

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** **REES SHAD**  
**JONATHAN HANKIN**  
**STEVE DIETEMANN**  
**JIM MERCER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Shad called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He stated that the meeting is being recorded. He read the Governor's revised order into the record. He called for a roll call of those present.

Mr. Dietemann, present; Mr. Mercer, present; Mr. Hankin, present; Mr. Shad, present;

**II. REORGANIZE:**

Mr. Pachano decided not to request reappointment to the Committee requiring the remaining members to reorganize. Mr. Shad said he would step down from being the vice-chair and accept the Chair if the Committee agreed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin nominated Mr. Shad as chair

**SECOND:** Mr. Mercer

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Shad, aye

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin nominated Ms. Clark as vice-chair

**SECOND:** Mr. Dietemann

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Shad, aye

**III. MINUTES: MAY 12, 2021**

**MOTION:** Mr. Dietemann to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021

**SECOND:** Mr. Hankin

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Shad, aye

#### **IV. 198 MAIN STREET: FREE STANDING SIGN**

Paul Joffe, applicant, was present with Travis Derr and architect Scott Richardson to discuss the free standing sign at 198 Main Street, the Flying Church. Assistant Building Inspector, Matt Kollmer, was also present.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing for the issuance of a special permit for the sign. The Design Advisory Committee will make a recommendation to the Planning Board.

Mr. Joffe began the discussion saying that the sign is more of a business center sign but the building is not large enough for a business center sign according to the bylaw. He said he thought the sign had been approved as part of the Site Plan Review approval but he has been told that it was not approved during that process.

The Committee discussed the special permit that is necessary because the sign is within 10 feet of the road. The visibility and the ease of reading the sign as it exists was also discussed as there is pole that partially blocks the view of traffic traveling north.

The appearance of the sign was discussed. The sign is made of wood and metal with a small slate roof. Lighting of the sign was also discussed but lighting will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dietemann to let the Planning Board decide

**SECOND:** Mr. Hankin

There was additional discussion of the sign resulting in Mr. Dietemann withdrawing his motion and Mr. Hankin withdrawing his second.

The Committee struggled with the look and location of the existing sign.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dietemann to approve the sign with the recommendation that it be made lighter in color and more informational and less of an object

**SECOND:** Mr. Hankin

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Dietemann, aye; Mr. Mercer, abstain; Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Shad

#### **V. DAC BUSINESS:**

No business was discussed

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

There was no one present to speak.

Having concluded its business, Mr. Shad adjourned without objection at 5:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly L. Shaw*

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Secretary