

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
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GREAT BARRINGTON DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes from July 18th, 2013

Selectman's Meeting Room - Town Hall

6:30 pm

Attendees-

James Mercer, Chairman
Daniel Bailly, Member
Barbara Syer, Member
Holly Troiano, Member
Donald Howe, Secretary/Vice-Chairman
Not Present- Marilyn Kalish, Alternate

Visitors- Phil Ghi, GHI Sign;
Paul Ivory, Chairman Historical Commission
Kathy Plungis, Library Trustee

Meeting opened and called to order by Chairman Mercer at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Daniel Bailey to approve the minutes from June 20th, 2013 public meeting with a Second by Barbara Syer. All present voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN-One Mercantile, 8 Castle Street

Motion made by Chairman Mercer to open the public hearing with a second by Holly Troiano. All present voted in favor. Chairman Mercer confirmed that the Advertising of the Public Hearing had been in the Berkshire Record for two consecutive weeks.

Ghi presented the proposed, projecting PVC sign measuring 32 inches wide and 21 inches high. The background will be off white and the lettering will be black.

Motion made by Holly Troiano to close the public hearing with a second by Donald Howe. All present voted in favor.

Motion made by Donald Howe that the proposed sign was appropriate and should be approved with the recommended mounting on the East side of the Storefront allowing the existing sign

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board area to be maintained. Mercer, Bailly, Syer, Troiano and Howe voted in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Railway Tunnel Signage

Paul Ivory again attended the meeting to discuss the Proposed Signage at the Railway Subway. He has confirmed that the Town now has title to the Tunnel Building. Application will be made for the Next Meeting for two signs.

Historic Marker Program

Paul Ivory confirmed that the Historical Commission had reviewed the Guidelines and will be forwarding comments. The members of the marker committee could be formed from a representative from each of the following- the Historical Society, the Historical Commission and the Downtown Historic District Commission. The actual marker was discussed to have a generic title such as **Historic Great Barrington, est. 1761**.

Paul also noted the Historical Commission's recent activity to secure a part-time archivist to catalogue the Town's historical items. The future goal is to have a Town Display of items along with environmentally correct storage. The Town has given the Commission a used computer for the inventory.

BOARD COMPOSITION

Chairman Mercer noted that a main concern for the new officers is the 48 hour notice of a Public Meeting.

Motion made by Barbara Syer that Holly Troiano would be Chairman with a second by James Mercer. All present voted in favor.

Motion made by James Mercer that Donald Howe would be Secretary with a second by Barbara Syer. All present voted in favor.

Motion made by Barbara Syer that Daniel Bailly would be Vice-Chairman with a second by Holly Troiano. All present voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

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Kathy Plungis came before the Commission regarding banners for special events at the Mason Library. Temporary Banners which are four feet by four feet with Maroon background and White lettering will be displayed on the street side through Columbus Day Weekend. All present appreciated the presentation and supported this effort.

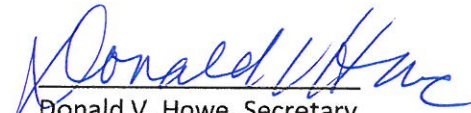
Motion to adjourn by Chairman Mercer

Second by Daniel Bailly

All present voted in favor

Next HDC meeting is scheduled for August 15th, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,


Donald V. Howe, Secretary