

Downtown Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Town Hall, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230

Members present:

- Don Howe, Chair
- Holly Troiano, Secretary
- Dan Bailly
- Pat Ryan
- Jim Mercer

Call to order: 6:32p.m.

The Chair offered the minutes of the March meeting for approval. Dan Bailly made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Jim Mercer, motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk, Marie Ryan, has requested copies of meeting minutes Aug. 2014-April 2015. Secretary Troiano noted they had been sent by email and agreed to deliver or send hard copies.

Jim Mercer attended the last Comm. Chairs meeting and reported that the Town Manager wanted to feature the Historic Markers at the next Town Meeting so people attending can see them as they come in. All agreed this was a good idea. There will still be a ceremony to put up the markers for Town Hall and the two libraries. The date for the ceremonies will be included in literature for installing the markers.

Chair Howe noted that Joe Sokul had no money for the Winged Victory pedestal. The HDC will foot that bill. Waxing can be done under Town maintenance. The Deadalus firm will be coming to assess the job.

Chair Howe reported that the Form Bs are in process. Budget money will be used to do areas that overlap the Taconic West district.

Berkshire International Film Festival banners have been approved and will hang across Railroad St. There will be no lights on Main St.

The Chair reported he had noticed an air conditioning unit hanging off the side of Town Hall, a condenser unit. He noted it may be a violation and might not have been approved had it been brought before the HDC. It is visible from the street. Dan Bailly felt it had been there for several years. The Chair noted it would be better if it were on the ground, not hanging off the building. It was agreed it was too late now.

Noted: The pedestrian underpass, railroad station, and Russell House are in the HDC district.

New Business:

Jim Mercer reported that he would like to put a tall(10 and ½ feet), iron, standing clock for his building. There had been one there in the past (1900) and he would like to put it on the corner by T.P. Saddle Blanket. Jim will check with Joe Sokul to see if it needs to be included in the street scape as an addition. Jim will present it to the Town if Joe approves.

Holly Troiano made a motion to support Jim Mercer's clock idea. Seconded by Dan Bailly. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Bailly, seconded by Holly Troiano. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55p.m.

Holly M. Troiano
Secretary