

**DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2010**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** **EDWIN A. MAY**  
**CRAIG OKERSTROM-LANG**  
**STEPHEN LEIGH**  
**ANTHONY BARNABA**  
**STEPHEN GREEN**  
**JONATHAN HANKIN**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. May called the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. **MINUTES: JUNE 3, 2010**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to approve the minutes of June 3, 2010 as amended.

**SECOND:** Mr. Okerstrom Lang

**VOTE:** 6-0

III. **NEW BUSINESS:REORGANIZE**

**MOTION:** Mr. Leigh to nominate Mr. Okerstrom Lang as the chairman.

**SECOND:** Mr. Green

There was brief discussion of the motion. Mr. Hankin had concerns about Mr. Okerstrom Lang as the chairman. The discussion was concluded.

**VOTE:** All in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to nominate Mr. Dietermann as the vice chairman.

**SECOND:** Mr. Barnaba

**VOTE:** All in favor

IV. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

There were no permits for review. voting

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Jim Mercer was present to discuss the exterior of the TP Saddle Blanket building at 304 Main Street at the corner of Main Street and Railroad Street. Mr. Mercer said that in 1910 there was writing on the side of the building advertising home goods and furnishings. In some light the lettering can still be seen. Mr. Mercer said this is the oldest commercial block in Great Barrington. He said he would like to restore the lettering, black letters with a white outline. He said he needs permission from the Historic District Commission and the DAC.

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Mr. Barnaba said he would like to see a drawing with dimensions and colors. He said it is a great idea.

Mr. Mercer said he is looking for direction.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said a formal submission should be submitted.

Mr. Green said a drawing would give everyone a better sense of the size and depth.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang asked if Mr. Mercer needed to come back to this committee, could we approve the concept?

Mr. Green said there are members of this committee who could be helpful with advice and working out details.

Mr. Mercer said he would like to have it done for next year.

Mr. Hankin said he would like to see the plans. He said he is in favor of the idea.

Mr. Mercer said he would attend the next meeting with some plans.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang asked if anyone had noticed the lights on CVS. He said there are 500w spotlights of the front and back of the building. He said it lights Main Street not the parking lot.

Mr. Hankin said it would be a town and zoning code violation.

Mr. May said he isn't in town at night to see what it looks like. He asked for an e-mail to ask him to look into it.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said the DAC applicability is primarily to advise applicants with signs or façade changes.

Mr. Green said he thought the DAC authority ended at the property line/public line.

Mr. May said his interpretation is that the DAC authority ends at the façade.

Mr. Green said it is absurd to draw a line. The DAC should be able to provide advice for public property when the work being done is by a private entity. He said it is important for the DAC to have the exposure and become involved so we can advise.

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Mr. Barnaba said he agreed but a line has to be drawn at the face of the building. We don't want what we are empowered to do to conflict with what we do. He suggested the bylaws that give direction to this committee be reviewed and the discussion continued to the next meeting.

Mr. Hankin said there was a reference earlier to a building being "up lit", he said the Planning Board is in favor of a Dark Sky ordinance. He hopes the committee will be sympathetic to that position.

Everyone agreed that the intent of a Dark Sky ordinance is supported.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to adjourn.

**SECOND:** Mr. Barnaba

**VOTE:** 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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