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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2012

PRESENT:

James Mercer, Chairman
Donald Howe
Barbara Syer
Patricia Ryan
Craig Okerstrom-Lang, Secretary
Dan Bailey, alternate
Holly Triano, alternate

Absent: Marilyn Kalish

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 19, 2012

MOTION: Dan Bailly
SECOND: Craig Okerstrom-Lang
VOTE: Unanimous

II. Election of Officers:

Jim Mercer, Chairman
Don Howe, ViceChairman
Craig Okerstrom -Lang, Secretary

Barbara Syer , Archivist Barbara Syers many years of service were gratefully acknowledged by the entire Commission

III Discussion of Designee to Design Advisory Committee

Dan Bailly / Holly Troiano volunteered to be the designee to DAC with Dan being the official designee - Holly will attend when Dan is not available so that the HDC is always represented at DAC meetings

IV. Premier Insurance

1. Continued discussion of sign application for Premier Insurance, 304 Main Street, Great Barrington. Chairman Mercer recused himself and left the room for this discussion.

This sign was installed without any of the recommended changes made by the HDC including shape of sign, font style, background color and method of hanging. Not all members had seen the sign installed so the public meeting was adjourned and a site visit taken. Again Chairman Mercer recused himself.

Meeting was called back to order at Town Hall and the members had the following comments concerning this sign:

1. The sign application is not approved and it was installed without a permit from HDC.
2. Installed sign is not compatible with adjacent projecting signs the Historic Property directly south.

A motion was made to authorize Mr. Howe to contact the sign owner and seek modifications to the sign per the HDC concerns.

MOTION: Patricia Ryan
SECOND: Craig Okerstrom-Lang
VOTE: Unanimous

2. Update on the Railroad Street Shops directory sign by Jim Mercer. This new directory will replace the long-standing directory that is located on the south wall of the "Tune Street" Building owned by Kim Kimball.

Next meeting: June 21 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.