

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from July 18th 2019 Town Hall 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Patricia Ryan, Secretary
Julie Fagan, Member
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate

Not Present-

Abby Schroeder, Member

Public- Chris Rembold, Town Planner; Barnbrook Applicant.

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting opened at 6:31 and called to order by Chair Howe.

Meeting Notes for the June 20th 2019 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as written by James Mercer seconded by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor with none exposed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

First Public Hearing- New Exterior Signage and Window Graphics for Barnbrook Realty at 271 Main Street.

Motion by Julie Fagan to open the first Public Hearing with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

Tim Harrigan presented photos and a sample of the proposed Building Sign and photos of the Window Graphics. New Building Sign to be White Lettering on a Purple Background. The sample showed the reverse of Purple Lettering on a White Background. The Window Graphics with their White Lettering are already installed.

Motion by James Mercer to close the Public Hearing with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

Patricia Ryan made a motion to approve the Application noting the Building Sign's Size and Color as appropriate to the building. James Mercer amended the motion that the New Sign be located in the Brick infill only within the Stone bands. The Window Graphics were also compatible with similar for other Tenants in the Building. Motion seconded by Julie Fagan. Motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness passed with Howe, Mercer, Ryan, Fagan and Bisiewicz voting in favor with none opposed.

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Second Public Hearing- New Exterior and Window Signage for Antique Soul at the Mahaiwe Block.

Motion by James Mercer to open this Public Hearing with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor with none opposed. Chair Howe explained the Proposed Work as the Applicant, Ryan Larkin, was on vacation. New Signage for Antique Soul locating in part of the Building Front of the Mahaiwe Block at 322 Main Street will include a Projection Sign which is 34 inches wide and 28 inches high and a filler panel located in the half-round window sash which is 48 inches wide and 24 inches high. James Mercer noted approval of the Downtown Design Advisory Committee with the new Projecting Sign being installed in an existing bracket. Gold Lettering in Roman Style Capitals is placed on a Black Background with a Gold Borderline at the Perimeter for both signs.

Motion by Marilyn Bisiewicz to close the Public Hearing with a second by Julie Fagan. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

Motion by Patricia Ryan was made for approval finding the New Signage attractive and keeping with the Brickwork, Stone and the overall details of the Mahaiwe Block. James Mercer seconded the Motion for approval and issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion passed with Howe, Mercer, Ryan, Fagan and Bisiewicz voting in favor and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Transformer Graphics- Still pending from James Mercer.

MA General Laws and Applications Review- Chris Rembold distributed updated Application for Certificate for Appropriateness and updated HDC Rules and Regulations. These have been reviewed and revised by Members Julie Fagan and Chair Howe in conjunction with Chris Rembold. All present approved these final Forms without additional changes. Motion to approve by James Mercer with a second by Julie Fagan. All present voted in favor with none opposed.

Copies of the HDC Design Guidelines were also distributed. Julie Fagan noted a couple of technical items which could be edited. Chair Howe noted the originals are not available for editing. No revisions are to be undertaken at this moment. Chris Rembold and the Chair will look into amending the documents.

Historic Tour Brochures- Still pending update by James Mercer.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers- James Mercer made a motion for the current Chair to continue as Chair. Chair Howe amended the Motion to include the current entire slate including James Mercer as Vice-Chair and Patricia Ryan as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Julie Fagan. All present vote in favor with none opposed.

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Budget Review- Chair Howe distributed a Budget Summary for review.

Railroad Street Lighting- Chair Howe reviewed the original submission by Chris Rembold, Town Planner. He noted that the work is coming to completion and members should review the Railroad Street installation. Chris Rembold noted that the new Lighting Poles are installed but have not been energized yet. Existing Poles will be in place until then.

CPA/CPC Grant Contract- Chair Howe noted that he had received a PDF of the multi-page Contract for the CPC Grant to the HDC of \$27,000 from Chris Rembold. Members expressed their interest in reviewing the actual Contract. Even though Chris Rembold had a copy in his possession, Chair Howe suggested for time consideration he would forward the PDF for all review on their own outside the meeting.

Town Hall Open Space- Chair Howe noted his recent conversation about the Open Space around Town Hall incorporating any removed Brownstone steps. James Mercer noted the continuing issue of Veterans' Monuments. Chris Rembold explained design work done a couple of years ago by an intern in the Planning Office. Rembold, Mercer and Howe commented on using CPC funding or other sources to do an initial landscaping and site planning study.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Regular Meeting was scheduled for August 15th 2019 at 6:30pm. Chair Howe will review if this Meeting will review if this Summer Meeting is necessary.

Motion to adjourn by James Mercer with a second by Julie Fagan. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
August-15-2019