

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Special Meeting Minutes from February 4th 2021 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 6:31 by Chair Howe.

Meeting Notes were not reviewed. The Regular Meeting on January 21st 2021 was not held due to a malfunctioning of Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS – Public Hearings

First National/Aldo's Property- Chair Howe noted he is still waiting for information.

FCC Manse- Steve McAlister is updating the drawings for the Manse Garden Walls.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing No. ONE

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center- Public Hearing No. One was the Application by the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for Repair/Replacement of Emergency Exit Doors at the *Mahaiwe Theater* at 14 Castle Street.

Motion by James Mercer to open the public hearing with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Fagan, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor. Member Abby Schroeder is involved with the Board and thus recused herself from all votes.

Janis Martinson, Executive Director of the Mahaiwe, reviewed the scope of work which includes removal of three pairs of existing metal exit doors. New metal doors will be installed in existing metal doors frames. All doors will be painted to match the existing. Panic Door Hardware will be maintained on the interior. The exterior ground surface at all three sets of doors is the alleyway between the Mahaiwe Theater and the Old Firehouse. The Theater's Property Line is their building while the Firehouse owns the land. Chair Howe noted that this work is pending a CPA/CPC grant and approval at the 2021 Town Meeting.

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Motion by Jim Mercer to close the public hearing with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Fagan, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor and Schroeder recusing.

Motion by Fred Clark to approve the Application as Appropriate noting that the new doors were replacement in kind for the seriously deteriorated units. New Units will have the same functionality in all respects.

Motion was then seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Fagan, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor and Schroeder recusing.

Public Hearing No. TWO

97.7fm - wbcf- Public Hearing No. Two was the Application by GHI Sign for **97.7fm-wbcf** for a New Building Projecting Sign at the Tenant Space at 323 Main Street which is part of the *Mahaiwe Block* at 320 Main Street.

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

Phil from GHI Sign presented the proposed signage in detail and on a photo of the Main Street façade. This sign is in addition to the Station Call Letters which are part of the faux stone finish on the façade.

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

Motion by Fred Clark to approve the Application as Appropriate noting that the New Projecting Sign being 24 inches high by 30 inches wide with Sage green lettering on a Black background supported on a Black metal bracket was consistent with the context of the Main Street area.

Motion was then seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Fagan, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

Public Hearing No. THREE

Old Fire Station- Public Hearing No. Three was the updated Application by Zachary Culbreth Architecture for Castle Street Firehouse LLC for the Rehabilitation of Existing Exterior of the *Old Fire Station* at 20 Castle Street.

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

Zac Culbreth presented revised documents for the Rehabilitation of the Old Firehouse. The main revision was the Existing Windows are planned to be removed and replaced with New metal clad units. The Exterior Trim will be synthetic such as Azeck in lieu of Mahogany. All

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Frames and Trim will be White in color and the Glass will be clear. Fred Clark noted that Replacement is not the favored treatment under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Updated documents are in process which include the Existing Fixed Sash Units, Replacement Window Specifications, Roofing Samples of Zinc diamond style. These items will be needed for any updated Certificate.

In the future, the Owners of the Old Firehouse will be presenting Lighting, Signage and Landscaping to the HDC.

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

Motion by James Mercer to approve updating the Application as Appropriate noting usage of Replacement Windows provides an installation that is superior in meeting the current energy standards.

Motion was then seconded by Julie Fagan. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Fagan and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

Motion by Julie Fagan to allow the Chair to update the Certificate when samples and documents are received from the Applicant.

Motion was then seconded by Jim Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Fagan and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans' Grants- Chair Howe noted that a new round of funding was open for initial applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting on February 18th 2021 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm by Julie Fagan unless there is any objection with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
April-15-2021