

## Downtown Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:30 p.m.

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

### Members Present:

Don Howe

Barbara Syer

Holly Troiano

Jim Mercer

### Call to Order: 6:36pm

Minutes of the 4/16/2015 meeting are read and necessary changes noted. Jim Mercer made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes, Pat Ryan seconded, vote to accept the minutes with the changes passed unanimously.

Chair Howe noted that meeting minutes should be posted with the Town Clerk within one week so that the Town Manager may refer to them as needed.

Historic Marker update: They are here! and the application is on the Town website.

New Business: Chair Howe suggested that the time capsule from the former Bryant School be buried next to the WWI memorial and a marker installed to mark its location. He suggested a ceremony combining the burial of the time capsule and installing the historic marker for the Town Hall. All agreed informally that this was a good idea.

Jim Mercer reported that the final price for the fountain pedestal is in progress. He also suggested that we should be sure that the concrete apron in front of the benches goes all the way up to the seating area.

It was noted that the Main Stl project appears to be progressing nicely.

Jim Mercer spoke to Joe Sokul about putting a tall clock on the T.P. Saddle Blanket corner that would look like one that had been there in the past. Joe asked that we wait until the Town was ready to do the Railroad St. renovation.

Barbara Syer reported that the Historical Society is presenting a program about the Great Barrington Fire Company on May 27th at 7pm at the Teague Senior Center. She also

reported that the Historic House Tours were a success with 87 tickets sold. It was suggested that more and differentiated advertising might boost numbers next year.

Chair Howe noted that CDC will propose a 10-11 unit housing project on Rt. 23 headed toward Butternut. It was noted that the front of the building is historically significant.

It was noted that Chair Howe and Secretary Troiano need to put in letters requesting reappointment by the Selectboard.

Chair Howe noted that the HDC still needs another alternate to serve.

Holly Troiano made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Pat Ryan. The vote was in favor and unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23pm

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted!*

*Holly M. Troiano, Secretary H.D.C.*