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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from November 19th 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

Not Present- Bill Nappo, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

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

Meeting Notes for the November 5th 2020 Special Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as presented by Julie Fagan and seconded by Abby Schroeder. Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Bisiewicz voted in favor on a roll call with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

First National/Aldo's Property- Chair Howe noted that Saxton Sign's Review by Design Advisory Committed exposed an issue that the New Building Signs were backlight. Additional information will be needed to be supplied to the Building Inspector.

FCC Manse- Discussion noted that stone samples are in process by the Contractor as an option for the coping replacement of the Garden Walls.

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans' Memory Garden- Steve Mack with Foresight Land Services discussed multiple options for the reuse of existing Brownstone steps materials and relocation of the existing Veterans' Monuments in conjunction a "Veterans' Memory Garden". The HDC is limited in the actual work that can be done as funds are limited. The partial Grant that we received was for Design only. Steve Mack noted that his firm is assisting the DPW with future parking area lighting. Also, noted is that a possible Public Restrooms at the rear of Town Hall are also being considered. Steve Mack felt that he had sufficient input to start possible options and would be at subsequent HDC meetings to review schemes.

CPA/CPC Grants- Two applications are pending at the CPA/CPC for funding at Town Meeting next year. One is by the FCC for repairs at the westerly and northerly stone exterior walls of the

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Manse. The other by the Mahaiwe Theater for replacement/repair of the emergency exit doors along the alley between the Theater and the Old Firehouse.

Chair Howe noted that protective staging may be installed at the Main Street Entrance to the Manse.

Chair Howe also noted that both of these items should be coming before the HDC and probably other Boards/Committees as well as the Building Inspector.

Transformer Graphics- James Mercer discussed the various options of Transformer Graphics. A local artist is proposing installing a temporary graphics in front of Domaney's Liquor Store. He also showed options for the Transformer in front of Town Hall and will get pricing. James Mercer made a motion to correspond with the Chair of the Historical Commission noting that the HDC will continuing with exploring options for the Transformers along Main Street. The Motion was seconded by Abby Schroeder and passed with a roll call vote of Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

FCC Blessing Box- Chair Howe showed sample photos submitted by Angela Moro for a proposed "Blessing Box" to be located off the Parking Lot next to the FCC Church Office. Chair Howe noted that the Building Inspector will not need any documentation. Chair recommended that the HDC will not need an application for this temporary item. All present agreed. Chair will notify the FCC and Angela.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting on December 17th 2020 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm by James Mercer unless there is any objection with a second by Fred Clark.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
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