

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

January 20, 2011 7:30 p.m.

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mercer at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: By Pat Ryan to accept November 18, 2010 meeting minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman Mercer gave a demonstration of things this Commission had on hand that could be used as part of 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration: Copies of DownTown Walking Tour- decision to put a decal of clear and antique gold "250<sup>th</sup>" on front of each copy; a brochure holder for the Walking Tour brochures to be done over with the old picture of the Town Hall showing the bunting in place, and 250<sup>th</sup> Flags 2' x 3' – good for house flags, \$20 at all places now selling 250<sup>th</sup> memorabilia.

Barbara Syer suggested this Commission could celebrate the anniversary by designing and obtaining plaques for the stores in the Historic District. It would be hoped that the buildings that are not now in the district might desire a plaque and therefore be led into officially joining the district. The opinions of the Historic District Commission and Historical Society will be asked for. Probably the original date of that building, original title and original use as a starter. The shape could be unique and meaningful. Craig Okerstrom-Lang has a contact in Florida to supply brass plaques.

Demolition by neglect – info page given to each member.

Cultural and Historic Resources, April 4, 1996, pamphlet given also.

Old Fire Station: Chairman Mercer said that the Historical Society is preparing a proposal in response to the RFP that the Town has requested. Andy Matlow, a "green contractor/restorer of Great Barrington, has connections with a Swiss entrepreneur who would spend the money that is needed to restore the Fire station, particularly the tower, correctly. Don Howe said \$600,000 had been allocated at a Town meeting and a promise was made to former Chairwoman, Joan Olshansky, that it would be used on the station.

It was noted that a Special Permit for a B & B and living area on second and third floor of business condos in Southworth Building will be coming before the Selectmen on Monday, January 23, meeting. An elevator is planned for east side of building.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

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