

Town of Edgartown

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~Historic District Commission~ Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2017



In Attendance: Christopher Scott-Chairman, Susan Catling, Carole Berger, Julia Celeste, Edith Blake, Robbie Hutchison & Peter Rosbeck (A). Absent: Cassie Bradley.
Staff: Bricque Garber

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 4:03.

The new Chairman began the meeting by thanking Susan Catling for her outstanding tenure as HDC Chairman. These sentiments were echoed by the members.

8 South Water St. (20D-188). Eugene Courtney. Public Hearing continued from 5.4.17. Applicant proposes to dismantle existing structure and rebuild. Mr. Courtney displayed the revised elevations. Gino described the changes in corner boards, windows and trim as discussed in the previous meeting & spacing of the windows to more closely resemble the original structure. Susan asked about the foundation that was discussed in the last meeting. Gino said that the granite pieces when strapped, per code, may not be reasonable way to do the foundation. Chris Scott said that he is looking for the fascia, of the granite foundation, to remain, even if not necessarily a structural. Gino said that, if he can find a way to stabilize the big pieces of granite, he will. Carole Berger wants to know why the granite cannot be used in the visible above ground part of the foundation. Gino said they will put use the granite if he can or may be able to slice pieces for visible foundation of granite. Julia noted that the picture does not portray the exact existing door. Gino said that the door will be as existing with the same cap and trim. He noted that they may have to duplicate the door but may be able to use the existing door surround. Susan Catling asked for clarification regarding the foundation. Chris Scott noted the problem of marrying a poured foundation with the existing granite blocks. Gino said he has no problem using the granite but is concerned about the feasibility of the construction of the foundation. Gino said perhaps he can slice the granite to create façade for the foundation so it will look like it currently does. Gino will check back regarding the foundation as the project progresses. Julia noted veneer of brick is often used on the foundation façade of projects in the district. Julia Celeste moved to approve the project with use of existing granite or granite as veneer on poured concrete and a duplication or retention of the existing door. 2nd, Susan Catling. Unanimously approved.

108 Peases Pt. Way (20B-72) Joel Kaplan. Patrick Ahearn/agent. Applicant proposes to modify rear bay window and add a porch with fireplace. Peter Rosbeck was recused from this hearing. Mr. Ahearn is away so the application was presented by Ted Rosbeck and Jeff Wass. They presented the application noting that the family room is being squared which changes the round bay to a square bay. Patio is being covered so it is similar to the overhead deck. Chimney is being added. There will access to the upper area, the rail design is decorative to match the other railings. There is a minor change to the garage door and window. Photos were reviewed and discussed. Chris related a history of the house. Motion to approve, with fireplace painted to match existing, Robbie Hutchison. 2nd, Susan Catling. Approved.

1 Morse St. 920D-286.1) TOE Prime Marina Group/lessee. Doug Best/agent. Applicant proposes to remove and replace deck boards & railings and relocate interior ice machine to exterior. Susan Catling was recused from hearing this application. And Robbie Hutchison was recused. Doug Best presented the plan to repair the decking and decking in kind. They want to pull the ice machine to the outside area. They will move the trash cans away from the dressing room area and put the ice machine in place of the trash cans. Stockade fence, if necessary, will be cedar and mahogany posts left to weather. Trim around windows is white. There was a discussion regarding lighting in the area. Noting that after dark this is a popular “squidding” spot. Peter Rosbeck, noting that a composite product that will hold up better to weather. Mr. Best said that Lessee is paying for these improvements to a town owned property. Julia Celeste noted that she does not have an issue with the visibility of the ice machine but is concerned about upkeep/maintainance of the machine, noting the possibility of rusting. Peter Best said the applicant really wants it to look nice and will maintain the exterior of the machine saying it is more practical to have it accessible to trucks for unloading ice and users, as well. Carole prefers to see the face piece covering the machine. Motion to approve ice machine without the fence in front of the machine, described in the application as Plan A. 2nd, Carole Berger. Approved.

23 Kelley St. (20D-301) PS Kelley House LLC. John Sweeney/agent. Applicant proposes to remove and replace door to comply with code, repair brick stair and rail and side to conform to minimum egress width. Mr. Sweeny made the application and showed the pictures of the door and the plan to make the door code compliant. Rail to be as existing. Motion to approve, Susan Catling. 2nd, Carole Berger. Approved.

10 Pease Pt Way N. (20D-9) (*Late addition to agenda*) John Magnuson/agent. Applicant proposes to change storm door to wood door, change porch rail & brick walkway. John presented the change to the porch area. Pictures were displayed. There was a discussion of the “pineapple” design at the top of the posts as requested versus the “balls” that currently exist. The current door is aluminum and will be changed to wood storm. Julia is concerned that the existing style is more unusual and would not want to lose the existing design. Robbie noted that the existing posts are more decorative than the house. Carole discussed replicating the existing. Motion to approve the change of door, brick and porch work with retention of the existing post design.

Carole Berger. 2nd, Julia Celeste. Approved with retention of existing post design and current “balls” at the top of the posts.

New/Old Business:

Interested alternates: Minah Worley and Cari Williamson came to the meeting as interested alternates. Cari described her history on the island and background as a teacher. Minah Worley talked about her history with the town living in the town as a full time resident of the Historic District. The commissioners found that they were impressed with the resume of both women. After much discussion the members did not express a preference of one applicant over the other and wish to express their recommendation of either applicant, to the Selectmen.

Minutes 4.6.17 Motion to approve: Susan Catling. Robbie Hutchison 2nd. Approved.

Minutes 5.4.17 Motion to approve: Susan Catling. Julia Celeste 2nd. Approved.

19 Church St. Fence: The fence construction at 19 Church Street is not as approved by the commission on 10.1. 2014. Pictures of the approved fence and the current construction were viewed by the members. The members voted to send the applicant a notice of violation.

Respectfully submitted:

Bricque Garber

Approved: _____ 6.1.17
Christopher Scott, Chairman