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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes from October 19th 2023 Town Hall via Zoom Seminar 5:30 pm

Attendees-

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

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:31 by Chair Howe. Chair Howe, Vice-Chair Mercer, Secretary Schroeder, Member Clark and Alternate Bisiewicz were present in Town Hall.

Meeting Notes for the August 17th and September 21st 2023 Regular Hybrid Meetings were not reviewed.

PUBLIC HEARING ONE

Old Fire Station- Public Hearing One was for the updated application by Zachary Culbreth Architecture for the Castle Street Firehouse LLC for Exterior Lighting, Hard/Landscaping and New Canopy at the Old Fire Station at 20 Castle Street.

Motion by Abby Schroeder to open the public hearing with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

Zac Culbreth presented updated drawings incorporating items based upon the Planning Board recommendations. Included in the presentation was as follows-

- (1) New Overhead Door at West Elevation six inches higher than existing and eliminating passage door.
- (2) New Entrance Door in storefront with entrance replacing existing window. Finish to black matching the new storefront at the new canopy.
- (3) Three bollards matching existing at alley to Railroad Street. One at the front left corner and the other two at the new canopy.
- (4) Lighting is still in limbo as the applicant is preparing a request for a Special Permit from the Planning Board for uplighting on the hose tower.

Motion by Abby Schroeder to close the public hearing with a second by James Mercer. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

Motion by Fred Clark to approve overhead door replacement, the new storefront with a passage door and the new bollards as Appropriate.

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Motion was then seconded by Marilyn Bisiewicz. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor with none opposed. The outstanding items include any revisions to the exterior lighting along with building signage.

PUBLIC HEARING TWO

Town Hall - Public Hearing Two was the continuation of the application of the Foresight Land Services for the Town of Great Barrington for the Proposed Campus Improvement Landscape and Lighting Plan at Town Hall at 334 Main Street in Great Barrington.

Motion by Fred Clark to open the public hearing with a second by Abby Schroeder. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

Chair Howe noted correspondence from Steve Mack requesting a continuance to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion by Fred Clark to continue the public hearing to our Regular November Meeting with a second by Abby Schroeder. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS -

Fiscal Year Projects - Fred Clark questioned if any CPA projects were under consideration by the HDC; None are under consideration. Later discussion, noted that expansion of historic districts should be under consideration.

NEW BUSINESS -

Planning Board - Planning Board Member, Malcomb Fick, updated the applicable, relevant HDC and HC items in the Master Plan including the following-

- (1) Uniform historic signage.
- (2) Expanding and promoting the historic district.
- (3) Educating property owners on benefits and costs of designation.
- (4) Expanding existing or creating new districts.

Actions that have been taken were reviewed along with a demolition delay regulation.

Design Advisory - The vacant position of Alternate HDC Member was reviewed. Fred Clark expressed interest in again serving. Motion to appoint Fred Clark as the Alternate HDC Member on the Design Advisory Board was made by Abby Schroeder with a second by Fred Clark. Motion passed by a roll call vote with Howe, Mercer, Schroeder, Clark and Bisiewicz all voting in favor. Chair Howe will send correspondence to the Town Clerk's Office.

Citizen Speak- None

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Hybrid Meeting November 16th 2023 at 5:30 pm.

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Motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm by Marilyn Bisiewicz unless there is any objection was seconded by Abby Schroeder.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair

November-16-2023