



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2012

Town Hall

6:30 p.m.

Present:

James Mercer, Chairman

Dan Bailly

Don Howe

Pat Ryan

Holly Troiano

Guests: Members of Historic Commission

Meeting was called to order.

DPW Superintendent Joe Sokul presented 75% complete plans for Main Street Upgrade. Expects plans to be 100% complete by November 1, 2012. State cost of \$5.2 million cannot be changed. State awards contracts; expect project complete 2013; landscape finalization in 2014.

Lengthy discussion on street lights:

Historic lights must be Town expense, Selectmen said no.

Historic Commission recommended "Williamstown".

National Grid will pay for installation and maintenance – shield on top –at all pedestrian crosswalks.

French gray tint on all new sidewalks-granite curbing.

Cross walks painted with reflective white paint.

Tree Committee signed off with multicolor and kinds of trees—increased total number.

It is hoped clubs or persons will volunteer to maintain trees, flowers and benches.

Town applied for grant of \$500,000 – could pay for Holiday lighting, bike racks, recycle bins.

Basic road bed will be 24" deep, deeper at Taconic and Rotary Way for storm water system

No re-configuration at Town Hall entrance

Step will be on west side of Main Street, some shops affected.



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Crosswalks on Main Street – all traffic lights 8-12' tall, LED
St. James Place – 3 pedestrian lights- no right hand turn from Main Street
Bridge Street – all new traffic lights – no right hand turn onto Bridge from Main Street
Railroad Street – crosswalk – lighted
Rotary Way – 2 lights
Elm Street – new traffic signal -- 2 lights
Cottage Street – traffic light lined up with Taylor Rental

New Business:

John Deland making signs for Taconic West Avenue District
Jim Mercer will have brass marker on his building in September.
Need list of rules for markers so they are uniform on all buildings.
Historic Commission is waiting for our vote on street lights – we will vote at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.