

**DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**  
**4:00 P.M.**

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

II. **MINUTES: MARCH 3, 2011**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hankin to approve as amended the minutes of March 3, 2011.

**SECOND:** Ms. Milligan

**VOTE:** 4-0

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

The Committee reviewed a sign permit application submitted on behalf of the Hobbit Hole at 40 Railroad Street. Laurie Weller from the Hobbit Hole was present as well as Mary Childs from Childs Studio Arts at 40 Railroad Street and Mark Bachmann who is designing the signs for the property.

Mr. Okerstrom Lang asked if anyone had spoken with Richard Stanley owner of the property.

Ms. Childs said she had spoken with him. She said the signs were the responsibility of the tenants.

A rendering of the proposed signs was discussed. The drawing showed four square signs in a block. There would be two signs, one on each side of the stairs, to accommodate a total of eight signs.

Mr. Hankin asked what would happen to the sign when a tenant moved out.

Laurie said there would be something inserted to fill the gap.

The pictures of the sign showed a random picture with colors complimentary to the other signs as well as the brick wall. After much discussion it was agreed that an artistic picture would be inserted into the vacant space to keep the sign balanced.

Mr. May said any sign in the vacant space would not be able to have a commercial message. He said he thought what had been proposed would work.

There was some discussion of who would be responsible for the “art” sign.

Mr. Green suggested that when the sign is made the extra panels would be created so it would be part of a sign kit. Then there would be no requirement to purchase the extra signs they would already be part of the original sign kit.

There was discussion of a sign band at the top of the signs to direct people up the stairs and across the bridge to the second the level where the shops would be located.

**MOTION:** Mr. Green to approve the sign as presented with the addition of a header as sketched on the application to direct to the shops.

**SECOND:** Ms. Milligan

Discussion of the motion.

Mr. Hankin amended the motion that all the signs would be the same size, scaled to fit the handrail clearances by at least 1 ½ inches. The signs would include eight extra panels for infill when a sign is removed. The eight infill signs could include a variety of colors. In addition the signs would be kept off the soldier course and will be mounted with concealed fasteners. Ms. Milligan seconded the amendment.

**VOTE: 4-0** on the amendment

**4-0** on the original motion.

The committee noted that when Ms. Childs applies for her permit for Childs Art Studio at 40 Railroad Street #3, she would not be required to return to the Committee.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**SECOND:** Ms. Milligan

**VOTE:** 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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