

Edgartown Historic District Commission

Minutes 12.20.11

In attendance: James Cisek, Chairman, Bill Bishop, Beverly Feary, Robbie Hutchison & Edith Blake
Staff: Bricque Garber

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairman Cisek

Eugene Courtney - 6 S. Water St. 20D-188

Proposing to demolish and rebuild mixed use building (Public Hearing scheduled for January 3, 2012). Agent: **Eugene Courtney**

Mr. Courtney said he is here to clear some confusion as to history of the building. Mr. Cisek explained that as part of demolition the commission likes to know history. Jean Hathaway relayed that she has lived here all her life remembers that the area in question was nothing but a back yard for years and then a tool shed was added, then a garage apartment was built there. After that, a Greenhouse was built as John Perkins needed a greenhouse for landscaping at The Harborside. Mr. Courtney said that he has been asking around for more information and had talked to the person born in front house. He said that the assessors records show the house built in the 40's. Mr. Courtney gave the board a letter from Kent H. Healy, Civil Engineer, and passed out 3 sets plans. He related that there are now 5 buildings on the property. Mr. Bishop asked if the commercial and residential ratio is 50/50 and was told that it is. There was a short discussion regarding painting. Jean Hathaway said that the improvement to the newest building was done around 1957. Mr. Bishop added that, according to assessor, anything built previous to 1970 is a best guess as to the dates. Applicant said he guesses that he will be back here for approval of each building, one building at a time. Mr. Cisek asked if after the demolishing of this building there is plan to rebuild. Courtney said that there 3 proposals for re-building . The commission briefly reviewed the plans and had some discussion. Mr. Cisek said the next step would be a public hearing. Mr. Courtney asked to be placed on the agenda for the next public hearing, for the building. It was explained that tonight's discussion was not a public hearing. Mr. Bishop saying that, "today cannot be the public hearing". The public hearing scheduled for Mr. Courtney is January 3, 2012, for the demolition. He will then have to apply for a rebuild and supply plans. Mr. Cisek said that there will need to be future meeting for re-build part of this project and an application and plans for the building will be needed. The board cannot change the meeting on the 3rd of January to do more that demolition. Mr. Courtney said he would like to have the next hearing on the 17th of January. There was discussion regarding the calendar and the time required to provide public notice. The date for the rebuild hearing for Mr. Courtney was not decided.

Norman Rankow – 31 S. Water Street 20D-326.1

Alteration to previously approved plans. Proposing to remove a previously approved fireplace from the plans, due to the fact that the fireplace would be built within the setbacks. **Agent: Norman Rankow.**

Mr. Rankow showed the plan to the commission detailing the part of the building that would be deleted from the plan. Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve. The 2nd was provided by Ms. Fearey, and was unanimously approved.

Lawrence Levine (Sundog) - 39 Main Street 20D-207.2

Proposing to replace cedar shingles with new cedar shingles and to replace aluminum gutters. **Agent: Robert Fontaine**

Mr. Fontaine said that a number of shingles would to be replaced with white cedar shingles, unpainted. He stated that the present aluminum gutters are falling apart. He proposed to replace the gutters with white aluminum gutters, which is what is existing. Ms Fearey asked questions about the windows. Mr. Cisek said that this work will be a great improvement. Ms. Fearey asked if fascia will be coming down as seems to be falling down. Mr. Fontaine said that he was going to replace the fascia and plans to use white aluminum. He was told that aluminum would not be permitted for new fascia. And, that the only reason aluminum gutters are being approved is because aluminum gutters are already there. Mr. Fontaine was told that the fascia must be replaced with wood and painted or stained white. There was brief conversation concerning paint vs. stain. Ms. Fearey noted she is pleased that something is being done with this building. Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve white cedar shingles, aluminum gutters and wood painted fascia. 2nd Ms. Hutchison . Unanimous vote to approve.

Minutes: Changes were made to the 12/6/11 minutes. Ms. Fearey made a motion to approve as amended. Bill Bishop provided the 2nd . Voted to approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bricque Garber,
Assistant

Approved: _____ date _____