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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from May 19th 2022 Town Hall via Zoom 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Fred Clark, Member
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate

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

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:31 by Chair Howe with a Roll Call of Attendees.

Meeting Notes for the April 19th 2022 Regular Meeting was reviewed. Draft Review PDF had been distributed to all Members. A Motion by James Mercer was made to approve the Meeting Notes as written and this motion was seconded by Fred Clark. Motion passed with Howe, Mercer, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor on a roll call with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Bandstand Dedication- There were no items to update.

Searles Castle Masonry Walls- Robert Gaughran is updating the submittal on repairs to the concrete walls along Main Street adjacent to the Police Station.

NEW BUSINESS

Transformer Graphics Grant- Chair Howe noted the Town had received grant monies for installing Transformer Graphics at multiple locations.

Mason Library Building/Site Conditions- Chair Howe noted all members had been sent photos of the deterioration of the front steps, handrails, clamshell canopy, rusted exterior lights, window sills, etc. The building inspector will be requiring barricades on the entry steps for public safety.

House Marker Program- Chair Howe reviewed the updated pricing of the Bronze and synthetic markers. He also reviewed the process of handling and approving applications. Marilyn Bisiewicz offered to assist in the process.

Searles Castle Balcony Repair- The Building Inspector noted to Chair Howe that a repair on the Main Building is in process and questioned whether the work was under our review.

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Design Advisory- Fred Clark noted that he did not wish to be reappointed as the Alternate HDC Member on Design Advisory Committee. James Mercer noted that he wished to continue as the primary HDC Member on the Committee. Chair Howe noted that he had a conversation with the Building Inspector about the Alternate position. At our July meeting, new elections and appointments will be processed.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting June 16th 2022 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm by James Mercer unless there is any objection was seconded by Marilyn Bisiewicz.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair

July-21-2022