

## **Downtown Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Hall, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230**

### **Members in attendance:**

**Don Howe, Chair**

**Holly M. Troiano, Secretary**

**Dan Bailley**

**Jim Mercer**

**Barbara Syer**

### **Call to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 15, 2015 meeting.**

**J.Mercer made a motion to approve said minutes, D. Bailley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/20/2014 meeting. D. Bailley made a motion to approve said minutes, H,Troiano seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/5/2014 meeting. H. Troiano made a motion to approve said minutes, D.Bailley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Secretary Troiano will check with the Town Clerk Ryan about the proper procedure for sending meeting minutes to the Town Clerk's office.**

**Historic Markers update will be sent out next week for the Town Hall and both libraries.**

**Jim Mercer spoke to Dedalus about the stairs and marker in the front of Town Hall. They are willing to come when they check the resistance stone that was hit by a car. Paul Ivory would like him to do the Newsboy statue as well. The Historic Commission is working with Gilmore plumbing to fix the fountain. Clifford Crane are the conservators.**

The HDC has \$7000 to spend in next year's budget. Replacing the birdbath/fountain with a sundial type ornament was discussed. \$5500-6000 is proposed to spend on the Winged Victory statue in 2015. Daedalus will be consulted about wax for the bronze parts of the statue. J. Mercer will source the materials and prices. The concrete benches will be returned to their place by the statue. A replacement pedestal in the seating area will be installed in 2016. Said pedestal was approved in April 2009 according to J. Mercer.

The Town will repair the stairs entering Town Hall.

It was noted that the Town will be staying with our original choice the lights on Main St. National Grid only gave us a couple of choices.

Chair Howe would like to update the district Form B. He has more work to do but wants it to be a goal of the HDC. Paul Ivory said the Historic Commission wants to pay for a survey of the whole town and perhaps the two Commissions can coordinate.

The Berkshire International Film Festival has sent a letter requesting permission to hang a banner on Main St. Since they apply each year, the question was raised as to whether they should have to apply every year if the banner remains the same. H. Troiano felt it was unnecessary for them to apply every year as long as the banner remained the same. Chair Howe will send them a letter asking them to notify the HDC of any changes from the previous year.

New Business:

B. Syer notified the committee of a talk to be given at Eisner Camp on Wed. May 25, 2015 at 7 p.m. Also, on Sat. May 2, 2015 there will be house tours in Great Barrington and Housatonic.

Next meeting, April 16, 2015

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Bailey and seconded by B. Syer. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*Hally M. Troiano*  
*Secretary*