



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2012

Town Hall

6:30 p.m.

**Attendees**

James Mercer  
Barbara Syer  
Craig Okerstrom-Lang  
Don Howe

Absent:

Dan Bailly  
Marilyn Kalish  
Holly Troiano

Meeting opened and called to order by Chairman Mercer

Motion by Mr. Howe to review and approve the November 15, 2012 minutes at the next public hearing on January 17, 2013 hearing.

Second by Ms Syer  
All in favor

**Reorganizational Meeting**

Mr. Mercer thanked Mr. Okerstrom-Lang for his service on the Board. There are two members to replace. Mr. Mercer to write a letter to Kevin O'Donnell asking to post these two openings. Ms. Kalish will be contacted by Mr. Mercer to see if she is still interested in serving.

Mr. Bailey has submitted a request to Mr. O'Donnell to be considered as a full HCD Member.



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### **Main Street Project Items**

Jennifer Clark discussed with the Commission to reconsider the ornamental lamp post luminaire noting that in her opinion it would cast a harsh white light. Mr. Howe noted the Historic District supported the Historical Commission's and Downtown Advisory Committee review and would not over rule that selection without review by the Commission. Ms. Clark needs to contact those two organizations directly for their input.

Ms. Clark also discussed the "load center" that will be installed at the NW corner of Railroad and Main Streets next to the Tune Street store's south wall. This load center will be used to power holiday lighting and special events.

Mr. Howe pointed out that the proposed locations are not adjacent to any of the Historic District Buildings. These items again falls more into the Historical Commission's and Downtown Advisory Committee review

### **First Congregational Church Sign**

A new sign was installed on the front yard replacing an old fading sign. This sign was supposed to be submitted to the HDC for approval prior to its installation. The Administration Board of the Church knows that they should do this.

This is the second project that the Ad Board has not submitted a project for approval and a Certificate of Appropriateness. The first was the stone wall repair at the Manse.

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang thought the sign was a rather nice design reflecting the west stained glass window arches and it is easy to read the Church's name.

Mr. Howe thought the new sign was not as appropriate as the previous sign. This sign should not have gone up without the HDC approval. This sign should be removed and Church's Ad Board needs to apply for a new sign.



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### **HDC Training**

The Historic District will be contacting Chris Skelly of Mass Historic to firm up dates for his training on various issues. Topics including possible subjects of Demolition Delay, expansion of the Local Historic District and merging of the Historical District and Historical Commission.

### **Meeting with Town Planner**

Mr. Mercer will in contact about a joint meeting with Chris Rembold, Town Planner, on the Historic Resources Map and Historical Signage Bylaws. Mr. Howe's only question is whether we should have Chris Skelly prior to this meeting. Our membership is going through some changes and the Historic District may want to have the seminars/training sessions after we have new members in place.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mercer

Second by Mr. Howe

All in favor

Next HDC meeting January 17, 2013 at 6:30pm