

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** **JENNIFER CLARK**  
**JONATHAN HANKIN**  
**JIM MERCER**  
**ED MAY STAFF LIASON**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Clark called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:07 P.M. She stated that the meeting is being recorded. She read the Governor's revised order into the record. Ms. Clark called for roll call attendance.

Roll call attendance: Mr. Hankin, present; Mr. Mercer, present; Ms. Clark, present

**II. REORGANIZE:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin for Ms. Clark to be Chair

**SECOND:** Mr. Mercer

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Ms. Clark, aye;

**MOTION:** Mr. Mercer for Mr. Hankin to be Vice-Chair

**SECOND:** Ms. Clark

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Ms. Clark, aye;

**III. MINUTES: MARCH 14, 2022**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022 as amended

**SECOND:** Mr. Mercer

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Ms. Clark, aye

**IV. 343 MAIN STREET**

The Committee reviewed a project for exterior alterations at 343 Main Street. Mike Valenti was present to discuss the project. He said there are three store fronts that will be on the west

side of the building, the Main Street side of the building. He said the store fronts will be restored. There will be no change in the cornices.

Mr. Valenti said the east end of the building has a steel egress that will be replaced. He said the windows have a grill pattern. He said all of the windows will be replaced with the same grill pattern and the same color.

Mr. Valenti said the Historical District Commission will also review the plans.

Mr. Valenti said all of the electrical systems will be on the roof. He said the impervious surface will be reduced and landscaping with outdoor seating will be added.

Mr. Hankin asked what color the window sash will be.

Mr. Valenti said the windows will be black metal clad. The sash will be black.

Mr. Hankin asked if the windows will be operational or fixed.

Mr. Valenti said the intent is for the windows to be operable. The first floor windows will be an awning type that will possibly be able to be open. He said we will try to get as many windows operable as possible.

Mr. Hankin asked if the building will be sand blasted.

Mr. Valenti said no. The brick will be repointed. He said we are locating bricks that will be the same color and dimension to replicate the existing brick.

Mr. Mercer asked about the green paint over the store fronts.

Mr. Valenti said the green will be changed to black. He said historically it was black.

Mr. Mercer said he would like to see the limestone restored.

Mr. Valenti said it has always been painted. He said it might have been white originally but now it is painted. He said he plans to paint it to match the colors of the rest of the building.

Mr. Hankin asked about the roof pitch.

Mr. Valenti said the roof is shallow at the top. The roof will be replaced with a metal roof or PVC. He said there are a lot of water management issues.

Mr. Mercer said he would like the limestone looked at.

Mr. Valenti said he has the historical information.

Mr. Mercer said the look is important. He said he would like to see the limestone white. He said that was the original intent of the building.

Mr. Valenti said he can discuss it with the owner.

Ms. Clark said it looks like a great project.

Mr. Valenti said thank you. He said it is a great project. The building is in need of repair.

Ms. Clark asked about the tenants.

Mr. Valenti said CHP will remain in the building and they are expected to take more of the Building. He said Berkshire Health Systems is expected to take some space.

Ms. Clark asked about Berkshire Community College.

Mr. Valenti said BCC vacated the building.

Ms. Clark asked about the green elements on the front of the building.

Mr. Valenti said they will be painted black.

Mr. Mercer said he is concerned about the limestone. He said originally the limestone was white. He said from a historical stand point it should be white.

Ms. Clark said the HDC can discuss the limestone further.

**MOTION:** Ms. Clark to approve as presented with no recommendations.

**SECOND:** Mr. Hankin

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Mercer said there are historic standard required to restore the building. He said the limestone should not be black or green nor should the diamond designs be painted black or green

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Mercer, aye; Ms. Clark, aye

## **V. DAC BUSINESS:**

Ms. Clark said DAC needs a new member. She asked the members to ask people who might be interested.

Mr. Mercer said he had to leave the meeting as he had another commitment. Ms. Clark asked him to wait for citizen speak time.

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

No one spoke.

Having concluded the Committee business, Ms. Clark adjourned without objection at 6:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly L. Shaw*

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Secretary