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Edgartown Historic District Commission Minutes ♦ Public Hearing

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 @ 4:00 PM - Town Hall – 2nd Floor

Commissioners present: James Cisek - Vice Chairman, Robbie Hutchison, David Thompson & Edith Blake.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cisek at 4:03 pm. Mr. Cisek read the public hearing notice and asked for public comment. Copies of the proposed bylaw were available to interested persons. The proposed bylaw, Section 9-A reads as follows:

Proposed Amendment to HDC Bylaw

Section 9-A Minimum Maintenance of Buildings and Structures.

A. Owners of certain contributing buildings and structures in the Edgartown Historic District shall provide sufficient minimum maintenance as defined herein in Subsection B below, to the minimum extent necessary to keep such buildings from falling into a state of poor repair as may be identified hereinafter by the Edgartown Historic District Commission rules and regulations as contributing buildings and structures to the historic authenticity of the Edgartown Historic District. This provision shall only apply to the exterior architectural features of such contributing buildings and structures as defined in Section 4 of the Edgartown Historic District bylaw and also to the interior portions of buildings and structures which, if not adequately maintained, would cause the exterior architectural features to deteriorate or become damaged.

B. In carrying out the responsibilities set forth above, owners shall therefore be responsible for taking at least the minimum steps necessary to prevent the deterioration of the following items, which would, if allowed to deteriorate, cause a detrimental effect upon the character of the Historic District as to such contributing buildings and structures as follows:

- (1) Foundations, exterior walls or other vertical supports (exterior or interior);
- (2) Roofs or other horizontal members (including joists, beams, etc.);
- (3) Chimneys or chimney support systems.

C. In cases where deterioration has already progressed to an advanced stage, and where immediate removal is requested by the owner, the standard for a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition or removal of a building, as defined in Section 5 of the Edgartown Historic District bylaw, shall apply.

D. In all cases for such contributing buildings and structures, nonstructural exterior architectural features shall be repaired. In situations where it is impractical to repair the feature, or prohibitively expensive to replace it, it shall be stored safely until such time as it is possible to recreate the feature from the original pieces at reasonable expense.

E. The Edgartown Historic District Commission upon application and after hearing, may grant a waiver from the requirements of this section upon a showing of impossibility, or financial hardship, or the occurrence of events beyond the owner's control, or such other exigent circumstances as the Commission may determine.

F. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine or penalty in the amount of \$300, with each day to be considered as a separate violation. The enforcing person for purposes of this bylaw, shall be the administrator of the Edgartown Building Department or his/her designee.

Mr. Mac Reed attended the meeting and voiced approval for the proposed bylaw as did Joan Dunayan. There being no further public comment, Mr. Cisek closed the public hearing. There was limited discussion among the commission members. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Ms. Hutchison-2nd. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Bricque Garber
Assistant

Approved _____ date _____
James Cisek, Vice- Chairman