

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

October 21, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Present: James Mercer, Chairman
Barbara Syer, Secretary
Dan Bailly
Anthony Barnaba
Donald Howe
Craig Okerstrom-Lang
Pat Ryan
Holly Troiano

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mercer at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: By Donald Howe to accept August 19, 2010 meeting minutes
SECOND: Holly Troiano
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: By Donald Howe to accept September 3, 2010 meeting minutes
SECOND: Craig Okerstrom-Lang
VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Mercer showed pictures of members of this commission taken on September 23, 2010, for the 250th. The inside pose was chosen.

MOTION: By Anthony Barnaba to accept inside pose photo
SECOND: Donald Howe
VOTE: Unanimous

Housatonic School – A bid by CDC for school was turned down by Town. Geller, CDC Chairman, wants to start a Historic District in Housatonic which would include school building and allow for a tax credit toward renovation of that building.

Chris Skelly at MHS said that a large district should include Main Street, Front Street, and Meadow Street. A task force is being organized by the Town to determine if low income housing is really needed in Housatonic. This commission would like to help on this task force. After discussion and the possibility of Housatonic members rotating, Dan Bailly said he would be the Commission's representative. It was thought that the task force should have ten members, as many Housatonic residents as possible. Holly Troiano said Francis Tarnawa would be excellent and she would ask him.

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Anthony Barnaba gave out pictures and invitation to Open House for his company Blueline Design, Inc. in Pittsfield, Sunday, November 7, 1-4 p.m.

Anthony Barnaba said he is willing to do the Mahaiwe Cemetery Report for the 250th Celebration new book.

Craig Okerstrom-Lang said a discussion of a new playground and concept for parking near the "Big Rock" behind Episcopal Church as well as new construction plans for Main Street will come up at Monday's Selectmen's meeting. There will be a public hearing later by the MA State Highway.

He brought concern over the future of the old Fire Station. Chris Skelly at MHS to be asked for guidance as Great Barrington does not have a Demolition Delay.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.