

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15th 2021 Town Hall 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Fred Clark, Member

Not Present- Abby Schroeder, Secretary; Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate; Bill Nappo, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

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

Meeting Notes for the May 20th 2021 Regular Meeting were not reviewed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Fred Clark nominating Don Howe as Chair with second by James Mercer passed with all present voting in favor.

Motion by Fred Clark nominating James Mercer as Vice-Chair with second by Donald Howe passed with all present voting in favor.

Motion by James Mercer nominating Abby Schroeder as Secretary with second by Fred Clark passed with all present voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Veterans' Memory Garden- Chair Howe noted the Payment was being processed as Foresight has completed the Design Services of the Veterans' Grant.

Transformer Graphics- Vice-Chair Mercer noted that the Design for the Transformer Graphics is still in process.

Walking Tour Brochures and Holders- Holders have been ordered and will be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Winged Liberty Cleaning- Periodic Cleaning and Treatment has been completed and the billing for \$7,000 is in process.

Veterans' Monuments- The Veterans' Monument in Housatonic was Cleaning shortly after Memorial Day by Rich Atwood as a Donation to the Town for the Veterans. The War Memorial at Town Hall had additional documentation added by Rich Atwood and the cost was reimbursed by Randy Weinstein in memory of his Father, Syd.

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



Budget Review- Chair Howe is preparing budget reports.

Manse Garden Walls- The first phase is completed. The Left Section is complete with new stone capping. The Right Section was not done at this time.

271 Main Street Signage- Chair Howe noted that the new TD Signage had been installed and noted that members could observe the Illuminated Signs during the evening hours when going by. Denise Forbes attended the Meeting thinking that this Item referred to other Signage on the building. Chair Howe noted that an incomplete application was received thus needing more information along with a list of abutters.

Mahaiwe Block Signage- The final paperwork was not completed.

City Block Signage- An application for signage is in process.

"Great Barrington-Here & Gone"- The book will soon going to the publishers.

Searles Castle- The Complex recently sold. The John Dewey Academy has not operated on the property for several months.

Open Regular Member Position- The Board has an open member position. Julie Fagan decided that she needed to focus on her health and could not give the full effort as a Regular Member that she felt was needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting August 19th 2021 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm by James Mercer unless there is any objection with a second by Fred Clark.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
November-18-2021