

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010
4:00 P.M.

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

Note: The meeting scheduled for August 5, was canceled due to a posting issue and rescheduled to this date.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

SECOND: Mr. Leigh

VOTE: 5-0

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

There were no permits for review

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

The members discussed refurbishing an original sign on the side of the T.P. Saddle Blanket building at 304 Main Street. Jim Mercer, the owner, was present at the previous meeting to discuss refurbishing the sign. Although Mr. Mercer was not present at this meeting he sent a picture from the late 1800's showing the sign. This photo showed black lettering with white drop shadows which everyone thought was an improvement over just the black lettering previously proposed.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said the Historic District Commission would be reviewing the request to allow the refurbishing of the sign tonight. He said if the members wanted to make a recommendation he would bring the recommendation to that meeting

MOTION: Mr. Dietemann to send a favorable recommendation on the request to refurbish the sign at 304 Main Street to the Historic District Commission.

SECOND: Mr. Hankin

VOTE: 5-0

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said that Juliette Popper from The Well has submitted a proposed revision for a mural on the exterior wall at The Well. The name of the business would be removed from the mural. Mr. Okerstrom Lang said this application would also be before the Historic District Commission tonight.

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to send a favorable to the Historic District Commission.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: 5-0

CVS:

Matt Saporito, Shift Supervisor for CVS store #89, was present to discuss the Committee's concerns over the exterior lighting at the store on Main Street.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said the Town has a lighting bylaw that requires exterior lighting to be shielded. The spotlights on the CVS building shine onto Main Street.

Mr. Saporito said the lights can be directed down.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said he wanted to see the lights shielded as well.

Mr. May said the light should be downward directed.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said there are many types of shields and cut offs. The light should be directed toward the parking lot where the light is needed.

Mr. Hankin commented that it is a violation for the light to cross a property line.

Mr. Saporito said he understood the concerns. He said he would work on getting the light shielded and see if the wattage could be reduced.

Mr. May asked that Mr. Saporito keep him up to date on what is being done.

HONG KONG BUFFET:

Mr. May said he had an application for a sign at the Hong Kong Buffet 357 Main Street. He said he had received the application from Phil Ghi who attended a meeting a couple of months ago. Mr. Ghi indicated that the owner of the business was not interested in having a creative sign as suggested by the Committee. The request is for an internally illuminated roof sign. Mr. May said the sign may meet

the requirements of the sign bylaw. He would confirm that the sign area was in conformance as a percentage of the roof area.

Mr. Leigh said the sign is ugly.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang said it sets a bad precedent to have a sign of this nature at the entrance to Main Street. He said he would prefer to see something different.

MOTION: Ms. Milligan to not approve the sign design based on the international illumination. The sign would be located at the gateway to the town. It does not conform to our expectations.

SECOND: Mr. Leigh

VOTE: 5-0

DAC ROLE:

Mr. May said there were changes to the bylaws when it was recodified and approved at the Annual Town Meeting. He suggested everyone review the section of the bylaw that addresses the DAC for further discussion at another meeting.

Mr. May asked how he should go about getting paperwork before the committee and how the paperwork should be returned to him.

There was discussion of the application having a place to check off a box for approval or disapproval. A memo could also be generated. Mr. May was agreeable to either option.

The Committee set the next meeting date for September 2, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.


V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Ms. Milligan to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Hankin

VOTE: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly L. Shaw
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