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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from July 19th 2018 Town Hall 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
Patricia Ryan, Member
Julie Fagan, Member
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate

Not Present-

James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Abby Schroder, Member

Public- Chris Rembold, Eileen Mooney
Sumner Building Owner Jean-Paul Champoux and wife

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting opened at 6:35 and called to order by Chair Howe.

Meeting Notes for the June 21st 2018 Meeting were reviewed. Patricia Ryan questioned the Note on James Mercer's comment on Red embossed Bituminous Paving. A motion was made by Julie Fagan to approve the Meeting Notes with a second by Patricia Ryan with Chair Howe confirming James Mercer's Comment. All present voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Transformer Graphics- Marilyn Bisiewicz noted a suggested Graphic Artist could not do the work and that Artist had suggested Kwik Print. Chair Howe noted that the Snap Shop may be another source. Chair Howe will forward information to James Mercer

Exedra Seating- Chair Howe noted that the Exedra Seating Cleaning and Sealing along with repairs and installation of new Stone Pedestal Base will be going ahead as soon as the Base is fabricated. A Purchase Order for the New Base has just been approved.

Historic Markers- Chris Rembold and Julie Fagan have met on procedures for obtaining Historic Markers. Chair Howe was not able to make the meeting at the last minute. All will be meeting again in August to refine procedures.

MA General Law Chapter 40c Review and HDC Application Procedures- Chris Rembold noted that Julie Fagan and Chair Howe will be meeting next Month to review the HDC Rules and Regulations. Chair Howe noted that HDC Bylaws would need Town Meeting Approval after a

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thorough review by the Mass Historical Commission as well as the Town's Selectboard and Planning Board.

Chris Rembold reviewed the option of increasing the HDC Application Fee to reflect legal ad costs. He also noted that the current MA laws does not require legal ads now.

All present agreed that Legal Ads are not required. Chair Howe noted that any public hearing notice could include mailings to the whole district as well as abutters. This would be a reminder in lieu of the typical yearly letter that had been done in the past.

Chris Rembold, Julie Fagan and Chris Rembold will be meeting in August to finalize HDC Rules. Chris Rembold will prepare a Review Draft to distribute to HDC Members prior to HDC Regular September Meeting.

JDA/Searles Castle- Chair Howe noted that he had spoken with Bobby Gaughran of JDA. He noted that Bidding is under way on the Engineer's Drawings for the shoring necessary to Demolish defective tower, arched wall and retaining walls. Final Town review is under the Building Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Sumner Building – 308 Main Street- Jean-Paul Champoux and his wife came before the Board to discuss the recent bricks which came dislodged at the top of one set of windows. Stainless Steel brackets were installed at the damaged window section and at the similar locations for all windows on the Second and Third Floors. The Owners explained the most recent repairs and their plans to renovate the exterior in the future. Chair noted that he had sent Historic Photos of the Building to the Owners. Chris Rembold and Chair Howe will look for any photos in the HDC Files dating from when the windows were replaced.

HDC Members Background for CLG Application- Chair Howe reviewed a couple of items such as early settlers who are ancestors of various board members.

Chair Howe will contact those current members and former members who were not present to complete profiles.

Chris Rembold noted that he has the Draft CLG Application ready.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting- Patricia Ryan suggested that the HDC skip the Regular August Meeting unless there is an emergency need. All Present Agreed.

Next HDC Regular Meeting will be the Regular Meeting scheduled for September 20th 2018 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Patricia Ryan with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. All present voted in favor.

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Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Donald V. Howe", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald V. Howe, Chair
September-20-2018