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Edgartown Historic District Commission Minutes June 5, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by Chairman Cisek

4:00 44 Main St. (20D-196) New Moon Trust, James Joyce/agent. Applicant proposes to replace stockade fence, repair brick walkway and add planter barrels. James Joyce showed photos of existing fence noting that part of fence on Rob McCarron's property and Mr. Mc Carron is also in favor of replacing the fence. Mr. Joyce brought pictures of the brick walkway highlighting the area where the bricks have caved-in and showed pictures of proposed planter barrels. Commissioners reviewed the photos and agreed that these items will be an improvement. Carol Berger moved to approve the application. Eddie Blake provided the 2nd. Unanimously approved. Beverly Fearey is an abutter did not vote.

4:15 105 Main Street (20D-65) Daniel Santangelo. Informal discussion regarding possible changes to house. Daniel Santangelo. Mr. Santangelo related that he has recently purchased house and did not want to go too far with his plans before talking with the HDC. He brought a site plan where he had sketched his ideas for adding a carriage house and a pool. He noted that the main house is in need of work and expects the scope of the work will grow as the work begins and framing is exposed. He plans to build the carriage house to use while renovating main house. He believes the house dates from 1836. He expressed that he would prefer to use materials that will not require painting and yearly maintenance, and was told that Azek is not acceptable for siding but only for gutters. There was a discussion about what windows the HDC may approve and Mr. Cisek suggested that he look at Anderson 400 series windows. Mr. Santangelo said he will be his own contractor. It was suggested that Mr. Santangelo may benefit from hiring a local architect who is familiar with the HDC when creating his plans for the property. Mr. Santangelo took an HDC application.

4:45 Old Business:

1. Balcony/Railing on the O'Brien House & 93 N. Water St.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from Sept. 6, 2011 which had been continued from August 16, 2011. The original public hearing was held on July 19, 2011. The Commissioners reviewed the elevation plans as approved. James Cisek said that he believes the basket-balcony should be removed, noting that many concessions were made by the Commission for

deviations from approved plans. Sean Murphy attended the meeting and noted that the contractor, not the owners, had made many mistakes. The Commission acknowledged that mistakes were made and that the commission has made several the concessions. The Commission reviewed the south elevations from plans submitted in 2009 & 2011. Mr. Cisek noted that there have not been any recent calls from neighbors, but the basket style balcony remains an ongoing issue. Robbie Hutchison noted that this, basket style, balcony has significantly changed the rear of the house and was not approved. Mr. Murphy noted that the brass railing has tarnished over time and is not so shiny. Beverly Fearey noted that this railing/basket-balcony is not in keeping with the house. Carol Berger noted that this balcony would not have been approved had it been on the plan and it is totally inappropriate for a house in the Historic District. James Cisek asked for a vote, and made a motion to require the owners to remove the brass balcony as it was not approved and never would have been approved, had it been part of the original plan, and to require the owners to provide a plan for replacement. 2nd Carole Berger. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Murphy was told that the basket-balcony/railing can stay through the summer but the owners need to provide a plan for replacement by September 1, 2012.

2. Election of new HDC Chairman – In response to the memo from the Selectmen’s Office, mandating a change in Chairmanship each year, James Cisek made a motion to appoint Carol Berger as the new HDC Chairman. 2nd Robbie Hutchison. Unanimously approved. It was further decided that James Cisek would be Vice-chairman.

3. Bricque Garber informed the commission that a violation letter has been sent to Lawrence Mondry regarding the front porch on the house at 104 N. Water St.

4. James Cisek noted that there has been an installation of unapproved light fixtures on the Christine Pease House, 33 N. Summer 20D-347, and noted that the owner was informed that she was required to get approval of any new fixtures before installation. The commission asked that a violation letter be sent regarding the fixtures.

Minutes –James Cisek made the motion to approve the minutes from 5/15/12. 2nd Eddie Blake, Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bricque Garber, assistant

Approved: _____ date _____
Carole Berger, Chairman