

**DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** **PEDRO PACHANO, CHAIR**  
**JONATHAN HANKIN**  
**STEVE DIETMANN**  
**HOLLY HAMER**  
**REES SHAD**  
**JENNIFER CLARK**  
**ED MAY, STAFF LIASON**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pachano called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Mr. Pachano read the notice from the agenda. He stated that the meeting is being recorded. He called for a roll call of those present.

Mr. Dietemann, present, Ms. Hamer, present; Mr. Shad, present; Mr. Hankin, present; Mr. Pachano, present. Ms. Clark had not yet arrived.

**II. MINUTES: DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020

**SECOND:** Mr. Dietemann

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Ms. Hamer, abstain; Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Shad, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye

**III. 322 MAIN STREET: WBRC**

Phil Ghi from Ghi Signs was present to discuss the hanging shingle sign for WBRC. The sign is 36" wide and is 10 feet above the sidewalk.

Ms. Clark arrived at 5:06 P.M.

Mr. Hankin asked if the sign would have any lighting.

Mr. Ghi said no.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to approve the sign application as presented

**SECOND:** Mr. Dietemann

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Ms. Hamer, aye; Mr. Shad, aye;  
Mr. Hankin, aye; Ms. Clark, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye

Mr. Pachano said Mr. Pruhenski was not able to attend this meeting. He will be at the next meeting. Committee members be prepared to discuss the bridge colors and naming.

**20 CASTLE STREET:**

Mr. Hankin asked if the project has to be ADA compliant.

Mr. May asked if Mr. Hankin was asking if an elevator has to be installed.

Mr. Hankin said yes and an ADA compliant bathroom.

Zac Culbreth was present to discuss the exterior alterations for the former fire station at 20 Castle Street. He said his clients bought the historic fire house and they want to convert it into office space with some garage storage for classic sports cars.

Mr. Culbreth said the garage doors are being swapped out and replaced with glass and aluminum. The door on the right will not be operational. The three on the left will be operational.

Mr. Culbreth said the west elevation will have weathering steel that will wrap around the corner. The roof will be replaced. Asbestos shingles will be removed and disposed of appropriately.

Mr. Culbreth said the parapet walls of the tower will be reconstructed. Old pictures are being consulted to replicate what was there. The chimney will be rebuilt with a brick veneer.

Mr. Hankin asked if snow bars will be installed

Mr. Culbreth said yes, especially on the south side.

Mr. Pachano said there is ornate brick work on the front of the building.

Mr. Culbreth said the ornate brick work will be replicated.

Mr. Dietemann asked about the sports cars.

Mr. Culbreth said the west side of the building will be the show room for vehicles when it is not being used as seminar space. Cars will be rotated monthly. The cars will not be taken out during business hours.

Mr. Culbreth said the seminar space will also be used in coordination with the Mahaiwe Theater for events.

Mr. Hankin said he has a question about the plan does not have to be ADA accessible.

Mr. Culbreth said there will be as many functional elements downstairs as there are upstairs. He said Massachusetts Building code allows a family bathroom. He said there will be six toilets each closed off by a door that closes and latches. They are toilet rooms.

Mr. May said this has been researched.

Mr. Pachano asked about the second floor.

Mr. May said the second floor is not changing. The first floor is accessible and within the code.

Mr. Pachano asked how there can be separate uses for each floor without separation.

Mr. May said there can be uses within uses. If the space is large enough it has to be separated but this is not big enough to require the separation. There is a section of the code to address unseparated mix uses.

Mr. Culbreth said there is a fire separation via the hallway that is a fire rated egress.

**MOTION:** Mr. Shad to approve the plan as presented

**SECOND:** Mr. Dietemann

Ms. Hamer said she is glad the tower is being restored. She said that is very thoughtful.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Ms. Hamer, aye; Mr. Shad, aye;  
Mr. Hankin, aye; Ms. Clark, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye

### **294 MAIN STREET:**

There was no one present to discuss the application. Mr. May asked the Committee to review the application for a pop up store. He said they did not apply for a permit so please review as they might already be open.

Mr. May said the store will only be in the space for three months so the owner didn't think a permit was needed. The signs are vinyl logos on the inside of the glass. The other side of the space is the corner space the Committee reviewed at a previous meeting.

Mr. Pachano said the sign looks like a longish cat/bear.

Ms. Hamer said if the signs are approved there can only be two.

Mr. May said the store is only intended to be in the space for 3 months.

Mr. Dietemann said it looks temporary.

Mr. May said he thinks they have already set up.

Ms. Clark said they have a big following on Instagram. She said she thinks it is great if someone wants to take over the space for 3 months.

Mr. Pachano said the Committee has reviewed the sign design and passed it to Mr. May with no objection.

Mr. Pachano asked if there was anything else.

Ms. Clark asked where do we stand with the color issue for the bridge.

Ms. Hamer said she can live with it if it is too much to repaint.

Mr. Pachano said the Committee wants to verify the color approved is the color that has been applied.

Ms. Hamer said assuming the error is theirs (Mass DOT) they should remedy. If the error is ours we remedy it. She said she heard they won't change the color.

Mr. Pachano said we can ask.

Mr. May said the color that was turned in to the Town Manager was the color they painted.

Ms. Hamer asked how the wrong color number was transmitted.

Mr. May said they didn't get the wrong number. They have the correct number. He referred the Committee of the picture of the bridge.

Ms. Hamer said then it is our error.

Mr. Pachano said we are not saying that.

Ms. Hamer said she doesn't care whose fault it is. We just need to see if it can be repainted. She said she doesn't like the pink. She said if we have to we can live with it but it is a little embarrassing.

Ms. Clark said there are more pressing issues but it could be an issue for public relations because it is a strange color.

Mr. Pachano said Mr. Pruhenski will be at the next meeting where questions can be asked.

**IV. CITIZEN'S SPEAK TIME:**

There was no one present to speak.

Having concluded its business, Mr. Pachano adjourned without objection at 5:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly L. Shaw*

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Secretary