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**GREAT BARRINGTON DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes from January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Selectman's Meeting Room - Town Hall 6:30 pm

**Attendees-**

Holly Troiano, Chairman  
Daniel Bailly, Vice-Chairman  
James Mercer, Member @ 7:00pm  
Barbara Syer, Member  
Donald Howe, Secretary  
Not Present- Marilyn Kalish, Alternate and Pat Ryan, Alternate

Guests- Paul Ivory, Chairman of Historical Commission and Malcolm Fick

**Meeting opened and called to order by Chairman Troiano at 6:36 pm.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Barbara Syer made motion that the minutes of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 public meeting be approved as written with a second by Donald Howe. All present voted in favor.

Barbara Syer made motion that the minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 public meeting be approved as written with a second by Daniel Bailly. All present voted in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**EXPANDING THE DISTRICT(S)** The Commission and guests had discussion about expanding/establishing Historic Districts into the Village of Housatonic. A district could include the Library and the mill housing directly across the street and could extend to the former Grammar School, but would probably not include the Mill buildings. There is already an enterprise zoning already established for the Mill/Industrial Buildings. Chris Rembold, Town Planner, noted at the last Historical Commission of the interest from the Master Plan that a Historic District be considered for Housatonic. Demolition Delay is also part of the Master Plan and would need review in considering when Town Meeting approval of these items would be most appropriate.

**271 MAIN STREET** Barbara Syer noted that the property is getting a new tenant, a dental office. She also noted that the contact person on the property is John Boulais.

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HISTORIC MARKERS Paul Ivory noted that he will be the Coordinator for the Historical Commission and Gary Leveille will do the same for the Historical Society. Barbara Syer made a motion for Historical Markers to be installed on the Town Hall along with both the Mason Library and Ramsdell Library. The Town Hall will be first with a press release along with a dedication. Second by Donald Howe with all present voting in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Malcolm Fick presented as coordinator of the Mass Solar Effort. He noted that an informational meeting will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The program is for property owners of residences, commercial properties and non-profits. The local program is in the process of determining a single installer with either purchase or lease by the owners. The process allows for energy savings through sale back of excess electricity along with tax credits.

Motion to adjourn by Daniel Bailly at 7:44  
Second by James Mercer  
All present voted in favor

Next HDC meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Donald V. Howe', is written over a horizontal line.

Donald V. Howe, Secretary