

# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



## GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 Town Hall 6:30 pm

### **Attendees-**

Donald Howe, Chair (Town Hall)  
James Mercer, Vice-Chair (Town Hall)  
Abby Schroeder, Member (Phone)  
Julie Fagan, Member (Phone)  
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate (Phone)

### **Not Present-**

Patricia Ryan, Secretary

Present- Samantha Gale Thomas (Phone)

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Meeting opened at 6:35 and called to order by Chair Howe.**

Meeting Notes for the January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as presented by James Mercer and seconded by Julie Fagan. All present/attending voted in favor with none opposed.

Meeting Notes for the February 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as presented by James Mercer and seconded by Marilyn Bisiewicz. All present/attending voted in favor with none opposed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Relocation of Existing Projecting Sign and New Window Graphics for Samantha Gale/*Vintage Farmhouse* at the 316 Main Street Storefront in the Mahaiwe Block.**

Motion by James Mercer to open the first Public Hearing with a second by Marilyn Bisiewicz. All present/attending voted in favor with none opposed.

Samantha Gale Thomas described the New Windows Graphics proposed for her relocation to a new Storefront plus the relocation of her Existing Projecting Sign. The Window Graphics are a similar format to those of the previous tenant.

Motion by Marilyn Bisiewicz to close the Public Hearing with a second by Julie Fagan. All present/attending voted in favor with none opposed.

Chair Howe noted that he still feels now as well as previously that the Window Graphics are just too large. Samantha Gale Thomas noted that she was quite happy with this item as presented. James Mercer made a motion to approve the Application noting the Existing Building Sign's Size and Color as still appropriate to the building. The Window Graphics were also compatible being a similar format to those of the previous Tenant. Motion seconded by Marilyn Bisiewicz.

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Motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness passed with Mercer, Schroeder, Fagan and Bisiewicz voting in favor with Howe opposed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Manse/Carriage House-** Stone Retaining wall at Rear Exist Steps has collapsed. FCC has installed metal fencing to secure the area. Also, they have arranged for professional services to determine corrective measures.

**Survey/TOPO Town Hall-** Chair Howe will be seeking proposals from surveying firms for the Topographical Data related to any relocation of Veterans' Monuments, etc.

**MHC Grants-** Recent Applications were not successful.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**Next Meeting-** Next HDC Meeting was scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**Motion to adjourn** at 7:53pm by Julie Fagan with a second by Abby Schroeder. All present/attending voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair

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