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**Draft Minutes****Meeting Date:** September 17, 2002**Members Present:** Dan Barton, Richard Chilcoat, Richard Dabrowski, Sanford Johnson, Pat Hardy, Laura Moore

Meeting opened: 7:45 pm

1. 127 Main St: continue sign permit application(s) and lighting discussion-Janine Doucette. D. Barton suggested Committee members view the small “sample” light that is presently installed at their convenience & call D. Barton with any concerns so he can inform the contractor. Woodhaven Florist: motion to accept sign, as presented, by L. Moore, seconded by R. Dabrowski. Vote: unanimous. Janine will submit “final” on all signs for the files.

2. 20 Pleasant St: Nordo Nissi present with current drawings of phase I work (current application–pending (10 day) notice of waiver of public hearing). Mr. Nissi will check for dimensions and original photos re: demolished porch plus any current photos of the property.

Other Business:

Update to members from D. Barton since last meeting:

- a) The intended work at Legion Hall should be OK; per meeting with J. Estabrook (Town Bldg Maintenance Supervisor) re: Public Safety Building, repairs will be made but no aluminum or vinyl is to be used (except for the gutters).
- b) Per Farmers Row site meeting with T. Delaney-R. Chilcoat motioned to accept the memo recapping the site visit as written, seconded by P. Hardy. Vote: unanimous.
- c) There is a “new” bench in front of Main Street Café = street furniture, and as such requires GHDC review. D. Barton will draft a letter to invite all GHDC area businesses to a meeting for a discussion.
- d) 108 Pleasant St-letter received from Dr. Bryan. D. Barton will write a response letter and request a photo of the gates referenced.
- e) GHDC asked Owen Shuman, Public Library for “a copy of historic resource inventory forms and related documentation pertaining to properties in Groton” and to look at the files from the Legion Hall cabinet.

3. 99 Main St: Public Library-Owen Shuman, Ray Chiemney, Ironsmith. Gate will be a functional piece of public art. The stone ballards and chain are outside of GHDC jurisdiction-gate is within. There is to be no lighting, plantings are OK. The gate is approx. 4-4 ½’ x 3-4’ wide, black with copper or brass used for the book and located closer to the corner of the building than to the street (approx 16-18’ to the sidewalk) and is free swinging. Motion to approve (pending (10 day) waiver of notice of public hearing) by S. Johnson, seconded by P. Hardy. Vote: unanimous. Photos to be supplied on completion. Discussion of “new” library lighting near signage & trying to protect the night sky. GHDC would like to have an application and cut-sheet of what exists and then schedule a night site visit for a better informed discussion.

Note: Lawrence Academy visit on 9/16/02 was helpful. **Dormitory:** S. Johnson motioned that this part of the project is not within GHDC jurisdiction, seconded by P. Hardy. Vote: unanimous. D. Barton to notify Steve Mullaney and prepare a certificate of non-applicability with mention of the HDC’s concern regarding the scale and placement of the

project. **New Classroom Building:** is within jurisdiction, D. Barton to notify Steve Mullaney. Also to mention that GHDC will want to discuss campus lighting and pathway placement.

Committee would like to resume discussion of Rules & Regs revision in November.

D. Barton will e-mail draft agendas to members.

Motion to adjourn: L. Moore, seconded by R. Chilcoat. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Martin, Secretary