

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from April 18th 2019 Town Hall 6:30 pm

Attendees-

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

Not Present-

Abby Schroder, Member

Public- Chris Rembold, Town Planner; Applicants; Members of Press

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting opened at 6:30 and called to order by Chair Howe.

Meeting Notes for March 21st 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve by James Mercer and seconded by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Transformer Graphics- Still pending from James Mercer as the Artist completes her academic year.

MA General Laws and Applications Review- Chris Rembold distributed Preliminary Version of the Revised Application for Appropriateness. The two-sided form will be updated and distributed to all members for review with an updated copy of the Revised HDC Guidelines.

Historic Tour Brochures- Still pending update by James Mercer.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing #1- At 6:45, a public hearing was held for New Exterior Signage for "Slab Home + Design". James Mercer made a motion to open the Public Hearing and seconded by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

Ryan Larkin of Larkin, LTD presented the proposed New Signage for Slab Home + Design for the Ground Floor Storefront at 316 Main Street. James Mercer, HDC Representative to DAC, noted that this review Committee supports the Revised Signage.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing by James Mercer with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. All Present voted in favor with none opposed.

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Motion by James Mercer for approval of the Application as Appropriate. His findings noted the Massing, Color and Styles were compatible to adjacent District Signs Motion was seconded by Julie Fagan. Voting in favor were Howe, Mercer, Ryan, Fagan and Bisiewicz and none were opposed.

Public Hearing #2- At 7:00pm, a Public Hearing was held for the Placement of a Bronze Statue proposed to be located at the Front of the Mason Library. The Notice for the Pubic Hearing noted the Legacy Committee and the Library Trustees being parties to the Submission. Julie Fagan noted the Legacy Committee was not Applicant as stated in the Hearing Notice. Chair Howe noted that the Library Trustees were also not Applicants and had only provided a preliminary review.

Motion to open the Public Hearing by James Mercer with a second by Patricia Ryan. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Daniel Klein, as a Citizen Initiative, and his wife, Freke Vuijst, presented an application for placing a Bronze, seated sculpture honoring WEB Du Bois at the Mason Library site. Mr Klein will be raising \$80,000 to \$100,000 through donations.

Chair Howe had photos of seated Bronze statues.

James Mercer noted the DAC could be sourced for input.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Julie Fagan with a second by James Mercer. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The Applicants asked for an opportunity to review options before any vote by the Commission. Chair Howe requested any updated information should include a revised application to clarify the Applicants and would not have to include any additional fees.

Drinking Water Stations- Chair Howe noted the DPW would probably be submitting next month applications for Water Stations proposed at Town Hall and the Mason Library.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Regular Meeting was scheduled for May 16th 2019 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by James Mercer with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by,


Donald V. Howe, Chair
May-16-2019