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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013, 6:00PM

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

ORDER OF AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **DISCUSSION RE: INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR THE TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATES.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - January 30, 2013 Special Sustainability Meeting.
 - February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting.
4. **SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:**
 - A. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.
 - B. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.
5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
6. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**
 - A. BRUCE CASTINO – UPDATE RE: FIRE HOUSE PROJECT.
7. **LICENSES OR PERMITS:**
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN FY 2014 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - B. REFERRAL OF PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT (REVISION TO SECTION 9.5.6 OF THE ZONING BYLAW) TO THE PLANNING BOARD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - C. BOS – CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT MGL. c.39, s.23D, THE “MULLIN RULE” AT THE MAY 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - D. DISCUSSION – RESCHEDULING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PER EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 9TH EXTENSION TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE CASTLE STREET FIRE STATION.
- B. BOS – VOTE TO AUTHORIZE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION OF ELECTRICITY PROGRAM WITH HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.
- C. DISCUSSION RE: POSITION ON POSSIBLE GUN REGULATORY LEGISLATION – NEXT STEPS.
- D. DISCUSSION RE: LOCATION OF 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.
- E. DISCUSSION RE: MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

10. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

11. MEDIA TIME:

12. ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.



Kevin O'Donnell, Town Manager

PURSUANT TO MGL. CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 20 (e) (f), MEETINGS OF THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON SELECTMEN ARE REGULARLY RECORDED AND VIDEOTAPED. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING MUST RECEIVE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

THE LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS ARE THOSE REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR WHICH MAY BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. NOT ALL ITEMS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED AND OTHER ITEMS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

MEETINGS IN MARCH
(Scheduled as of 2/21/13)

Monday, February 25th at 5:45 PM Town Manager Screening Committee- Town Hall

Monday, February 25th at 6 PM Board of Selectmen- Town Hall

Tuesday, February 26th at 7 PM Town Charter Review Committee- Town Hall

Wednesday, February 27th at 1 PM Council on Aging- Claire Teague Senior Center

Wednesday, February 27th at 1 PM Five Town Cable Advisory Committee- Town Hall

Wednesday, February 27th at 7 PM Conservation Commission- Town Hall

Thursday, February 28th at 6 PM Planning Board- GB Fire Station

Thursday, February 28th at 7:30 PM Master Plan Committee- GB Fire Station

Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 PM Republican Town Committee- Town Hall

Tuesday, March 5th at 7:30 PM ZBA- Town Hall

Wednesday, March 6th at 5 PM Design Advisory Committee- Town Hall

Wednesday, March 6th at 5:15 PM Tree Committee- Mason Library

Thursday, March 7th at 7:30 PM Board of Health- Town Hall

Monday, March 11th at 8:30 AM Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force- Town Hall

Monday, March 11th at 6 PM Parks Commission- Mason Library

Monday, March 11th at 7 PM Board of Selectmen- Town Hall

Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 PM Board of Selectmen Strategic Planning Session- GB Fire Station

Thursday, March 14th at 5:30 PM Library Trustees- Mason Library

Thursday, March 14th at 7 PM Planning Board- Town Hall

Wednesday, March 20th at 5 PM Design Advisory Committee- Town Hall

Thursday, March 21st at 2:15 PM Great Barrington Housing Authority- Bernard Gibbons Drive

Monday, March 25th at 7 PM Board of Selectmen- Town Hall

Wednesday, March 27th 1 PM Council on Aging- Claire Teague Senior Center

Wednesday, March 27th 7 PM Finance Committee Budget Public Hearing with Board of Selectmen- Town Hall

Wednesday, March 27th 7 PM Conservation Commission- GB Fire Station

Thursday, March 28th at 6 PM Planning Board- GB Fire Station

Thursday, March 28th at 7:30 PM Master Plan Committee- GB Fire Station

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Bruce Castino

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

February 19 2013

Request to speak before the Select
Board. February 25, 2013.

