

**DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** **CRAIG OKERSTROM LANG**  
**STEPHEN GREEN**  
**OLGA MAY MILLIGAN**  
**JONATHAN HANKIN**  
**JAMES MERCER**  
**EDWIN A. MAY, STAFF LIAISON NON-VOTING MEMBER**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang called the meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

II. **MINUTES: JULY 7, 2011**

**MOTION:** Ms. Milligan to approve as amended the minutes of July 7, 2011.

**SECOND:** Mr. Hankin

**VOTE:** 5-0

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

The Committee had a sign permit application for Mykonos Grill at 284 Main Street, Suite 113. There is an existing sign that would be repainted with red letters on a blue background. The Board felt 2 foot by 6 foot sign was very authentic. The 3.2 square foot tenant panel would also be replaced.

**MOTION:** Ms. Milligan to approve as presented.

**SECOND:** Mr. Hankin

**VOTE:** 5-0

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business discussed.

VI. **GENERAL:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang suggested the Committee review the Village Center Overlay District to determine if the DAC purview should be amended to include all the area within the district. Currently the DAC purview begins at Castle Street and ends at Elm Street, the B-District.

Mr. Hankin asked what the issue is that would require the amendment.

Mr. May said there is a special permit that may be submitted in the next few weeks a property north of Elm Street.

Mr. Hankin said the purposes of the VOCOD have different criteria for design review. The design review includes architectural details and sign review.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said he would like to have consistency for all of Main Street.

Mr. May suggested the Committee walk Main Street to look at all the signs that haven't been reviewed.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said there will be review meetings for the redevelopment of the Railroad Street. He suggested the Committee members may want to attend the meeting(s) to know what is being discussed.

Mr. Rembold came into the meeting.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang returned to the VOCOD discussion asking Mr. Hankin if he thought the Planning Board would discuss a proposal to amend the bylaw.

Mr. Hankin said he felt it was fair to ask the Board for their input.

Mr. Rembold said the only downside to including the DAC would be requiring applicants to go before another committee. He asked if there had been any applications in the VOCOD that had not triggered a special permit. He reminded the members that they have the opportunity to comment if there is a special permit.

Mr. May said yes there had been signs that did not trigger a special permit.

Mr. Rembold said little changes that could result in the applicant going before another committee could make the process onerous. Requiring too much review could discourage applicants.

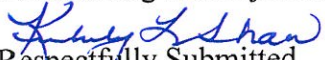
Mr. Okerstrom Lang said he appreciated Mr. Rembold's comments and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

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VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Milligan to adjourn.  
**SECOND:** Mr. Mercer  
**VOTE:** 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly L. Shaw  
General Office Assistant

