

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS  
GREAT BARRINGTON DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2016  
Selectmen's Meeting Room - Town Hall 6:30 pm

Members present:

Don Howe, Vice Chair  
Holly Troiano, Secretary  
Barbara Syer  
Pat Ryan, alternate (arrived 6:35)

Call to Order by Vice Chair Don Howe at 6:31 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve the 11/19/2015 meeting minutes with corrections was made by B. Syer and seconded by H. Troiano.
- Minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved with corrections by an unanimous vote. Voting: D. Howe, H. Troiano, B. Syer, P. Ryan.

Old Business:

- It was agreed to put off discussion of expanding the district until more members could be present.

New Business:

- The 2017 budget is roughly \$13,000 part of which is reserved for the restoration of the pedestal. Vice Chair Howe wants to reserve a part of the budget for Form Bs needed to expand the district and map the Taconic West district. D. Howe noted that Paul Ivory of the Historic Commission has received preliminary approval to get a grant to do Form Bs for the entire town. D. Howe pointed out that anyone may do a Form B.
- The discussion of a letter to all Historic District members regarding policies and procedures will be continued at the next meeting.

Other Business:

- Malcolm Fick is proposing a bylaw amendment that would mirror the Massachusetts state law regarding demolition delays. It will be suggested that 50 years become the town standard. It was noted that the Town Manager questioned the 50 year criteria and more review is to be done. The Historic Commission suggested a 12 month process and penalty ideas are being discussed. Building permits would be denied for 2 years if penalties were imposed for the purpose of rebuilding any damage. The plan is to have it put on the Warrant for the town meeting in May.
- D. Howe noted that our district has 4 separate names. Ten years ago the HDC never finished approval of Mass. Historical and the Town Board for expanding the district. Now,

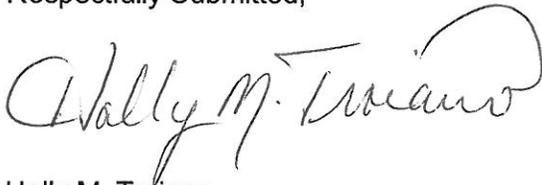
the best for expansion is to bring in individual properties. He wants to run it by Chris Skelly again.

- The Historic Commission is putting in an application for Certified Local Government which would make grant monies more available.

Motion to Adjourn was made by H. Troiano and seconded by P. Ryan. The vote was unanimously in favor. Voting: D. Howe, H. Troiano, B. Syer, P. Ryan.

Adjourned: 7:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly M. Troiano". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Holly M. Troiano  
Secretary  
Historic District Commission  
Great Barrington, MA