- ① To substantiate and update concerns
from prior Select Board meetings 'Fire
House project.'
To express concerns of how Mr Castino
was verbally assuaulted by town officials.
- ② To substantiate concerns regarding
down town reconstruction

528-1486

Joseph W. Sokul
DPW Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

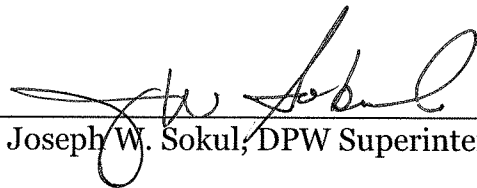
TITLE: FY 2014 - Letter of Intent - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

BACKGROUND: Each year the Town signs a letter of intent to continue participation in the Berkshire County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The Town also carries a line in the annual budget to pay for the fees for this program. Attached is a draft of the letter of intent indicating the Town's intent to continue participation and a spread sheet of the proposed budget for area towns including the Town of Great Barrington.

FISCAL: The estimated fee based on our population and collection fees total \$3,617. The proposed FY14 budget for this program is \$6,500 which includes collection fees beyond this program.

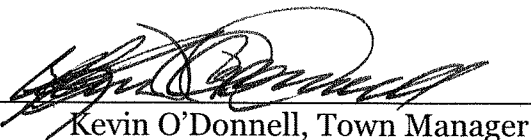
RECOMMENDATION: Great Barrington continues to be one of the leaders for this program in the County. It is recommended that the Board of Selectmen votes to approve the continued participation in the program and have the appropriate authority sign the letter.

Prepared By: _____


Joseph W. Sokul, DPW Superintendent

Date: 2/20/2013

Approved By: _____


Kevin O'Donnell, Town Manager

Date: 2/20/13

February 11, 2013

*Joe Sokul ES for
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

Dear Selectmen,

The Southern Berkshire (SB) Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program begins its twelfth year of operation on July 1, 2013. The goal of the program is to increase the opportunities for residents in South County to properly dispose of household hazardous waste while minimizing the cost to each participating municipality. The program continues to accomplish that goal. Sixteen towns have participated in the program this year and together, they/you help make it a success.

Nine collection opportunities took place in 2012; seven at the mini site collection sites in Lenox and Great Barrington, where residents could bring unwanted oil-based paint and motor oil. Two comprehensive HHW collections were held in Lee and Great Barrington, where residents disposed of pesticides, cleaning products, mercury fever thermometers, automotive supplies, driveway sealants, solvents and many other common household products. About 384 residents participated in at least one collection and more than 4800 gallons of hazardous waste were collected and disposed of properly. In addition, about 1008 gallons of paint and 391 gallons of motor oil were collected at the mini sites just this year.

This year we were able to continue to offer the collection of propane tanks at a very reduced cost; the first three were free. Forty-six propane tanks were collected. In addition, we partnered with Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires and computers and monitors were collected for FREE. There was a charge for TV monitors. Goodwill also collected clean and dry bagged clothing and textiles. The collaborative continues to distribute our "How To" booklet for the safe handling and disposal of household hazardous materials to all participants at no cost to our member towns.

The members of the steering committee are pleased that this regional HHW collection model continues to work and serve the citizens of South County. This year the program was once again very successful and has demonstrated the value of this regional approach.

It is time to begin thinking about FY 2014. The Steering Committee would like to continue this regional HHW collection program at the same level of service., including the same assessment as in FY 2013. The Steering Committee recognizes the severity of these difficult financial times and that each of our member towns will be making difficult budget decisions. We continue to believe that the small price we each contribute to this regional program is worth the cost.

To help in planning for your FY 2014 budget, we have included with this letter a proposed budget spreadsheet as well as a Letter of Intent for your approval. Please read over the material. Contact any of the steering committee members or Jamie at CET (413-445-4556 ext. 14) with questions. ***Please respond no later than March 29, 2013 if your municipality is interested in continuing to participate in the program.***
Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Arlene Miller for the

Southern Berkshire County Regional HHW Program Steering Committee members

Joe Sokul (Great Barrington)	413-528-0867
Greg Federspiel (Lenox)	413-637-5500
James Wilusz (Tri Town Health)	413-243-5540
David Steindler (Sheffield)	413-229-2628
Mark Webber (West Stockbridge)	413-232-0319

