

GREAT BARRINGTON DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MASON LIBRARY
231 MAIN STREET

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **JENNIFER CLARK**
JIM MERCER
JB BRODEUR
JACKIE KAIN
STEVE DIETEMANN

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Clark called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

II. MINUTES: JUNE 28, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Mercer to approve the minutes of June 28, 2023 as amended.
SECOND: Ms. Kain
VOTE: All in favor

III. REORGANIZE:

MOTION: Mr. Mercer for Ms. Clark to be Chair
SECOND: Mr. Dietemann
VOTE: All in favor

MOTION: Mr. Mercer for Ms. Kain to be Vice-Chair
SECOND: Mr. Dietemann
VOTE: All in favor

IV. DISCUSSION OF SIGN PERMITS:

The Committee discussed sign permit application

Mr. Dietemann asked why DAC isn't seeing sign permit applications. The members gave an overview of the discussion from the last meeting where the Building Inspector explained that he had been directed to not forward the applications to DAC.

Mr. Dietemann asked if the Town is better served by DAC or not. He said he thinks DAC

has been understanding and accepting of its part in the process. He asked how DAC exists without feeling onerous. He said he thinks DAC needs to make good arguments for our opinions. He said DAC needs to stay.

Ms. Clark asked if the Committee needs to ask for more say in the sign permitting process.

Ms. Kain said we need to see where we fit in as we are about aesthetics.

Mr. Dietemann we are about opinions.

Ms. Kain asked if we come to the table with enough knowledge.

Ms. Clark said our makeup includes a graphic designer and architect. Plus there is a representative from the Planning Board, the Historic Commission and one at large member.

Mr. Mercer said there will be a new Building Inspector coming in. He suggested there be a discussion with Mr. Pruhenski the Town Manager and Mr. Rembold the Assistant Town Manager.

Ms. Clark said it would be good to have a meeting. She said there could be a discussion of the sign bylaw, that is big, and maybe could be smaller. She asked if DAC should ask for more authority regarding signs and for example, murals.

The Committee decided to have Mr. Dietemann and Ms. Kain schedule a meeting with Mr. Pruhenski and Mr. Rembold. DAC scheduled the next meeting for August 16 and agreed to hold monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month if there something to discuss. They agreed to not meet in September.

V. CITIZEN'S SPEAK TIME:

No one spoke.

Having concluded the Committee business, Ms. Clark adjourned without objection at 5:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly L. Shaw

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Secretary