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Edgartown Historic District Commission

~Minutes~

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Commissioners present: Carole Berger-Chairman, James Cisek, Bill Bishop, Robbie Hutchison, Beverly Fearey, Edith Blake. Staff: Bricque Garber

Ms. Berger called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

4:00 – 68 Winter St. (20D-110) Edgartown Lodge Apartments LLC/ Michael Powers, Agent. Applicant proposes to repair rotted and unsafe stairs, landings and railings with same layout, size and style. Pressure treated framing, mahogany rails, Trex stair treads and Azek trim. Note: This work has been completed. Application continued from 5/21/13. There was a site visit before the meeting. Mr. Brennick appeared to discuss this violation. There was discussion regarding the construction of the stair way. It was noted that the Azek railings are wavy and that Azek is not a structural product but is being used as such. It is not the purview of the HDC to comment on the construction but it appears that there may be a safety issue here. Bill Bishop explained that the HDC encourages natural materials. Applicant proposed to remove all the Azek from the railings and replace it with pine painted white. He would like to leave the Trex on the stairs and leave Azek on the risers, and asked for time, until December, to change the materials of the rail system. Bill Bishop recommended replacing the railings now as this is quite likely a safety issue. James Cisek would like to see 45 degree corners so one is not looking at the end grain of the boards. James Cisek made the motion to approve a change to the corral upper rail system from Azek to wood immediately and to continue the discussion of the Trex treads, Azek risers and other Azek until September 2013. 2nd-Bill Bishop, Unanimously approved.

8 Dock St. (20D-318) Wharf Holding LLC/Mary Jo O'Neill, Agent. Applicant proposes to replace awnings (blue, white trim, scalloped edge) with green awning with black and red stripe and scalloped trim. Continued from 5/21/13. Ms. O'Neill has provided a new photo of the proposed awning as it appears on the Black Dog in Falmouth. Motion to approve the awning as presented Beverly Fearey. 2nd - Robbie Hutchison. Approved.

St. Andrews Church (bronze rails) – Carl Malmquist, from the church, to discuss the bronze railings. Mr. Malmquist appeared to tell the commission that the material sample presented at the time of the application, was aged and this railing is bronze. He showed a piece of the actual railing noting that it has begun to age. He said that he was told by the installer that the rail will look better if allowed to age naturally. Discussion ensued and the commissioners agreed to wait and see how the rail looks after the season.

44 Main St. (20D-196) Edgartown Books - Susan Mercier, Agent. Install lattice to side of building (completed) & install planter boxes. Beverly Fearey recused herself from hearing this application as she is the proprietor of the store on which the lattice is attached. Robbie Hutchison recused herself as she is involved with landscaping this project. Susan Mercier and Pam Scott appeared. Ms. Mercier recalled a discussion of cleaning up the side of the Past and Presents building from last year and noted that they had installed a small piece of white lattice last year which was removed in December. The plan, when the current lattice was installed, was to cover the lattice with plants immediately. It was explained that the HDC does not deal with plants in their approval and that this lattice has been applied to a building in the historic district which is not in keeping with the historic district. Ms. Mercier said she is willing to make such changes as necessary to gain approval for the lattice. James Cisek expressed his feeling that there is far too much of the lattice and it distracts from the streetscape saying the HDC must judge this structure on its merits, and this configuration of the lattice has no merit. There was much discussion as to a remedy. Mr. Cisek made a motion to approve a design change as drawn during the hearing (attached to the application), reducing the size of the lattice panel, framing the panel with a 2 1/2 inch cedar frame and painting the lattice Essex green. 2nd - Mr. Bishop. Unanimously approved.

67 Winter (20D-105.1) Chadwick Inn –Violation windows, Chris Price. Mr. Price appeared to discuss the windows on the Inn. Brought pictures of the windows under discussion and described that the mullions have not been installed. It was explained that the HDC does not allow for snap in mullions. The HDC is looking for true divided light with factory installed mullions. Mr. Price agreed to make the changes to the sashes to be true divided 6 over 6.

Old/New Business:

- *Minutes 5.21.13 - Motion to approve the minutes as corrected Robbie Hutchison, 2nd – James Cisek. Approved.*
- *David Ryans. Bricque will check with owners about removal of Azek trim.*
- *Fixtures on building - 33A N. Summer. As there has been no response from the agent/tenant, it was decided to send another letter to the owner instructing that the fixtures be removed and the wall put back as it was.*
- *21 Cooke St. – fence. There was a site visit before the meeting. HDC site visit today. After discussion it was decided that the HDC will not address the fence as it is not visible from a public way, except through another lattice fence and/or a small glimpse of the fence at the top edge.*
- *Atlantic- Outdoor area. Discussion about the tight walk way around planter boxes and it was suggested that this issue be deferred to the Building Department for review.*
- *Ms. Berger has been a wonderful HDC chairman for a year. Bill Bishop nominated James Cisek to be the new HDC Chairman. Robbie Hutchison - 2nd. Unanimously approved. Ms. Berger will be Vice-chairman for the year upcoming.*

The meeting was adjourned. 5:35.

Respectfully submitted:

Bricque Garber, Assistant

Approved: _____ date _____
James Cisek, Chairman