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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes from March 16th 2023 Town Hall via Zoom Seminar 6:30 pm

Attendees-

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

Not Present- Bill Nappo, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:41 by Chair Howe with a Roll Call of Attendees. Chair Howe, Vice-Chair Mercer, Member Clark and Alternate Bisiewicz were present in Town Hall and Secretary Schroeder attended by Zoom Seminar.

Meeting Notes for the February 16th 2023 Regular Hybrid Meetings were 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, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor on a roll call with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mason Library Building/Site Conditions- Member Clark affirmed his strong support of immediate implementation of all needed repairs.

Russell House- Chair Howe has received notification from the new Architect who also noted that the widow's walk railings are not being installed. Shutter installation had been questioned but are to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahaiwe Theater- Janis Martinson, Executive Director of the Mahaiwe Performing Arts attended the meeting with Staff Diane Wortis both attended by Zoom Webinar while Lucas Pawelski attended in person.

All in attendance review the various items of work that are being proposed for the next two years. More information is needed for the HDC to review the applications. Lucas expected that the May HDC Meeting would be the earliest time frame the details and data necessary will be ready for any public hearing.

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The Flat Roof on the upper area with only a handrail visible from the street will not need to be part of the public hearing process for that specific flat roofing installation/repairs.

Sumner Block- Member Clark noted that he may have a conflict of interest as the Buyer is applying to the Affordable Housing Trust for funding the purchase. The consensus was that there would not be any conflict.

OTHER BUSINESS

Electrical Cabinets Graphics- Vice-Chair Mercer has the graphic artist Franklin working on more installations. The next projected installation will be in front of CVS.

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Hybrid Meeting May 18th 2023 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm by Abby Schroeder unless there is any objection was seconded by Marilyn Bisiewicz.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair

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