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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21st 2022 Town Hall via Zoom 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Abby Schroeder, Secretary

Not Present- Fred Clark, Member; Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate; Bill Nappo, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:36 by Chair Howe with a Roll Call of Attendees.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Bandstand Dedication- Abby Schroeder reported on the actual dedication of "Grover's Corner" that took place on July 2nd even with delay from a rain storm. James Mercer noted that the performers and others helped to make a great and very successful event. The new street/location signage was also noted.

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

Transformer Graphics Grant- James Mercer presented sample transformer graphics. The actual covering on the unit in front Town Hall is in process. Abby Schroeder made a motion that James Mercer proceed with the coverings without delaying the process until any HDC Regular Meeting and was seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed with Howe, Mercer and Schroeder all voting in favor on a roll call with none opposed.

Mason Library Building/Site Conditions- Chair Howe reported that planters had been installed as barriers to public use of the deteriorated steps.

House Marker Program- Chair Howe reported that updates for regulations are in process.

Searles Castle Balcony Repair- Chair Howe reported that he had made a site visit to review the proposed replacement of the precast balcony handrails. Detail Drawings will be submitted.

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NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers- This item was passed over as only the three elected officers were present.

Sumer Block- Chair Howe noted that an application is in process for flashing repairs at windows on the upper section of the Front Street Façade at 208 Main Street.

Russell House Open House- Chair Howe noted Abby Schroeder, Fred Clark and he all attended the Open House on July 10th hosted by Robert Hartwell celebrating the start of renovations and improvements at his historic residence.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting August 18th 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
Oct-20-2022