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GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION
Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes from January 15th 2026
Town Hall via Zoom Seminar 5:00 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Abby Schroeder, Secretary
Fred Clark, Member
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate

Not Present- Carrie Chen, Member; Annalynn Lacombe, Alternate

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:02 by Chair Howe. Chair Howe, Vice-Chair Mercer, Member Clark and Alternate Bisiewicz were present in Town Hall and Secretary Schroeder via Zoom.

Meeting Notes for the October 16th 2025 Regular Hybrid Meeting were not reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Resources Update- Chair Howe noted the first billing was in process.

HDC Guidelines Update- Discussion was held on whether updating the HDC Guidelines was needed. Chair Howe noted that MHC currently favoring any update be done by historic preservation experts. Our current guidelines were based on Concord Massachusetts documents. Members strongly felt that the HDC could update in house. Chair Howe will check on the current Concord documents.

NEW BUSINESS

Trolley Shelter Signage- Chair presented the proposal for the HDC to assist the HC in funding educational signage as the final step in completing the improvements at the Trolley Shelter. Member Clark made a motion for signage which tells the story of the Trolley history in the amount of \$1,750.00 which will supplement the costs. Motion was seconded by Member Schroeder. Motion passed with all present voting in favor with none opposed.

HDC Budget- Chair Howe confirmed that funds remained in the current budget for the signage and asked for any thoughts on the budget for FY2027.

House Marker Program- Chair Howe asked for thoughts on providing archivist support on confirming the house marker program. Discussion followed on the outstanding projects and items of the committee which are still waiting for final action. Member Clark recommend a list of items which can be reviewed at future meetings.

Member Speak- Member Mercer noted the General Knox presentation is upcoming in Monterey.

Citizen Speak- NONE

Next Meeting- Next HDC Meeting will be the Regular Hybrid Meeting February 19th 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:58 pm by Marilyn Bisiewicz unless there is any objection was seconded by James Mercer.