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## **Edgartown Historic District Commission Minutes May 1, 2012**

Commissioner present: James Cisek, Beverly Fearey, Bill Bishop, Mary Sullivan, Robbie Hutchison & Edith Blake. Staff: Bricque Garber

David Thompson was in attendance as an observer.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Chairman Cisek

**4:00 38 Main Street (20D-199) (Katydid)** Katie Walepole - agent. Applicant proposes to repair and repaint front of building and repair stairs. Katie passed out photos and described the painting & repair needed to put a new face on the front of the building. She further described the repair needed for wobbly, unsafe stairs. Motion to approve was made by Beverly Feary. 2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Hutchison. Approved unanimously.

**4:15 93 North Water St. (20D-281) 93 North Water St. Trust** Sean Murphy agent. Mr. Murphy regarding violation. Sean Murphy for the applicant appeared to discuss the corrections to the violations. He said that the fence has been done, the granite changed out. They have put up an arbor and have done everything, from landscape perspective. The owners have re-graded and added a shell path and grass. The two remaining issues are the post in front and the balcony side. Mr. Murphy related that in his last conversation with client, they proposed erecting a temporary or mock-up of a the front post for the HCD to view. The owners are unsure if the new post is a value to the property and want the HDC opinion. With regard to the balcony, the owners would like to keep it 'as is', noting that it is much darker now. Mr. Murphy said the applicant would like to encourage compassion on the part of the commission to keep balcony, as they have done everything else requested of them by the commission and they feel the look has changed as the brass or bronze has darkened. Mary Sullivan said that a mock up of the post is a good idea. Robbie said she is not wild about the post and the post might make it worse. James Cisek said that railing is more of an issue, than the post. Robbie said it has weathered and the bronze is darker, like an Edgartown lantern. Sean Murphy noted that it is not as stark as was when it was new. The commission noted there are two issues about balcony, it was not in the design but they did it anyway and 2<sup>nd</sup> that the metal and was garish. Mr. Murphy noted that they were told they could do it by their contractor and no one told them there were steps involved in doing this work. O'Briens have now taken over the project and have done all requested of them, at tremendous costs. They were not trying to sneak anything by the HDC but were told

they could make changes to the plan by their contractor and, that the metal sort of blends in now that it has weathered. Mary Sullivan and Robbie Hutchison said that it does look much better. Sean Murphy said that the applicant requests to leave it “as is” for the season and revisit the issue in the fall. Bill Bishop, suggested that all members view the balcony and talk about it at the next meeting, noting that this would have been easier to decide, had it been done properly. Mr. Donaroma was in attendance and described working with the Conservation Commission in landscaping that the landscaping was done properly and the applicant is trying to work with the neighbors. Mr. Donaroma said he has replanted beach grasses and local beach plantings. Jane Varkonda, of the Conservation Commission has approved dock and fence. Mary Sullivan proposed a site inspection before next meeting. All members agreed to schedule a site visit before the meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Donaroma, asked if anything has happened in regard to increasing the size of the historic district. There was some discussion about the project including proposed boundaries, costs, volunteers and the previous denial of an application for funds. The Commissioners explained that the discussion continues but has not been especially active as of late. Mr. Donaroma, a Selectman, said that there is support and that the town would like to look at the project. Bill Bishop asked if the Selectmen would approve the idea. Mr. Donaroma said he feels positive and encouraged the Commission “set sail” again, on the project to enlarge the Historic District.

**4:30 51 Main St. (20D-209) (Claudia’s).** Applicant proposes to repaint the exterior of the building to match existing. Robbie Hutchison made motion to approve. Mary Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval

#### **4:45 Additional Business**

Bricque Garber, Assistant to the HDC, provided members with a new version of the HDC application which has been updated regarding applicant information & instructions to applicant. Bill Bishop voiced concern about the demolition part of the Application and the Demolition Guideline as to how much of the building is to be demolished and asked that the percentage of demolition be clearly requested in the Demolition Guidelines. Mary Sullivan moved to approve the changes to the HDC application with a change to the Demolition Guideline, to include a line specifying the percentage of demolition. Bill Bishop 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

New board member: Mary Sullivan nominated David Thompson to be a new member to the HDC. Mr. Thompson had provided the Selectman’s office with a letter of intent. 2<sup>nd</sup> James Cisek. By a unanimous vote, Mr. Thompson was invited to be a member of the HDC. The selectman will vote on approving the invitation at their meeting on 5/7/12.

It was noted that there is still an opening for another member of the HDC and that a member who is a Lawyer would be a good addition to the Commission .

A note from the Selectman’s office noting that the HDC representative (Carole Berger) to the CPC has resigned and requesting an appointment a new member to finish out the

term to 4/30/2013, was provided to the Commission. They did not designate a new member to the CPC at this meeting.

**Minutes** – Minutes from meeting on 4/17/12 were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned: 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bricque Garber, Assistant

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James Cisek, Chairman