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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION **Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes from March 21st 2024** Town Hall via Zoom Seminar 5:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Abby Schroeder, Secretary
Fred Clark, Member
Carrie Chen, Member
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:39 by Chair Howe. Chair Howe, Vice-Chair Mercer, Secretary Schroeder, Member Clark, New Member Chen and Alternate Bisiewicz were present in Town Hall.

Meeting Notes for the January 18th 2024 Regular Hybrid Meeting was reviewed. Draft Review PDF had been distributed to all Members. A Motion by Abby Schroeder was made to approve the Meeting Notes as written and was seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark, Chen and Bisiewicz all voting in favor on a roll call vote with none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Hall - Public Hearing was the continuation of the public hearing for the application by Foresight Land Services for the Town of Great Barrington for the Proposed Campus Improvement Landscape and Lighting Plan at Town Hall at 334 Main Street in Great Barrington.

Motion by Fred Clark to open the public hearing with a second by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Chen all voting in favor.

Applicant, Steve Mack, came before the board with an updated site layout. The revisions included as follows-

- (1) Castle Street parking is eliminated
- (2) Bandstand Gazebo will not be relocated and new level viewing area with stone retaining walls will not be installed
- (3) New lighting will be at parking and bollards along sidewalks
- (4) Level plaza with stone retaining walls at the front hall is eliminated
- (5) New accessible walkway from Castle and Main may eliminate Holiday Trees and require more pedestrian accessory around the Winged Liberty statue
- (6) Numerous revisions were discussed and the Applicant will review

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Motion by Fred Clark to continue the Public Hearing to the next Regular Hybrid Meeting on April 18th 2024. Motion was then seconded by Abby Schroeder. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Shroeder, Clark and Chen all voting in favor with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS -

Historic Monuments and Signs - Chair Howe brought forward several examples for street signage in the Taconic and West Avenues Historic District. Chair will obtain additional pricing and information from the Town's Signage Supplier.

Veterans' Monuments/Town Hall - Chair Howe noted that Joe Aberdale, DPW Head, confirmed that the HDC can pursue options for site improvements for memory garden seating and paving adjacent to the Veterans' Monuments.

Member Speak- NONE

Citizen Speak- NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Hybrid Meeting April 18th 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm by Abby Schroeder unless there is any objection was seconded by Marilyn Bisiewicz.