

**GREAT BARRINGTON DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MASON LIBRARY**  
**231 MAIN STREET**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. MINUTES: AUGUST 16, 2022**

**MOTION:** Mr. Dietemann to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023  
**SECOND:** Mr. Mercer  
**VOTE:** All in favor

**III. PERMITS**

There were no permits

**IV. DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Kain and Mr. Dietemann met with Christopher Rembold, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning & Community Development.

Ms. Kain said there was discussion of DAC's role in the Town. DAC is a recommending Committee with no enforcement power. Mr. Rembold said DAC represents the Town. He said there is no down side DAC existing. He said there is some down side to DAC not existing.

Ms. Kain said the Building Inspector shapes the projects DAC gets to see. She said Mr. Rembold suggested giving the new Building Inspector some time to get into his position.

Ms. Kain asked what role does DAC have. She we meet with developers to ask questions. We make recommendations. She said we want to make things better and make sure they fit. She said signs are a huge quagmire.

Mr. Dietemann said Calyx did a mural. He said First Amendment rights were brought up with mural.

Mr. Mercer said a few years ago the Building Inspector would send people to DAC for free advice. He said we want to be pro-business. He said we have a role we can discuss with the Building Inspector when he is settled in. He said we can we can make people aware of the lay of the land.

Bobby Houston was present. He said the Kinderhook School painted the front of the school with a gallery. He said it was an interesting topic of discussion.

Mr. Dietemann said he plans to leave DAC soon.

Mr. Mercer said he has someone interested in filling the position when Mr. Dietemann leaves.

There was discussion of the sign at St. James Place. The Committee is not happy with the sign as it is bright at night even when it isn't displaying a message at night.

Mr. Mercer said going forward there needs to a focus on the energy of those signs.

Bobby Houston said he had a conversation with Mr. Rembold about sign enforcement and was told there isn't any enforcement. He encouraged the Committee members to be bold when talking about signage.

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

Mr. Houston said he had an issue with feather flags that can be seen around Town. He said they are temporary commercial signs. He said they shouldn't be allowed.

Mr. Dietemann left the meeting at 5:52 PM.

Ms. Brodeur said she does not like the sign at St. James Place.

Ms. Clark she will put together bullet points to discuss with the Building Inspector.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly L. Shaw*

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Secretary