



Town of Edgartown
Historic District Commission
Post Office Box 5158
70 Main Street
Edgartown, MA 02539

Tel: (508) 627-6155

website: www.edgartown-ma.us
email: bgarber@edgartown-ma.us

Historic District Commission

~MINUTES~

May 6, 2014

Members in attendance: James Cisek, Carole Berger, Bill Bishop, Robbie Hutchison, Edith Blake, Beverly Fearey, David Thompson. Staff: Bricque Garber

Chairman Cisek called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

66 Main St. (20D-125) (Yellow House). Seagate. Ben Hall/agent.

Violation discussion. Ben Hall appeared to discuss the property. He explained that there are old plans approved for a demolition tied to an immediate re-build at this location. He discussed building history, noting an engineer's report from 2006 suggesting that the building was not savable. Mr. Hall said that the current HDC violation is not specific. Mr. Hall does not have an approvable plan to present for rebuilding if/when the house is demolished. There was discussion about the shade tree and the root base of the tree in reference to what could be done with new construction. Mr. Hall noted that there is a new plan designed by Mr. Ahearn but this plan has not yet been approved by owners or other interested parties. Mr. Hall said that the eyesore problem could be remedied by demolition of the building. Bill Bishop noted HDC concerns with regard to approving a demolition without a plan for rebuild, noting we do not want to be "left with a parking lot." Mr. Hall said handicap ramps are an issue with the courtyard space. Beverly asked if Mr. Hall could provide an assurance of rebuild within a year. Mr. Hall said he could not, at this time. James Cisek suggested continuing the discussion for 3 months to allow for a finalization of the rebuild plans. He would like to revisit the violation in 3 months with a view toward voting on a final plan for rebuilding. It was requested that Mr. Hall plant a morning glory vine on the trellis, immediately. Mr. Hall said that he will plant the trellis and feels sure that there will be a firm plan within a few months with a view toward beginning construction before Columbus Day. The HDC would like to see plans and a commitment for a construction start date, rather than a 'demolition only' application. Mr. Bishop asked to see active involvement by Mr. Hall in dealing with the current eyesore. It was requested of Mr. Hall, that he come back and provide an update in August. Mr. Hall agreed.

44-46 Main St. (20D-196/191.1) Behind the Bookstore. New Moon Properties. Pam Scott/agent. Applicant proposes to install green canvas sails/awnings over the patio eating area, the same as last year. Proposed for 2014 season. Pam Scott appeared with pictures of the sails as installed for the 2013 season. Robbie Hutchison was recused from this hearing. Motion to approve as presented, James Cisek. 2nd - Beverly Fearey. Approved.

82 S. Water St. (20D-162). John Brittain. Don O'Shaughnessy/agent. Applicant proposes to add Nantucket Dormer on front of house. James Cisek was recused from this hearing. Don

O'Shaughnessy showed the pictures of the existing house and provided drawings by Louise Brooks, Architect, for the addition of 2 dormers. The re-roof was previously approved. The side windows, as drawn, are Andersen true divided light double hung with a casement center window. Edith Blake would prefer 2 smaller dormers rather than this design. Motion to approve as presented Robbie Hutchison. 2nd, David Thompson. Bill, Robbie, Beverly, Carole & David voted to approve, Edith voted nay. Approved.

County Court House. Martina Thornton, County Manager/agent. Applicant proposes to replace handicap ramp. Martina showed the plan for the ramp. She had planned a simple Bronze railing. Options for railings were discussed. It was noted that galvanized wrought iron would require painting but may be more appropriate for the building and less expensive. Decking for ramp proposed as Mahogany. Bill Bishop noted that the HDC can approve the look of the ramp but the pitch and angle must meet code. Martina would like to wrap the ramp to the rear to make it easier for handicapped persons to access the ramp from the parking area. The location of the handicap parking spot & hard surface were discussed. Ms. Thornton will come to the next meeting with plans and a material list. Application continued to 5.20.14.

80 S. Water (20D-163) Lucy Dahl. JP Cisek/agent. Applicant proposes to change color of front door to Blue (Superstition blue). Motion to approve as presented. Bill Bishop. 2nd Carole Berger. Approved.

New/Old Business:

Discussion regarding the Caruso project. Specifically the door surround on the addition and the columns. The plans were reviewed. The door and columns are not as drawn in the approved plans. Two members, who have not seen the door, will go see the house. Mr. Cisek requested that a violation notice be sent to the owner of the property with copies to the architect and the contractor, noting the "as built" changes from what was HDC approved.

Minutes: 4.15.14 & 4.30.14

Motion to approve the Minutes of 4.15.14, as corrected to add Beverly Fearey's name to "members present", David Thompson. 2nd, James Cisek. Unanimously Approved.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on 4.30.14, Carole Berger. 2nd, David Thompson. Unanimously Approved

Meeting adjourned@ 5:25.

Respectfully Submitted
Bricque Garber

Approved: _____ 5/20/14
James Cisek, Chairman