

# Historic District Commission

## Minutes

September 16, 2014

*Commissioners Present: James Cisek, Carole Berger, Edith Blake, Robbie Hutchison, Beverly Fearey.*

*Absent: Dave Thompson, Bill Bishop. Others: Ann Floyd*

*Staff: Lucy Morrison filling in for Bricque Garber.*

Mr. Cisek called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

### **11 North Water (20D-313) Island Realty Trust. Continued from 8.19.14 & 9.2.14.**

John Roberts approached the Commission as one of the trustees for the Island Realty Trust. He submitted a sketch of the proposed white lattice façade to be put in front of the compressor. The compressor will no longer be visible from the sidewalks near L'Etoile. Mr. Cisek stated that it appears the proposed façade will sufficiently screen the view. The Commission discussed what size the lattice should be; one inch is the standard size, but may be too small for proper airflow. The compressor is four feet high by two feet wide. The lattice will be approximately two feet away from the unit so as not to obstruct the airflow. The Commission agreed to trust the applicant to use the proper sized lattice to properly screen the view, without compromising the compressors. Carole Berger moved to approve as presented. Beverly Fearey seconded and the application was unanimously approved, 5-0.

### **11 North Water (20D-313) Island Realty Trust.**

John Roberts presented an application for non-applicability to allow a wheelchair lift to land on the sidewalk in front of the building to bring a disabled individual up the three steps onto the new front porch area. The applicant explained the plans and how the lift is stored upright flat against the wall. The wheelchair lift and the railing will be the same color as the wall, so it will be as discrete as possible. The Commission agreed that this is a clever installation. The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB), the Board of Selectmen, and the Edgartown Fire Chief have approved the design and plans. The applicant explained that it has taken years to figure out a solution to this issue. Robbie Hutchison moved to approve the application as non-applicable, and thanked the applicant for addressing the aesthetic concerns. Beverly Fearey seconded, and the application was unanimously approved as non-applicable, 5-0.

The Commission discussed Ann Floyds as alternate to HDC. Lucy told commission that Pam Dolby said there has been too much time between ads and position HDC position needs to re-advertised. Robbie said she would like to take some time off, maybe October to Feb. There was discussion about making Robbie an alternate -will continue discussion at next meeting. Beverly asked if Robbie was allowed to switch? James said he thinks not.

4:20 PM 96 South Water John Magnuson approached the Commission and explained that the owner of the home at the corner of South Water Street and High Street is looking to replace the old windows and sashes, and presented a sample replacement window. Every window in the home will be replaced

except for two on either side of the porch door facing High Street, and two on the opposite side of the house facing the yard. The panes will be matched, 12 over 12. There are a couple of windows that face the side yard which are currently 6 over 9 that will be changed to 6 over 6. The age of the glass has not been able to be determined. Carole Berger mentioned that the windows have bothered the home owner for a long time since they have been painted over and cannot be opened. The visual trade-off with the loss of the old windows is that storm windows will no longer be necessary. Edith Blake moved to plan a site visit to the property at 3:30 PM on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Carole Berger seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Beverly Fearey stated that if the Commission agrees that the windows need to be replaced, the sample windows presented look good. The application was continued until October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Edith Blake has noticed a trend of replacing the windows of historic structures. Old windows are a main historical personality to any structure, and she suggested that the Commission establish a policy with the intent to save as many historical elements of a house as possible.

The Commission discussed storm window use.

New/Old Business:

Minutes: 9.2.14 - The name of the Fire Chief was corrected from Sherman to Shemeth. Edith Blake moved to approve the minutes. Carole Berger seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with the name correction.

James Cisek moved to adjourn. Carole Berger seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Morrison  
*Planning Board Clerk*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ 10.7.14  
*James Cisek, Chairman*