

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21st 2018 Town Hall 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Patricia Ryan, Member
Julie Fagan, Alternate

Not Present-

Holly Troiano, Secretary
Abby Schroder, Member

Public- Paul Ivory, Chris Rembold, Ed Abrahams, Sharon Gregory, Eileen Mooney

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting opened at 6:32 and called to order by Chair Howe.

Meeting Notes for the May 17th 2018 Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by James Mercer to approve the Meeting Notes as written with a second by Julie Fagan. All present voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Transformer Graphics- James Mercer showed a Photo of the 1911 Postcard that is proposed for the Transformer Graphics. The Revised Quote for the Transformer Graphics at Town Hall is \$975.00 for the Wrap and installation.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Improvements- Town Planner, Chris Rembold, presented various Street Improvements for review by both the HDC and Paul Ivory, the Chair of the Historical Commission.

The Town is bidding the following-

- Street Repaving on both sections of Railroad Street and Bridge Street

- New Granite Curbs on Railroad Street

- New Concrete Sidewalks to match the coloring of the recent installation on Main Street

- New (5) Street Lights on Railroad Street

If the bids are within budget, the first repaving work would probably start on Bridge Street this Fall and all work will be completed next Spring.

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The Commissions discussed the following items for inclusion-

New Lighting matching the Cast Iron Westinghouse Lights was more appropriate

HC Chair Ivory felt strongly that the removal of the sidewalk coal chutes/elevators was a major loss to the Character of the Street's History. Possible Marble Edging with inset Brick Pavers was a way to highlight the old locations. Concern was voiced in making a trip hazard. The Town is involved in resolving easements where these chutes/elevators are present.

Alternate paving for the first section of Railroad Street was discussed. James Mercer suggested a Red Brick type paver or "stamped"/embossed installation of Bituminous Concrete. Final consensus was a Stamped Pattern without additional color was an acceptable alternative. Chris Rembold will check on the Cost.

OTHER BUSINESS

Downtown Historic Signage- Sharon Gregory came again before the HDC to emphasis her hope for Downtown Signage featuring the Historic significance. She was interested in Any Grants that would be available.

Chair Howe noted Form B's and Signage for the Taconic West Avenues Historic District were being under consideration by HDC for the CPC. Also, the Historic Marker program is being finalized.

Chair Howe noted that the Walking Tour APP was being updated. He will be contacting Malcolm Fick for stickers for the printed Walking Tour Brochures. Chair Howe also that he and Chris Rembold were looking for a way to post appropriate APPs in various locations Downtown.

Next HDC Regular Meeting will be a Regular Meeting scheduled for July 19th 2018 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by James Mercer with a second by Julie Fagan. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
July-23-2018