

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes from October 20th 2022
Town Hall via Zoom 6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Abby Schroeder, Secretary
Fred Clark, Member

Not Present- Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate; Bill Nappo, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Chair Howe with a Roll Call of Attendees. Chair Howe, Vice-Chair Mercer and Secretary Schroeder were present in Town Hall and Member Clark attended by Zoom Webinar.

Meeting Notes for the July 21st 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 was seconded by Abby Schroeder. Motion passed with Howe, Mercer and Schroeder all voting in favor on a roll call with Clark abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

Searles Castle Masonry Walls- Submittal is still in process.

Transformer Graphics Grant- Vice-Chair Mercer noted the next planned installation is at the electrical box in front of the CVS Building on Main Street and will probably include the Berkshire Inn. Chair Howe confirmed that the graphics at Town Hall cost \$1,700 and another \$75 for high resolution scans which will be funded from the HDC Budget for the current year.

NEW BUSINESS

Searles Castle Balcony Repair- Jeffrey Cantarella of Champlain Masonry, Inc. attended the meeting via Zoom Seminar presenting the construction documents for balcony railings at the southwesterly façade of the main building. All the existing deteriorated precast railings will be removed, the existing roof surface (Copper Pan) will be inspected and repaired as needed. New high end type precast railings will be fabricated and installed. Actual sample will be submitted as only photographs were available.

Shop drawings were presented showing the proposed work.

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Motion by Abby Schroeder to approve the repairs as necessary and appropriate. Motion was then seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer Schroeder and Clark all voting in favor with none opposed.

Old Firehouse Improvements- Zac Culbreth present updated drawings showing revisions to the westerly elevations of the Old Firehouse including the new aluminum storefront and cementitious waterproofing and the elimination of the proposed weathering siding. The hose tower rebuild will not include certain decorative items due to earthquake considerations.

Motion by Abby Schroeder to approve the update as presented as appropriate. Motion was then seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder and Clark all voting in favor with none opposed.

FCC Manse- Steve McAlister presented the second phase of the Repair/Replacement of the Stone Façade Walls of the Manse with a focus on the South Walls facing the Church along the East Walls opposite the Carriage House. Architectural drawings were presented showing the proposed work.

Members noted that the Church had been diligent in dealing with the Stone on all their buildings with installing soft mortar where hard mortar had been installed over many years causing many issues. The Balcony has had a structural report completed concluding that the structural item is stable, and repairs are not needed.

Motion by Abby Schroeder to approve the second phase as presented as appropriate. Motion was then seconded by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder and Clark all voting in favor with none opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Meeting November 17th 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair

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