

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

August 19, 2010

7:35 p.m.

Present: Donald Howe, Acting Chairman  
James Mercer, Chairman  
Dan Bailly  
Craig Okerstrom-Lang  
Barbara Syer

Absent: Anthony Barnaba  
Patricia Ryan  
Holly Troiano

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

MOTION: By Craig Okerstrom-Lang to open public hearing  
SECOND: Dan Bailly  
VOTE Unanimous

At a site visit before meeting, Jim Mercer pointed out the side of his building, 304 Main Street, many years ago did have the writing on the north brick wall which described the goods that were for sale in the building. Marilyn Kalish at site. This building was a commercial building which dates from circa 1854 and survived two fires when buildings around it on Railroad Street were burned. GHI would do the painting in black with a white shadow. After discussion it was realized that the fire escape would hide the word "Groceries".

MOTION: by Dan Bailly to close public hearing  
SECOND: Craig Okerstrom-Lang  
Applicant James Mercer excused himself and left the room.  
VOTE: Unanimous

VOTING: Don Howe                    yes  
Barbara Syer                        yes  
Craig Okerstrom-Lang               yes  
Dan Bailly                            yes

FINDING

There is evidence on the present building of lettering as shown in the historical photos submitted with the application. The owner and applicant wants to put back the signage with one minor change – to relocate the word GROCERIES which does not interfere with the fire escape.

Chairman Jim Mercer returned to the meeting room and completed meeting.

MOTION: By Dan Bailly to accept minutes of July 15, 2010, meeting  
SECOND: Barbara Syer

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VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Mercer reported Juliet Popper, owner of The Well restaurant , was cooperative when he verbally reminded her to have the words "The Well" removed off the wall mural; it has been done. Daedelas will repair the rust from the "weep holes" that have accumulated on the sphere and front gilded letters.

Under the direction of Tom Geller, CDC inquiring as to tax credit using Housatonic School as low income housing.

Craig Okerstrom-Lang pointed out a wonderful project of getting plaques on historic buildings in time for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Great Barrington. It might also make it more desirable for building owners not presently on District Listing to become officially part of our district. He will bring information from the National Historic web-site to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.