



**Town of Barnstable**  
**Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission**  
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To all persons deemed interested or affected by the Town of Barnstable's Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission Ordinance under Chapter 112, Article III of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, you are hereby notified that a hearing is being held at Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA Selectmen's Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 6:30 pm on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020.**

**NOTES**

**Members Present:** Chair Cheryl Powell

**Staff Present:** Karen Herrand, Principal Assistant, Paul Wackrow, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Dept.

An announcement was made by Cheryl Powell, Chair, stating the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §20; and requested that anyone taping this meeting to please make their presence known. *Please silence your cell phones.*

This meeting is an open and close of the public hearing

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Welcome to New Members, Special Guests, and Advisors**

**Housekeeping**

**Reminder of Commission's Purpose and Proper Procedure**

**Continued Business**

**Asim Jamal – 606 Main Street, Hyannis, Map 308 Parcel 066**  
New Business Signage – *continued from December 18, 2019*

Chair Cheryl Powell confirms that this Applicant has requested a continuance via email dated January 15, 2020.

Paul Wackrow confirms.

**Chair Cheryl Powell continues this application to February 5, 2020, meeting at 6:30 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.**

**Other Business**

Approval of December 18, 2019 Minutes

**Chair Cheryl Powell continues the draft minutes to the next meeting, February 5, 2020.**

Commission Training Update

**Chair Cheryl Powell states that this training will now take place at the next meeting, February 5, 2020.**

Light Permitting Update

**Chair Cheryl Powell continues this update to the next meeting, February 5, 2020.**

Next HHDC meeting scheduled for February 5, 2020, and February 19, 2020

Chair Cheryl Powell adjourns the meeting - Interjected by a public comment request.

**Public comment is requested**

Chair Cheryl Powell explains that public comment is not made for anything that is not on the Agenda.

Paul Wackrow explains that there is no application that needs public comment. Public comment can be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Chair Cheryl Powell allows public comment.

Tina Carey in attendance. Reads letter dated January 15, 2020, into record, Exhibit A.

*" To: Hyannis Main St. & Waterfront Hyannis Historic District Committee (HHDC). I sent a copy of my complaint to the HHDC in early December 2019 regarding the Sign Permit for SoHo Arts located at 342 Main St., Hyannis, MA. The business is owned by one of your Commissioners. Betsy Young is also a Board member of the Hyannis BID. I have noticed that no application to the HHDC has been made to correct this issue. No Permit has been issued for he sign and the sign is still up. I find it very disturbing that the HHDC continues to break the rules that they are entrusted to enforce. Dave Colombo, President of the Hyannis BID since 2006 recently sent the Executive Director of the Hyannis Business Improvement District (BID) to represent his 2 restaurants for tent signs that were already constructed and in front of his 2 restaurants before the meeting and/or the approval of the HHDC. Dave Colombo, Betsy Young and David Dumont are all commissioners of the HHDC and Board Members of the Hyannis Main St. Business Improvement District (BID). I find this to be a flagrant conflict of interest since they are calling in others businesses in the BID for violations as viewed in the HHDC meeting of Oct. 17, 2018. The businesses that Dave Colombo and Dave Dumont were going after are all direct competitors of Dave Colombo's restaurants, restaurant at 415 Main St. for having temporary signs in front of their business, restaurant at 521 Main St., for painting their flower boxes green and restaurant at 302 Main St. for painting his building yellow (the same color as Dave Colombo's 488 South St. Restaurant. What is happening is a direct conflict of interest by 2 Boards and ethics violations. They have created a Board within a Board. Three BID Board members sit on the HHDC Board. These tactics on the business owners in the BID (many of whom have past due accounts owed to the BID) is a display of power and intimidation. To add insult to injury the appointments committee President, Jessica Rapp Grassetti (who is also the VP of the Town Council). Her family owns a property in the BID district, 239 Main St., deeded under Rapp Family LP. Ms. Rapp Grassetti appointed these 3 BID board members to the HHDC when other qualified applicants were available.*

*These conflicts of interest have caused much dismay on the HHDC and 3 members resigned at the December 4, 2019 meeting (Marina Atsalis, 23 yrs. Taryn Thoman, 6 years, Jonathan Kanter, 1 yr.) No one should have to put up with this type of corruption.*

*After speaking to the Bldg. Dept. they agreed that Betsy Young of SoHO Arts does not have or has ever applied for a sign permit for her sign at 342 Main St. This is just another example how these conflicts have no place on the HHDC. The Building Inspector stated that he spoke to Betsy Young in December 2019 regarding this matter. He said nothing has been done by Betsy Young to correct this issue.*

*I urge the HHDC to remove 2 BID Board members from the HHDC due to conflict of interest and ethics violations.*

*Please submit this letter as part of the minutes to this meeting Jan. 15, 2020.*

*Signed Tina Carey  
Owner 38 years, 577 Main St., Hyannis, MA"*

Chair Cheryl Powell will put this letter on the next Agenda – February 5, 2020.

**Adjournment**

**Chair Cheryl Powell adjourns. The meeting ended at 6:47 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Karen A. Herrand

**List of Exhibit Documents**

**Exhibit A** – letter dated January 15, 2020, from Tina Carey (2 pgs.)