Municipal Share		Fy 2014				
Household Hazardous Waste Program						
Town	Population 2010 Census	Base Fee, based on Population (@\$.66/per)	Additional Disposal Fees Based on Participation FY 2013	Total Est. Cost of both mini and HHW events (for FY 2014) budget purposes)		
Alford	494	\$ 327	\$ 97	\$ 424		
Becket	1,779	\$ 1,178	\$ 433	\$ 1,611		
Egremont	1,225	\$ 811	\$ 452	\$ 1,263		
Great Barrington	7,104	\$ 2,401	\$ 1,216	\$ 3,617		
Lee	5,943	\$ 2,736	\$ 1,219	\$ 3,955		
Lenox	5,025	\$ 1,879	\$ 852	\$ 2,731		
Monterey	961	\$ 636	\$ 168	\$ 804		
Mount Washington	167	\$ 111	\$ 71	\$ 182		
New Marlborough	1,509	\$ 999	\$ 26	\$ 1,025		
Otis	1,612	\$ 1,067	\$ 412	\$ 1,479		
Richmond	1,475	\$ 976	\$ 336	\$ 1,312		
Sandisfield	915	\$ 606	\$ 187	\$ 793		
Sheffield	3,257	\$ 2,156	\$ 478	\$ 2,634		
Stockbridge	1,947	\$ 1,289	\$ 419	\$ 1,708		
Tyringham	327	\$ 216	\$ 78	\$ 294		
West Stockbridge	1,306	\$ 865	\$ 123	\$ 988		
TOTALS	35,046	\$ 18,252	\$ 6,567	\$ 24,819		
<i>*as host communities, Gt. Barrington, Lee and Lenox are assessed at a "host community benefit rate".</i>						

Proposed Budget FY 2014

Revenue:

Carry Forward:	\$4,000
<u>Income from assessments:</u>	<u>\$18,252</u>
TOTAL:	\$22,252

Expenses:

a. Administrative:	\$ 9,750
b. Advertisements:	\$ 3,000
c. Mini site disposal costs	\$ 3,700
<u>d. One-Day event costs</u>	<u>\$ 1,800</u>
TOTAL:	\$18,250

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

February 25, 2013

Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee
c/o Ms. Arlene Miller, Municipal Recycling Coordinator
68 East Greenwich Road
Longmeadow, MA 01106

RE: Letter of Intent to Participate

Dear Members of the Steering Committee:

The Town of Great Barrington wishes to express its intent to join the Southern Berkshire County regional household hazardous waste collection program for the Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014).

The Town agrees in principle to the program to be pursued by the participating towns as described in the FY 2014 Municipal Share Household Hazardous Waste Program. We commit to attempt to secure the necessary funding as part of our FY 2014 budget. We understand that our financial obligation will be finalized once the number of participating towns is determined and a contract between the Town of Great Barrington and the third party coordinator is signed. While this expression of intent accurately states our desire to participate in the household hazardous waste collection program, the Town is not legally bound to do so until a contract is signed and an appropriation is approved.

Sincerely,

Kevin O' Donnell
Town Manager

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Cc: Joe Sokul, DPW Superintendent



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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
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PLANNING BOARD

February 14, 2013

Sean A. Stanton, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Great Barrington

Re: Warrant Articles for May 2013 Annual Town Meeting

Dear Mr. Stanton:

At its meeting on January 31, 2013, the Planning Board voted 4-0 to forward to the Board of Selectmen one zoning amendment and one general warrant article for this coming Annual Town Meeting.

8A. The proposed zoning amendment is a revision to Section 9.5.6 to amend the composition of the Design Advisory Committee to allow for a more diverse membership and for the appointment of an alternate member who could participate as a voting member if necessary to fill a quorum. The zoning amendment is attached to this letter.

The required procedure for zoning amendments is that upon receipt, the Selectmen refer this proposal back to the Planning Board for a public hearing. We hope the Selectmen will take this action at its February 25, 2013 meeting, so the Planning Board may hold the public hearing in March. Thank you.

