HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING October 20, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Present: James Mercer, Chairman

Barbara Syer, Secretary

Dan Bailly Don Howe Holly Troiano

MOTION: by Dan Bailly to accept September 17, 2011, meeting minutes

SECOND: Holly Troiano VOTE: Unanimous

The Memorandum – Town Charter Review was discussed, no member felt that any changes should be made. Chairman Mercer will report on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. – no changes.

Holly Hamer did not get the application for the Children's Garden at the Mason Library done in time for it to be advertised. She will have it for meeting on November 17, 2011. A SITE MEETING WILL BE AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE BACK YARD OF LIBRARY. This committee regular meeting will follow at the Mason Library at 5:00 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting time discussed. It was decided to move it ahead to 7:00 p.m. instead of our usual time of 7:30 p.m.

No news on the old Firehouse repairs. St. James Church has workmen putting back in place the stones on the back/west side of the building.

For insurance purposes the Newsboy Statue was valued at \$250,000 and the Civil War Statue, Winged Victory, at \$400,000.

Don Howe reported from a meeting with the Historic Commission and Railroad Youth Project that markings on the rough stone of the Castle Street Tunnel will be cleared off. Joe Sokul has supervised repairs for the Town and Dale Culleton has the glass panes that belong at the top of the stairs.

Chairman Mercer will write the letters to Joe Sokul, town engineer, about repair of Town Hall front entrance and handicap entrance with CC to the BOS and Town Planner. Also a letter to BOS about annual maintenance on Town Memorials, including old Fire Station repairs.

Annual dinner of Great Barrington Historical Society will be Wednesday, November 16, 2011, with Speaker on the subject of the Knox Trail.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Mason Library