

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
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**GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes from July 21st, 2016**

Town Hall

6:30 pm

Attendees-

Donald Howe, Chair
James Mercer, Vice-Chair
Barbara Syer, Member
Patricia Ryan, Alternate
Abby Schroder, Alternate

Not Present- Holly Troiano, Secretary

Visitors-None

Meeting opened and called to order by current Chair Howe at 7:01pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Pat Ryan to approve Minutes from the Special June 23rd Meeting as written with a second by Barbara Syer. All present voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative to Downtown Advisory- Motion by Patricia Ryan to reappoint James Mercer as the HDC Representative to the Downtown Advisory Committee with a second by Abby Schroder. All present voted in favor.

TOWN HALL

Front Steps- Chair Howe noted that a Proposal for Repair and Restoration of the Front and Right Side Brownstone Steps is under review by Joseph Sokul, Town Engineer.

Winged Victory Statue/Liberty Monument- Chair Howe noted that a pending proposal from Daedalus in the amount of \$6,000 for inspection including removal of wax, resealing of bronze surfaces including touch up of Gold leaf along with cleaning and sealing the Brownstone base. Also, he noted that we have sufficient funds in our current budget.
Motion by Barbara Syer to proceed with this work as soon as possible with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor.

Exedra Seating- Chair noted that the stone seating needs several items of attention.

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Yew maintenance should be done to get bushes away from contact with the back of bench surfaces along with trimming height so that the seats are more visible. James Mercer made motion for the Chair to contact Joseph Sokul to arrange work to be done with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor.

James Mercer made a motion that Chair Howe and Vice-Chair Mercer proceed with an application with CPA Committee for major repairs and restoration along with sealing all stone surfaces with a second by Abby Schroder.

(Correction from August 21st Meeting) Pat Ryan noted that the Commission visibility inspected the Exedra Seating and discussed the Fountain Basin Restoration and Pedestal Replacement.

OLD BUSINESS

Searles Castle/John Dewey Academy has not had further action.

Pedestrian Tunnel- Town Manager wrote letter of approval to Mahaiwe Performing Arts for the decorations that were part of the Gala held earlier this month.

Motion to adjourn by Abby Schroder with a second by Pat Ryan.
All present voted in favor

Next HDC Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 21st, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,


Donald V. Howe, Chair
September-27-2016