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Edgartown Historic District Commission

~Minutes~

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Commissions present: Carole Berger, James Cisek, Bill Bishop, Beverly Fearey, Mary Sullivan, David Thompson & Edith Blake

Chairman, Carol Berger called the meeting to order at 4:00.

- 1. 46 Cooke St. (20D-33)** Gage. Patrick Ahearn-Agent. Applicant proposes to replace existing fence with new wood, white cap rail, Edgartown style, fence and arbor at front entry. And, discussion of original window sash replacement. Mr. Ahearn, for the applicant handed out a rendering of the fence along with photos of the existing street fence. He is proposing to replace exiting with a traditional fence and would like the option to install an arbor as drawn, if the owner chooses to add the arbor. There was some discussion regarding the hedge and the arbor an addition of an arbor gate. If the owners decide not to build an arbor the gate will be straight across and have a gate with the cap rail like the fence. Building material to be wood painted white. Bill motion to approve wood painted white. James 2nd. Approved.

*Continuing from the original approval for this project regarding the windows: the original windows on the main body of the house single are glazed, there was a caveat during the original presentation that the building inspector might require new windows per code. It turned out that the building inspector did not require a change so the sills and trim from the original windows have been restored, but there is an issue with the sashes. Much of the sash has been reduced to very little wood and thick coats of paint. They brought one of the windows for the commission to see. The owner wants to use new windows to match those approved in the rest of the house. Bill Bishop remembered that one of the primary things the commission was adamant about was the front of the house, the historic aspect of the front of the house be preserved. Bill noted his understanding that there was much work done but the commission would love to see the original glass preserved and would like to see the sash redone with an energy panel to preserve the original glass, noting again that the front of the house is very important. The owner proposed they retain the best of the original glass windows to be on the front of the house and replace the side windows with new windows. Mary Sullivan thought this was a creative solution and other commissioners concurred. James made a motion to replace sash in best nine sets of the original windows with those to be placed in the front of the house and the side windows to be replaced with new Pella architect series wood windows. 2nd Beverly Fearey. Unanimously Approved.

- 2. 71 S. Water St. (20D-335)** Damian Brier/Patrick Ahearn-Agent. Applicant proposes to re-shingle existing shed in natural cedar and add French doors, extend existing stone wall at

main house and add wading pool and associated landscaping. Replace one gutter with copper to match existing and repair rot at location of gutter and other locations. Mr. Ahearn presented the plan for the changes to the house at 71 S. Water. Creating a small wading pool by changing the height of the stone wall. The porch stays intact with removal of the railing. Raising the wall makes it so there does not have to be another security fence around the pool. Mr. Ahearn noted that the pool will not be seen from a public way. There will be a change to the shed exterior surface and the current door and window configuration, to allow the outbuilding to accommodate recreation and storage for beach equipment. In addition: as the restoration was being done there was rot exposed and the repair work has been done and all repairs completed. Pictures of the rot and repair were provided. There was a discussion about the new pool and the elevation of the stone wall. It was noted that the pool will not be visible from a public way. Commissioners reviewed the proposed plans and discussed access to the pool from the porch. Motion to approve pool, rock wall & shed as proposed David Thompson. 2nd Beverly Fearey. Unanimously Approved.

3. **76 N. Water St. (20D-244)** B Zug Associates/Rick Huss-Agent. Applicant proposes to install a new white, seamless, aluminum gutter on the rear of the house & guest house. Not facing North Water or Morse streets. Mr. Huss represented the applicant noting that there are currently no gutters at the location proposed. He described water intrusion in the basement when the ground freezes. He showed pictures of the basement illustrating the leaking. Mr. Huss, caretaker for the Zug family, presented the picture of the side of the house, noting that the side for gutters does not face the primary roads. There is leaking into the basement and all other efforts to divert the water have failed. The location at the roof line is approximately 30 feet high. East Coast gutter will install the aluminum gutter with 3-4 downspouts. Bill Bishop noted that this is not visible from a public way. Motion to approve gutter as presented, Beverly Fearey. Bill Bishop, 2nd. Approved.
4. **50 North Water St. (20D-220.6)** Dudley Cannada. Applicant is asking for clarification of pool inclusion from approved plan April 14, 1999. Mr. Cannada could not attend but asked the Assistant to show the commissioners the approved plans and the Certificate of Appropriateness from that date. The pool was on the plan and not called out as an exception on the Certificate. As the applicant is applying for his building permit he is asking that the commission note the pool as part of the original approval. The commission discussed the pool noting the pool itself is not visible from a public way. There was further discussion regarding pool fencing. Bill Bishop made a motion to continue this application until the commissioners have an opportunity to do a site visit on 4/23 at the property at 3:00. 2nd James Cisek, continuation approved.
5. **(Last Minute Addition) One Dock St (20D-322)** Yacht Club Inc. Applicant proposes to change 14 windows with similar units for weather tightness. Mr. Daniel Perry explained that the windows were replaced only 2 years ago but could not hold up to the weather conditions. He will replace the existing windows with windows of the same style. Mr. Perry proposed to change 14 windows. Transoms will be removed and reinstalled with new windows. There will be no visible difference. Red cedar around the window will be removed and replaced with new red cedar. Work to be done on April 15th. Motion to approve as presented Beverly Fearey. 2nd David Thompson. Approved.

Old/New Business:

Minutes - 3.19.13 Motion to approve minutes James Cisek, 2nd Beverly Fearey. Approved.

Ordinary Maintenance: The board will think about comprising a list of items that might be considered "Ordinary Maintenance".

Work shop: Chris Skelly Mass. Historical Commission was briefly discussed. Works shop will be 5/28/13, Bayles Room, Old Whaling Church.

David Thompson would like to begin a discussion of stockade fences, noting his opinion that there should be no stockade fences in the historic district as there are alternatives to stockade fences. The members of the commission concurred. Eddie Blake talked about alternative fencing. It was noted that the commission can vote on any application to disallow a stockade fence and the commission can vote as a policy matter to disallow stockade fences on a public way. There was a further discussion and the topic will be continued.

Mary Sullivan announced that she is resigning from the Historic District Commission effective immediately. Commissioners expressed their appreciation of Mary's many years on the commission and will be sorry to see her go.

Motion to adjourn: Beverly Fearey. 2nd Mary Sullivan. Adjourned@ 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bricque Garber
Assistant

Approved _____ date _____
Carole Berger, Chairman