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## GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Town Hall via Zoom Seminar 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 6:31 by Chair Howe with a Roll Call of Attendees.** Chair Howe and Vice-Chair Mercer were present in Town Hall and Secretary Schroeder attended by Zoom Seminar.

Meeting Notes for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular Hybrid Meetings were reviewed. Draft Review PDF had been distributed to all Members. A Motion by Abby Schroeder was made to approve the Meeting Notes for both dates 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**

**Mason Library Building/Site Conditions-** Chair Howe asked for a consensus by the members of the priority of repairs that have been pending for several years. Consensus was that the first priority is the "Clamshell" Canopy repair then painting trim and corner blocks along with the following items- repair of the walkway bollard light, repair/restoration of the rusted entrance lamps, repair/restoration of the entrance area hand railings and repair/cleaning of the unsafe front entrance steps. All these items should be undertaken immediately and implemented before (or at least in conjunction with) any other improvements.

**House Marker Program-** Chair Howe reported progress continues.

**Sumer Block-** Chair Howe noted an update that the Property is for sale and an offer is pending subject to an inspection this coming week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mahaiwe Block CPA Application-** Vice-Chair Mercer confirmed that the new owner has been granted a CPA/CPC grant for exterior improvements.

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**Mahaiwe Theater-** Janis Martinson, Executive Director of the Mahaiwe Performing Arts attended the meeting with Staff Diane Wortis and Lucas Pawelski attended by Zoom Webinar. Janis presented the various items of work that are being proposed for the next two years. They are looking for various grants including MHC a preservation grant. Chair Howe noted that all the items required review by the HDC.

**Russell House-** Chair Howe noted that he has heard that the original Architect and applicant is no longer involved. He also noted that he has not been officially notified of the replacement.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Electrical Cabinets Graphics-** Vice-Chair Mercer is arranging for more installations.

**Next Meeting-** Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Hybrid Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:30pm.

**Motion to adjourn** at 6:41 pm by Abby Schroeder unless there is any objection was seconded by James Mercer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair  
Mar-16-2023