

# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



## GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup> 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 6:34 by Chair Howe.**

Meeting Notes were not reviewed. Zoom Meeting access was working by internet access only; phone number and access codes were not working. Member Julie Fagan had audio problems thus attended only a small portion of the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS – Public Hearing**

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

### **NEW PUBLIC HEARING**

**Town Hall Entry Steps-** Public Hearing the Application by the G. B. Department of Public Works for Repairs and Replacement of the Front and Side Entry Steps at Town Hall at 223 Main Street.

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

Sean VanDeusen updated the Commission of the current status of the Entry Steps. The apparent low bidder is Allergone. The new Brownstone material is being sourced and smaller stone may need to be used. Shop Drawings and samples will be the next step in the construction contract award process. Any update for these items would be reviewed at the Regular HDC Meeting in April.

Motion by Abby Schroeder to close the public hearing with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. Amended by James Mercer to continue the hearing until the April Regular Meeting. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Veterans' Memory Garden-** Sean VanDeusen noted that the Scope of Work for site improvements at Town has recently been expanded to possibly include removing the northerly entrance driveway from Castle and Main Streets. Steve Mack and Foresight are undertaking additional topographic survey work and site design that would incorporate several features from the Master Site Plan done several years ago.

**Veterans' Grant-** Chair Howe noted that an application for the current round on grants is not feasible at this time.

**HDC Budget-** The HDC Budget request for the next fiscal year now includes funds for the Winged Liberty Cleaning.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Report-** Chair Howe distributed the HDC Commission portion of the Annual Town Report.

**Members' Terms Expiring-** Julie Fagan and Chair Howe have terms that are expiring at the end of the current fiscal year. Chair Howe noted that a member swap will be the most likely solution.

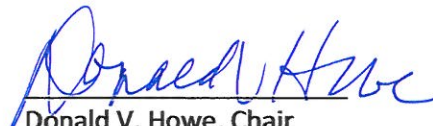
**OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**Next Meeting-** Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:30pm.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:11 pm by James Mercer unless there is any objection with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Donald V. Howe, Chair  
April-15-2021