

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **JONATHAN HANKIN**
STEPHEN DIETEMANN
STEPHAN GREEN
DAN BAILLY

EDWIN MAY STAFF LIASON

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Hankin called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

II. **MINUTES:**

MOTION: Mr. Dietmann to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013,

SECOND: Mr. Green

VOTE: All in favor

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

Phil Ghi from GHI Signs was present to discuss the applications before the Committee.

The Committee reviewed a sign permit application for Sotheby's at 308 Main Street at the former World Wide Market location. The new sign will simply be a change of the logo. Mr. Ghi said the sign will be 30 inches by 40 inches and will use the same bracket as the previous sign.

MOTION: Mr. Dietemann to accept the application as submitted.

SECOND: Mr. Bailly

VOTE: All in favor

The Committee reviewed a sign permit application for Olga Dunn Dance Studio at 390 Main Street. The new sign would be 2 ft. by 2 ft. and located on the Bridge Street side of the building.

Mr. Hankin said he is uncomfortable not seeing the elevation and how it will look with the other signs on that side of the building.

Mr. Bailly said the Historic District Commission has to review the sign. He asked if the HDC approves it would you feel comfortable or would you want it to come

back to this Committee.

Mr. Hankin said it is not an offensive sign. He said he would like to see how it will look with the other signs.

MOTION: Mr. Green to approve contingent upon HDC approval of the sign.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: All in favor

The Committee reviewed a sign application for Village Mortgage Company at 312 Main Street for two wall mounted signs 28 inches by 70 inches. The illumination is existing.

Mr. Green asked if the signs are symmetrically located.

Mr. Ghi said yes they will be shadow box signs in a raised black frame with a piece of clear acrylic with the graphic on it and a second piece of clear acrylic on top of it.

Mr. Green said the sign could be nicer with better lighting. He said there would be a better sense of space by placing them symmetrically.

Mr. Ghi said he did not think it would be a problem to incorporate those suggestions.

MOTION: Mr. Green to approve as shown with the suggestion to mount symmetrically, as a twin and to orient the lights to wash each sign in an attractive way.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: All in favor

The Committee discussed the sign installed by the Congregational Church without a sign permit or HDC approval. Mr. Ghi said they replaced an existing sign that had rotted. He said the replacement sign was exactly the same size as the previous sign. Everything is identical. The new sign has some arches and the colors include black. Mr. Ghi said he didn't mean to cause a problem.

Mr. Bailly said there will be opposition to the sign. The Historic District Commission has concerns about it fitting into the historic nature of the district.

Mr. Ghi asked what the changes might be.

Mr. Bailly said he did not want to speak for the HDC the sign needed to be submitted for their review.

MOTION: Mr. Green to accept the sign as shown on the sketch.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: All in favor, Mr. Bailly abstained.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bailly said the HDC is in the process of starting a historic marker campaign. The markers would be brass plaques 1 ft. x 1 ft.

Mr. May said the markers would be exempt from sign approval if they are erected by the HDC.

Mr. Hankin suggested that the HDC come to the DAC with a template for the plaque for a one time approval.

The Committee agreed that would be a good idea.

VI. **ADJOURN:** Without objection, Mr. Hankin adjourned the meeting at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly L. Shaw
Inter-Departmental Secretary