

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING  
February 17, 2011 7:30 p.m.

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

Paul Ivory from the Historic District joined for discussion.

MOTION: By Pat Ryan to accept January 20, 2011, meeting minutes  
SECOND: Dan Bailly  
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: By Holly Troiano to open Public Hearing on application of Town of Great Barrington Main Street Reconstruction  
SECOND: Pat Ryan  
VOTE: Unanimous

Duly advertised in Berkshire Record February 3, 2011. No application fee on Town buildings. This Commission does have jurisdiction over STREETSCAPES.

Sean Stanton, Selectboard Chairman, described the changes that were to take place on each of four sections:

St. James Place to Bridge: Crosswalks marked and signalized, curb cut on Searles Castle side; one across Taconic Avenue, and one across Main Street. Some earth cut back in front of Town Hall, big tree kept.

Bridge Street to Railroad Street: Better timing of traffic lights, bump-out east side walk across Castle Street, one across Main, one across Bridge. Sidewalk slope on west side – need step. Some store entrances need work to make handicap accessible. Six new trees on west side, similar to pattern now, variety.

Railroad Street to Elm Street: Cross walk at Rotary Place, light at Elm Street

Elm Street to Cottage Street: Post Office crosswalk and crosswalk at Rite Aid. Bump-out for carriage mount at Manse of Congregational Church is a problem as street is to be widen there. Needs a separate application.

Selectmen needs our comments immediately as they expect a reply from State in response to 25% plans.

Comments on lighting: Decided to suggest lighting style at William Stanley era; LED if possible; small Cobra style if not historic. Selectmen reluctant to spend money beyond what State pays. Trees and lights to be negotiated with State.

MOTION: By Pat Ryan to close Public Meeting.

SECOND: Holly Troiano

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