

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
October 20, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Present: James Mercer, Chairman
Barbara Syer, Secretary
Dan Bailly
Don Howe
Holly Troiano

MOTION: by Dan Bailly to accept September 17, 2011, meeting minutes

SECOND: Holly Troiano

VOTE: Unanimous

The Memorandum – Town Charter Review was discussed, no member felt that any changes should be made. Chairman Mercer will report on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. – no changes.

Holly Hamer did not get the application for the Children's Garden at the Mason Library done in time for it to be advertised. She will have it for meeting on November 17, 2011. A SITE MEETING WILL BE AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE BACK YARD OF LIBRARY . This committee regular meeting will follow at the Mason Library at 5:00 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting time discussed. It was decided to move it ahead to 7:00 p.m. instead of our usual time of 7:30 p.m.

No news on the old Firehouse repairs. St. James Church has workmen putting back in place the stones on the back/west side of the building.

For insurance purposes the Newsboy Statue was valued at \$250,000 and the Civil War Statue, Winged Victory, at \$400,000.

Don Howe reported from a meeting with the Historic Commission and Railroad Youth Project that markings on the rough stone of the Castle Street Tunnel will be cleared off. Joe Sokul has supervised repairs for the Town and Dale Culleton has the glass panes that belong at the top of the stairs.

Chairman Mercer will write the letters to Joe Sokul, town engineer, about repair of Town Hall front entrance and handicap entrance with CC to the BOS and Town Planner. Also a letter to BOS about annual maintenance on Town Memorials, including old Fire Station repairs.

Annual dinner of Great Barrington Historical Society will be Wednesday, November 16, 2011, with Speaker on the subject of the Knox Trail.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Mason Library



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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Dated: December 8, 2011

Date of Application: October 26, 2011

Name of Property: Mason Library /Town of Great Barrington

Name of Applicant: Holly Hamer for Mason Library Trustees

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Historic Districts Act (MGL Ch. 40C) and the Great Barrington Historic District Commission bylaw (Ch. 113), the Great Barrington Historic District Commission held a public hearing on November 17, 2011, to consider the application by Holly Hamer representing the Mason Library Trustees to install a four-foot high black steel frame fence to enclose an area to the east of Mason Library for a children's reading garden.

On a motion made by Holly Troiano and seconded by Dan Bailly, the Commission unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the steel frame fence with the following stipulations:

- 1) setback iron fence 10-12 feet from corner of library building on the Pleasant Street side with benches to be installed inside the enclosed area
- 2) eliminate locked gate near parking area on Dresser Avenue side of Library

Commission Chairman

December 15 2011

Date