

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2012
4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **CRAIG OKERSTROM-LANG**
OLGA MILLIGAN
JONATHAN HANKIN
STEPHAN GREEN
JAMES MERCER

EDWIN MAY BUILDING INSPECTOR

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

II. **MINUTES:**

There were no minutes to approve.

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said the Committee has a sign application for 304 Main Street. Mr. Mercer is the building owner.

Mr. Mercer said he is recusing himself from the discussion. He said Premier Insurance Company has engaged Larkin Ltd. to design and make the sign. It is a shingle sign 9X 36 inches bracket mounted and double sided. It is consistent with other signs on the street.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said it is just under 36 inches. The maximum is 35.99 inches. He said it is a long linear sign. It is very interesting. He asked if it would be illuminated.

Mr. Mercer said it would not be illuminated.

Mr. Hankin said it is graphically weak. It looks like it would wash out.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said it like their logo. The bracket is dark. Mr. Okerstrom-Lang asked if there were any further discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Green to approve as presented and designed..

SECOND: Mr. Hankin

VOTE: 4-0

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said the second sign is for the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce on Railroad Street. They want to add on to a sign board that is there now. They plan to use their current logo and what they use on their web page. This sign would replace a previous sign.
All agree it is a nice sign.

MOTION: Ms. Milligan to approve the sign..

SECOND: Mr. Mercer

VOTE: 5-0

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. May said he wanted to discuss the Greater Barrington signs that have been put up by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said he first wanted to discuss a new sign that was installed at the Cooperative Bank. He said he had not seen a permit application for it.

Mr. May said he thought they were doing gardening work. He said he would follow up.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said the Greater Barrington signage is temporary construction signage the Chamber of Commerce is putting up

Mr. May said no one had talked to him about permits or waiving of fees. He said there is a section in the sign bylaw that addresses signs that require permits but no fees.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said he had meetings with Kevin and the Finance committee but applying for a permit went over my head.

Mr. May said one of the signs is on historic property and there has not been an opportunity to talk to those people.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said he could get a meeting together with Chamber Director Betsy Andrus to discuss the signs.

Mr. May suggested taking a photograph of the signs. He asked if there was consent from the property owners to place the signs. He said he just needed to have permission to issue the sign permits. He said the banner would require an engineer's stamp.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said this will fall on Ms. Andrus' shoulders to take care of.

Mr. May said he could assist her if she calls.

Mr. May said this is the dry run for next year. Perhaps put signs on Jersey barriers or benches along Main Street.

Mr. Green asked if there is any portion of the street that won't be disturbed

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said no.

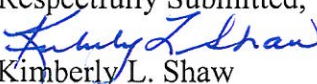
Mr. Hankin said the whole street will be torn up in different places. They won't be in one place.

Mr. May said the street will be open for business. All the buildings will be accessible all the time.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said he will schedule another meeting to address the Chamber signs. It was decided to try for Wednesday April 18 at 4:00 P.M. at the Library. Will let everyone know

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang said without objection the meeting is adjourned.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly L. Shaw
General Office Assistant

