

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011
3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CRAIG OKERSTROM LANG
STEPHEN DIETEMANN
OLGA MAY MILLIGAN
JONATHAN HANKIN
EDWIN A. MAY, STAFF LIAISON NON-VOTING MEMBER
CHRIS REMBOLD, TOWN PLANNER

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang called the meeting to order at 3:09 P.M.

II. **MINUTES: DECEMBER 9, 2010**

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to approve as amended the minutes of December 9, 2010.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: 4-0

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

The Committee reviewed an internally illuminated sign for "Cross Fit" at 115 Gas House Lane.

MOTION: Mr. Dietemann to approve the sign.

SECOND: Ms. Milligan

VOTE: 4-0

There was a window sign for Dayne Kelley, The Piano Store, for 285 Main Street.

MOTION: Mr. Dietemann to approve the sign.

SECOND: Ms. Milligan

VOTE: 4-0

There was a window sign for Fiori Restaurant at 47 Railroad Street. There would be Six windows with lettering. There would be 2 square feet of sign in each window.

MOTION: Ms. Milligan to approve the signs.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: 4-0

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Sean Stanton, present to present the proposed Main Street reconstruction project to the Committee. Mr. Stanton went through the project beginning with the St. James/Main Street intersection. This intersection would have the crosswalk at the Chamber of Commerce moved to the front of the traffic at the traffic light and the crosswalk at St. James place also

moved to the front of the traffic. Both crosswalks would be signaled. The right turn lane on St. James Place would be removed. The area in front of BCC would be more defined with a curb cut and sidewalk treatment.

Mr. Stanton said the intersection at Main and Castle and Main and Bridge would have bump outs. Bridge Street would be wider to allow for a right turn onto Main Street.

At the intersection of Railroad Street and Main there would be a bump out to allow for handicap ramps. At Elm Street there would be a new traffic signal installed. There has been discussion of moving the crosswalk from Rotary Way to Elm Street so the crosswalk could be signaled. There is resistance to moving the crosswalk.

Mr. Stanton said the area from Elm to Rosseter would see the street narrowed slightly. The crosswalk from Rosseter to Rite Aid would be made more perpendicular to the Street. A sign designating River Walk would be installed near the entrance just north of Rite Aid.

Mr. Stanton said Cottage Street would be made more narrow where it intersects Main Street, the crosswalks at that intersection would remain. The driveway for Taylor Rental would be included in the Cottage Street light. Mr. Stanton said the power lines would not be put underground. National Grid would not agree to bury the lines and the cost to do so is very high.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang suggested that volunteers could be solicited to donate and plant landscaping and trees. He supported the staged construction to mitigate the impact on the merchants.

Mr. Stanton answered questions from people in the audience. He asked for support at the special town meeting scheduled for following week.

The Committee thanked Mr. Stanton for presenting so much information.

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- V. **ADJOURNMENT:**
 MOTION: Mr. Hankin to adjourn.
 SECOND: Mr. Dietemann
 VOTE: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly L. Shaw
General Office Assistant