks from the members of the HDC as well as abutters. Mr. Mann explained the change of elevation from the house to the pool and described creating two steps to address the grade changes. The 6 ft fence, board with lattice top as well as the proposed gates, were presented by diagram and photo. Mr. Mann concluded his presentation. The members of the Commission had no questions, at that time.

The meeting was opened to the Public. Michelle Casavant, attorney for Twanette Tharp, abutter made a presentation to the Commissioners and asked for the 6 ft fence to be stained green, and a fence she described as in disrepair (not part of this application) be rebuilt. She further requested that the application be reviewed by the Conservation Commission and the Marine Advisory Committee. Ms. Casavant provided photographs and a diagram. Barbara Jordan, abutter thanked Mr. Mann for this new plan and discussed noise issues. The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Scott opened the hearing for Commissioner comments/questions. Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Mann for the completeness of this application and asked him if he was amenable to the fence suggestions outlined by Ms. Casavant. After some discussion, Mr. Mann stated that he will agree to stain, dark green, the side of the fence that faces Ms. Tharp's property. All fencing facing his property will be natural, left to weather. Mr. Mann noted that the pool equipment will be placed in the basement of the house. It is unknown by the HDC if the Marine Advisory Committee will be required to hear the application.

Mr. Scott discussed an un-built 6 ft' fence that was granted a Constructive/Hardship approval on July 11, 2019, due to a time delay in hearing the application. The 6' fence was approved to be built along Morse St. The Commission was not in favor of this fence and it was so stated. Mr. Scott requested that that fence approval be relinquished by Mr. Mann as it will have no purpose, as pool fencing, if the current application is approved. Mr. Mann said that he would not build the fence approved July 11, 2019 and that the current 4' picket fence will remain along Morse St., subject to approval of this application for pool and fencing by the HDC and Conservation Commission. It was noted that the approval by Con-Com is necessary for the project to go forward.

Mr. Scott made a motion that this application be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) The section of new 6' cedar board fence with, lattice top, along abutter Twanette Tharp's property will be stained Hunter Green on the abutter's side, only. Other sections of the new fencing will be natural (unstained).
- 2) The section of existing fencing along abutter Tharp's property that has fallen into disrepair will be replaced with new natural wood fencing, "style and dimensions to match the approved 6' fence".
- 3) The applicant will not construct any sections of new 6' fencing, previously approved by Constructive/Hardship approval on July 1, 2019, with the exception of the 6' fence at the parking area (perpendicular to Morse Street). That 6' section will 'swoop' down to meet the 4' picket fencing.
- 4) The pool equipment will be housed in the basement of the applicant's primary residence.
- 5) Approval of the project as conditioned, is subject to the approval of the Edgartown Conservation Commission.

2<sup>nd</sup>, Susan Catling. Unanimously approved.

**131 N. Water St. (20B-107) Continued from 6.25.2020.** Harbor View Hotel Owner LLC. Sean Murphy/agent. Applicant proposes a change of roof material, from cedar shingles to standing seam copper, on the electric/mechanical room on the Thayer St. side of the building. Mr. Murphy presented several photos showing copper roofs in the area around the Harbor View Hotel. He explained the reasoning for the use of copper in this location as being the most appropriate material to secure the slightly pitched roof against leaking. The Commissioners did not have further questions for Mr. Murphy. An email from the Edgartown Building Inspector was read. From that email: "Due to the leakage that was occurring, replacement of the roof with copper was an appropriate choice of material." Ms. Allgaert, abutter, requested the copper be replaced with asphalt shingles and Mr. Schwartz, by email, agreed. Ms. Allgaert asked why this roof was leaking while other flat roofs did not leak? Mr. Scott explained that this Commission is in no position to explain why one roof leaks and one does not. Mr. Scott, while noting that the copper roof was replaced without permit or Certificate of Appropriateness, said that it is not unusual, when leaking occurs, to make repairs quickly. Mr. Scott noting that this Commission

would likely have requested copper for this small area and described the roof as barely visible from the public way. Cari Williamson noted that the copper has already begun to “brown.” Mr. Scott made a motion to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carole Berger. Unanimously approved.

**4:25 - 44 School St. (20D-34)** Nina Meyer. Thomas Pierce/agent. Applicant proposes to replace rotten windows, resingled main house, resingled roof & sidewalls of shed, repair/replace trim as needed, replace stoop and picket fence, to match existing. Mr. Pierce described the project as being the result of deferred maintenance and noted that the windows on the house are not original to the 1820 House. He explained that they are making no changes to the house just replacing: trim, some windows (Andersen A series), siding, roofing & fencing. Susan asked about the shutters. A: Yes, shutter will be replaced with wood shutters to match existing. Windows replaced will be 4 on the gable end and 1 casement over looking garage. Motion to approve, Cari Williamson. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carole Berger. Unanimously approved.

**4:35 – 68 School St. (20D-24.2)** Lonna Wais. Merrill Langley/agent. Applicant proposes to remove current arch top window and replace with taller unit to extend to the first floor. New window will be the same style and width as existing. Bricque reminded the members that there was a renovation approved for this property in 2019. This window was part of that renovation plan. That plan was displayed on the screen. Mr. Langley described the Pella window changed to taller but the same profile and same width. Motion to approve, Susan Catling. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Peter Rosbeck. Unanimously approved.

**4:45 – 30 Cottage St. (20D-263.2)** 30 Cottage St. Realty Trust. Rosbeck Builders/agent. Applicant proposes to relocate existing 6 ft. fence, add-to & patch a 4 ft. fence and add gate. Peter Rosbeck was recused from hearing this application. Megan Lizotte of Rosbeck Builders., described the existing fence and showed by photo and diagram, to where the fence will be moved. Motion to approve, Chris Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cari Williamson. Unanimously Approved.

#### **Old/New Business:**

Minutes: 7.2.2020: Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted: Chris Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Peter Rosbeck. Unanimously approved.

Bricque discussed the temporary tents constructed this season to facilitate outdoor dining in the time of social distancing and noted the collaboration between the Applicants, Building Inspector, Health Inspector, Town Administrator, Planning Board, Police Chief, Fire Chief and HDC.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bricque Garber  
Administrator

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_