

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes from April 20th 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 March 16th 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting were reviewed. Draft Review PDF had been distributed to all Members. A Motion by Fred Clark 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

Mahaiwe Theater- Chair Howe has received the list of abutters for the previously submitted applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahaiwe Theater- Chair Howe noted the pending applications and updates for the renovations to Mahaiwe Theater will possibly be a public hearing at the May Regular Meeting.

Russell House- Alternate Bisiewicz asked the name of the new Architect. Chair Howe stated that he would forward the information after the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

South Street Park- Members discussed the naming of the Public Park on South Street which is part of the Taconic and West Avenues Historic District.

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Winged Liberty Lighting- Vice-Chair Mercer noted that Lenox is proposing exterior lighting for their monument on the island in the town center. He suggests that new exterior lighting would enhance the Winged Liberty statue. Chair Howe noted that the HDC should have an update coming from the Town on the status of proposed site improvements including the proposed separate restroom building.

Meeting Times- Vice-Chair Mercer questioned if the Meeting Time for HDC could be moved to 6:00pm instead the current 6:30pm. Secretary Schroeder suggested that 5:30pm would even be better. Chair Howe will confirm that the Selectboard's Meeting Room would be available regularly for either of the suggested times.

Electrical Cabinets Graphics- Vice-Chair Mercer noted that graphic artist Franklin has the rough draft for the existing unit in front of CVS.

Citizen Speak- Karen Johnson attended the meeting and inquired about the status of the proposed statue at the Mason Library. The members gave an update of the previous application and their impressions of future pending items.

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Hybrid Meeting May 18th 2023 at a time to be determined.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair
May-18-2023