### TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



## GREAT BARRINGTON DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Meeting Minutes from May 1st, 2014

Selectman's Meeting Room - Town Hall

6:30 pm

#### Attendees-

Holly Troiano, Chairman
Daniel Bailly, Vice-Chairman
James Mercer, Member (at 6:45 pm)
Barbara Syer, Member
Donald Howe, Secretary
Patricia Ryan, Alternate
Not Present- Marilyn Kalish, Alternate

Meeting opened and called to order by Chairman Troiano at 6:35 pm.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Daniel Bailly made the motion that the minutes of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 public meeting be approved as written with a second by Barbara Syer. All regular members present voted in favor.

Donald Howe made the motion that the minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 public meeting be approved as written with a second by Barbara Syer. All regular members present voted in favor.

Patricia Ryan made the motion that the minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Ramsdell visit public meeting be approved as written with a second by Daniel Bailly. All members present voted in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

HISTORIC MARKERS The wording of the proposed markers was reviewed. The wording of the Town was discussed on whether "Established 1761" should be included. A motion was made by Barbara Syer that "Est. 1761" be centered on either side of the Cenitaph symbol with a second by Daniel Bailly. Motion passed with Troiano, Bailly, Syer and Howe voting in favor and Mercer opposed.

The next item discussed was the location of the Date of the building on the marker and size of lettering/numbers. Barbara Syer made a motion that the center of the marker shall display a larger font size of the Property's Date. Motion passed with Troiano, Bailly, Mercer and Syer voting in favor and Howe abstained.

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Donald Howe made a motion that the Bronze marker layout be approved with a second by James Mercer. Motion passed with Troiano, Bailly, Mercer, Syer and Howe voting in favor.

The plastic layout was reviewed with Donald Howe noting that he thought that the color was to match the Bronze type. James Mercer stated that this was not practical as the actual lettering is a clear Vinyl overlay. Daniel Bailly made a motion that layout for the synthetic marker be approved with a second by James Mercer. Motion passed with Troiano, Bailly, Mercer, Syer and Howe voting in favor.

BUDGETS Donald Howe noted that Joseph Sokul, Town Engineer confirmed that the Repair and Repointing of the Town Hall steps is being bid and he is looking for experts with this skill.

Repair and repointing of the Brownstone Base of the Winged Victory statue will be reviewed by James Mercer and Donald Howe as this item of work in not on the Town lists.

Donald Howe present a Drawing from the Bid Documents sent by Joseph Sokul showing the sidewalk improvements along the Curved stone seating on Main Street along with the new concrete pads for new Metal benches.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Patricia Ryan noted that a reception was being planned for the Taconic-West Avenue Historic District at Barbara Syer's Residence on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 or 5 to 7.

Motion to adjourn by Daniel Bailly at 7:15 pm with a second by Barbara Syer. All present voted in favor.

Next HDC regular meeting would be June 19<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Bailly will call meeting if required as Chairman Holly Troiano will be out of the country.

Next HDC meeting is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Secretary