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## **Edgartown Historic District Commission**

### **~Minutes~**

### **July 2, 2013**

Commissioners in attendance: James Cisek - Chairman, Carole Berger, Bill Bishop, David Thompson, Edith Blake, Robbie Hutchison. Staff: Bricque Garber

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

- 1. 44 Main St. (20D-196) New Moon Property LLC.** Edgartown Books-Behind the Bookstore. Susan Mercier– Agent. Applicant proposes addition of sail cloth awnings over outdoor eating area for the 2013 Season. Robbie is recused from the vote as she is working on the project. Discussion regarding the sails with Susan Mercier, agent for the owners. Susan said that one sail is down due to drainage issues. She believes the sails are planned to be removed after the Columbus Day weekend. The Building Inspector was noted to have issued a violation for the project for lack of permit, noting that the sails had been up for 2 weeks without a permit. The owner did acknowledge, by e-mail to the HDC Assistant, that the sails should not be installed prior to approval. There was a discussion about drainage, from the sails and Ms. Mercier said that there had been a drainage issue with one of the sails and it is being corrected. Bill Bishop voiced his concerns about wind and would like to see the sails removed if there are tropical storm conditions predicted. Mr. Courtney, an abutter, is concerned about any drainage issues and would like any approval to instruct removal of the sails should there be a drainage issue. Ms. Mercier stressed that the owners are good stewards of the property and will do anything necessary to deal with any issue that might arise. Bill Bishop noted that this application process has not been done correctly and timely. The installation was completed prior to obtaining either a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HDC and a Permit from the Building Dept. As there was only one sail up for the site visit today, a motion was made, by Mr. Bishop to continue the application so that both sails can be seen prior to the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Ms. Mercier said she was not aware of the site inspection today and asked for a meeting in advance of the 16<sup>th</sup> noting the impact on the business during this part of the “season”. Carole Berger provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voting in favor of the motion Carol Berger, Bill Bishop, David Thompson & Edith Blake. Mr. Cisek- abstained. The motion is passed. Noting the sails are in violation, Ms. Mercier was instructed to remove the sails until the date of the site visit, prior to the meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. 70 Main St. (20D-127) Edgartown Town Hall.** Repairs to Town Hall, including: paint, window repair, deck repair, new roof, new door, gutters & downspouts, repair light fixtures & add working shutters. Pam Dolby, Town Administrator showed the detailed plans to the members. It was noted that nothing is being replaced, rather all items on the list are being repaired and/or restored. Bill asked if all materials would be in-kind. Ms. Dolby said “yes”, the only part of the building that is to be removed is the “faux” brick on the rear of the

building, to be replaced with shingles. Bill Bishop noted that this project relates primarily to maintenance. Motion to approve the application as presented- Bill Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Robbie Hutchison, Unanimously Approved.

**Old/New Business:**

DISCUSSION: *Continued discussion from 6.18.13. Fence 21 Cooke St. Commissioners read the latest letters from the attorneys for the parties as well as a copy of the minutes from the time of the agreement between the parties in 2001. Mrs. Rogers was in attendance as was her attorney Mr. Larkosh. James Cisek noted that much of the fence is not visible from a public way. Mrs. Rogers is asking that Mr. Ronan be required to submit an application for the replacement of the fence that he recently built as the current/new fence is built from a composite material and some of the fence is visible from the street. The new fence was erected on April 1<sup>st</sup>, according to Mrs. Rogers. Mrs. Rodgers is asking that the fence be lowered and described her experience with the fence over time including the previous agreement. It was noted by the commission that the fence material is a violation of HDC guidelines. Bill Bishop read from the 2001 minutes noting that the section of the fence on the property line that was in dispute is not visible from a public way. Mr. Larkosh agreed with Bill's characterization of the minutes. Discussion ensued about the view of the fence from a public way. The issue of the building material is a different issue entirely and is a violation. James Cisek discussed the idea of the Edgartown Fence Viewer and that this might be the opportunity to call the fence viewer. A violation letter will be sent to Mr. Ronan for the construction of the fence without a Cert. of Appropriateness. The matter is will be addressed on the agenda of July 16, 3013. It was recommended that the HDC request a determination/opinion from the Edgartown Fence Viewer.*

DISCUSSION: *It was brought to the attention of the HDC, by an abutter, that an application for demolition the cottage located at 9 High St., has been made to the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals. The application calls for the cottage to be demolished and replaced by a much larger home. The cottage is outside the district, but was built in 1900 and is located in an enclave of similar homes, considered by this commission to be historically significant. The commission will send a letter to the ZBA asking that the demolition be denied.*

Minutes 6.18.13 - Motion to approve the minutes, Carol Berger, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Thompson. Unanimously approved.

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Bricque Garber  
Assistant*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
James Cisek, Chairman