



Historic District Commission

Sign Advisory Council

Commissioners: Chris Young (Chair), Kevin Kuester, Paul Wolf, Mark Cutone, Ben Normand

MINUTES

Tuesday July 7, 2026

Remote participation via Zoom.

I. Procedural Business

Call to order at 9:00 am.

Attending members: Chris Young, Paul Wolf, Kevin Kuester

Absent members: Ben Normand

Late arrivals: Mark Cutone at 9:05am

Early Departures: none.

Motion to adopt agenda made by Wolf; seconded by Kuester.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: 6/9/2026 and 6/16/26 minutes made by Kuester; seconded by Wolf.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: Kuester nominates Chris Young as Chair; seconded by Wolf.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment - none

III. Commissioner Comments- none

1. VTT Mgt 14816 34 Center St OB- Projecting Sign- On a Whim 42.3.1/120 Brenner Signs

Discussion:

Peter Marathas, Owner of Cattivo

Rachel Najera, Owner of Cattivo

Keri Garafalo, Brenner Signs

Kuester prefers white background; Option A. Border should be a muted pink. Additional signs or decorative elements should be applied for.

Wolf- fine with Option A or C.

Cutone- agrees with Wolf. Confirmed the building colors; tan clapboard and dark green foundation.

Young- bracket is too long. Should be 36”.

Motion to approve the sign as revised with a white background, muted pink border (Option A), and a 36-inch mounting bracket made by Cutone; seconded by Wolf.

Carries 4-1 (Kuester- nay)

Enforcement

Unauthorized A-Frames and Window Decals

Staff reported follow-up on window decals; businesses are removing them. A-frames are widespread, especially on Easy Street, creating visual clutter. Staff will follow up with question “Can violations like A-frame signs on town-owned property be discussed and addressed more directly.”

Display of Wares on Property

Displaying merchandise (e.g., clothing) on private property, even in courtyards, violates town bylaw.

Plastic Decorative Elements on Building Facades

Kevin raised concern about plastic floral decorations on Main Street, which obscure architectural features. This issue was previously discussed but tabled after public hearings showed no consensus. Plastic decorations are seen as inconsistent with Nantucket’s historic aesthetic, especially when left up out of season (e.g., plastic flowers in November). Materiality is the core concern—plastic vs. natural. Some argue these decorations serve as branding, akin to corporate banners, which the guidelines prohibit.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:35am made by Kuester; seconded by Wolf

Carries unanimously.