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**GREAT BARRINGTON DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes from March 28th, 2014**

Ramsdell Public Library Meeting Room - Housatonic

4:00 pm

Attendees-

Holly Troiano, Chairman

Daniel Bailly, Vice-Chairman

Barbara Syer, Member

Pat Ryan, Alternate

Donald Howe, Secretary

Not Present- James Mercer, Member and Marilyn Kalish, Alternate

Guests-

Gary Leveille, GB Historical Commission & GB Historical Society

Paul Ivory, Chairman, GB Historical Commission

Deborah Oppermann, Director, GB Historical Society

James Stark made comments prior to the start of the Official Meeting.

Meeting opened and called to order by Chairman Troiano at 4:10 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

HISTORIC MARKERS are still in a review process and Paul Ivory noted that he still needs the final layout to include with the application forms which will be available at Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Leveille presented a short history of the Archives on the Second Floor of the Ramsdell Library. In the 1970s, the Historical Society was formed as an adjunct to the local Historical Commission. The Library Archives represent holdings of both the Historical Commission and the Historical Society. The Historical Society also has holdings at the Wheeler Homestead. The Historical Commission has other holdings in the Mason Library. Also, holdings possibly from both are currently stored in a Private Residence.

In 1996, Gary began sorting through the Combined Archives in the Ramsdell Library for the Historical Society. These Archives were moved by the Town from the Mason Library to the Ramsdell. Other collections such as the Tassone Photography have been added. Four to five

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years ago, a more determined effort began to preserve the items. The Historical Society began the effort and then recently funds were added by the Town.

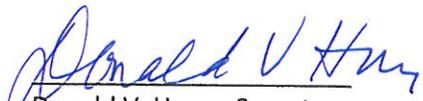
Gary Leveille showed the Various Collections and the Present Storage Locations at the many rooms on the Upper Level of the Ramsdell Library. He noted the new Storage Boxes are archival quality and sorted materials are being kept in these with lists of items for each new box. Photos are unmarked and are being identified by volunteers.

Gary also noted that the use of the Upper Level for Public Events makes the items vulnerable as well as the Roof Leak several years ago.

Paul Ivory and Donald Howe both noted the Major Improvements in the Storage over the last few years.

Motion to adjourn by Daniel Bailly at 5:15pm. Second by Barbara Syer.
All present voted in favor

Respectfully submitted by,


Donald V. Howe, Secretary