

# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



## GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 Town Hall via Zoom 6:30 pm

### **Attendees-**

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

Attending- Edward Abrahams, Selectboard

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting called to order at 6:38 by Chair Howe.**

New Regular Member, Fred Clark, was welcomed to his first meeting.

Election of officers. Julie Fagan made a motion to approve a single ballot for HDC Officers with Donald Howe as Chair, James Mercer as Vice-Chair and Abby Schroeder as Secretary. All Members and Alternate present voted in favor.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ONE**

**Shoppers' Guide/Berkshire Eagle Signage-** First Public hearing was the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness by GHI Sign for the Shoppers' Guide/Berkshire Eagle at the First National/Aldo's Property at 271 Main Street.

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

Fred Rutberg reviewed the Proposed Sign Drawings. The Sign will be 96 inches wide and 34 inches high. The Commercial Graphics for "The Berkshire Eagle" and "Shopper's Guide" will be in Black Lettering on an Off-white background with a single line border and all corners rounded. Sign will be located on a Brick infill panel on the Main Street Façade.

Motion by James Mercer to close public hearing with a second by Abby Schroeder. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Clark all voting in favor.

Motion by James Mercer to approve the application finding that Signage as submitted very compatible with the building with an installation within the Brick infill surrounded by Limestone banding on all sides. Second by Abby Schroeder. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Clark all voting in favor.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING TWO**

**Old Fire Station-** Second Public Hearing was the Application by Zachary Culbreth Architecture for Rehabilitation of the Existing Exterior of the existing Old Fire Station by Castle Street Firehouse LLC at 20 Castle Street.

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

Ross Cameron and Zac Culbreth presented the Documents showing proposed changes to the exterior of the Old Fire Station. Chair Howe noted that he was in receipt of correspondence that the Documents were being updated and would available at a later meeting.

The following items were discussed-

- Windows- Existing Window will be reused and storm type sash will be installed.  
Windows along the alleyway adjacent to the Mahaiwe Theater were being filled in.  
Also, removing the existing brick chimney was noted. Improvements will include rebuilding the parapet at the top of the original hose drying tower. This was removed as a potential hazard.
- Roofing- Roofing is proposed to be replaced with a standing seam type.
- Coping- Missing Stone coping at left will be replaced.
- Overhead Doors- Original Doors were being replicated for the right two bays. New Aluminum with clear glazing were proposed for the left two bays.
- Brick- Samples are coming for the two primary types.
- Rusting Siding on the left side over existing concrete block.

Chair Howe noted that some work had been done on the exterior involving installation of roofing over the left portion. He also noted that interior demolition of hazardous materials had taken place.

Fred Clark noted that the Overhead Doors and the single door on the left side were part of his concerns as well as signage.

Chair noted that we would not need to take a vote this evening and the Public Hearing would be continued to the next HDC Regular Meeting.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Projects Status-** Chair Howe noted the Front Steps at Town Hall, Mason Library Repairs and Painting are pending review for budget, weather, etc. There is some review by the DPW of the Pedestrian Tunnel.

**Train Station Signs-** Chair noted that an application is in process for the Regular Meeting in October.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**Next Meeting-** Next HDC Meeting was scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:10pm by James Mercer unless there is any objection with a second by Julie Fagan.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Donald V. Howe, Chair**  
**September-17-2020**