

# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



## GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from July 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 Town Hall via Zoom 6:30 pm

### **Attendees-**

Donald Howe, Chair  
James Mercer, Vice-Chair  
Abby Schroeder, Member  
Julie Fagan, Member  
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate

Attending via Zoom- Edward Abrahams, Selectboard; Fred Clark: Eileen Mooney

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting called to order at 6:42 by Chair Howe.**

Meeting start was delayed until Chair Howe was logged in as monitor by Town Hall Staff.  
Chair Howe noted that this was the first meeting since March 19<sup>th</sup> due to the virus, etc.

Meeting Notes for the March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as presented by Abby Schroeder and seconded by Julie Fagan. Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Bisiewicz voted in favor on a roll call with none opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Transformer Graphics-** Chair Howe noted that the HDC Budgeted Carryover Amount from a previous fiscal year was no longer available.

**Veterans' Grant-** Chair Howe noted that the Contract for the Topographical Work at Town Hall was in process. As soon as this is awarded, he will seek proposals for planning services including construction details.

**2021 HDC Budget-** Chair Howe confirmed that the HDC Budget for FY2021 is \$4,000 representing an increase from previous Budgets.

**2020 Goals/Projects-** Chair Howe noted that the present projects will keep the HDC busy enough, and thus probably new/additional projects are not anticipated.

**MHC Preservation Awards-** Chair Howe that MHC are not taking action of the awards at this time due to restrictions on meeting during the corona virus.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Open Regular Member Position-** Chair Howe reviewed the four applicants for the open Regular Member Position. Fred Clark, one of the Applicants, presented his credentials to the Commission. All current members discussed what they felt were the strongest factors in their recommendation for any new Member to the Selectboard.

James Mercer made a motion for Fred Clark as the strongest candidate for the open position. Abby Schroeder seconded the motion. On a roll call vote- Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Bisiewicz were in favor and none opposed. Chair Howe will contact Mr. Clark about the next steps.

The pending application by Bill Nappo for the open Alternate Position was next reviewed. James Mercer made a motion to continue the recommendation with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. On a roll call vote- Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Bisiewicz were in favor and none opposed. Chair Howe will contact Mr. Nappo about the next steps.

**271 Main Street Signage-** Chair Howe noted new Signage for the Shopper's Guide/Berkshire Eagle is in process. The Design Advisory Committee has reviewed an application. A public hearing proposed for July 30<sup>th</sup> will not happen as revised HDC Application Form has not been submitted by GHI Sign and/or the Building Owner.

**Old Fire Station-** Chair Howe noted that various items of construction are under in process.

**Russell House-** The Architect for the new Owner has contacted the Chair about the regulations that are applicable to renovations to the Building.


## **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**Next Meeting-** Next HDC Meeting was scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**Motion to adjourn** at 7:16pm by Julie Fagan with a second by Abby Schroeder. All present/attending voted in favor.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

  
Donald V. Howe, Chair  
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