8C. The general warrant article is to seek Town Meeting acceptance of MGL c. 39, s. 23D, the so-called "Mullin Rule," which allows board members to miss one session of an adjudicatory hearing and not be disqualified from participating from voting on the matter, so long as that member certifies with the Town Clerk that they have listened to the recording of the missed session and have reviewed all evidence. This rule will make it much easier for volunteers on the Boards who sometimes cannot attend hearings. It will also be beneficial to applicants for the Town to proceed expeditiously through often complex and lengthy hearings. The article would be as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to accept, for the following boards, committees, or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the Town, the provisions of MGL c. 39, s. 23D, which provides that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions as established by said statute are met.

Boards and Committees affected:

- Planning Board

To Board of Selectmen

2/14/2013

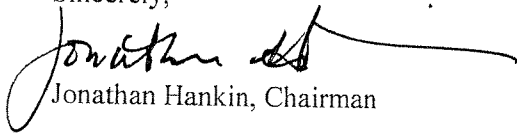
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The Planning Board asks that this proposed warrant article be referred to Town Counsel for review and comment, and that the Selectmen place it on the Town Meeting warrant.

Also, should the Board of Selectmen or other boards, committees, or commissions wish to be included in this petition, the Planning Board is amenable to amending this article as necessary. Please note that each board, committee, or commission seeking to utilize this rule must be specifically listed in the article.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Hankin, Chairman

cc: Edwin May, Building Inspector
Kevin O'Donnell, Town Manager
Christopher Rembold, Town Planner
Marie Ryan, Town Clerk

Proposed Zoning Amendment for May 6, 2013 Town Meeting
Draft January 25, 2013

Purpose of the amendment: To allow for a more flexibility in committee membership and to make it easier to achieve a quorum to take timely action on applications.

Proposed additions are underlined.
Proposed deletions are ~~struck through~~.

To Amend Section 9.5.6 of the Zoning Bylaws as follows:

9.5.6 Design Advisory Committee. A Design Advisory Committee is hereby established to review applications for all actions that are subject to the provisions of this section and to work cooperatively with owners of land, buildings and businesses. The Design Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the appropriate decision making body and/or the applicant concerning compliance of the proposed action to the design review standards in this section. The Design Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members, constituted as follows:

1. Building Inspector (ex officio, nonvoting member).
2. Planning Board member, selected by the Planning Board.
3. Historic District Commission member, selected by the Historic District Commission.
4. Architect, appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
5. ~~Landscape architect~~ Design Professional, appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
6. Three members from the general public, appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The terms of all appointed members shall be five years. The Historic Commission member and the Planning Board member shall serve for one-year terms.

The selecting or appointing boards or commissions may select or appoint an Alternate Member who may serve and act in the place of the Member selected or appointed by that board or commission in the event of the absence of that Member. In the event of an absence, the Chair may elevate an Alternate Member(s) in order to form a quorum and to vote on matters pending before the Committee, provided that the composition of the Committee is not altered.

Marie Y. Ryan, CMMC
Town Clerk
Justice of The Peace



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: 2013 Annual Town Election and Special State Primary Election and Special State Election

BACKGROUND: Currently the Special State Primary Election is April 30, 2013, Annual Town Election is May 13, 2013 and Special State Election in June 25. If we held a dual election, there needs to be separate records maintained for each election and therefore the two check-in tables, two check-out tables, etc. It will be extremely confusing for our election workers. We would have to be controlling 3 ballots for the State Election and another ballot for the town election. It is difficult enough to have the required amount of election workers and this would have to be double the number. I will not have usual my 2 Wardens in town for the Special State Primary Election in April. Also, tentatively we will be having a dual election for the June 25th election with a ballot for the new high school renovations. This dual election will only have a total of 2 ballots to deal with, much less confusing.

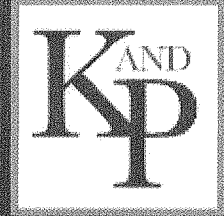
FISCAL IMPACT: The state will be reimbursing money for the Special Elections but if a town has a dual election with the Town election, they will not be reimbursing any money at this point. There is no cost savings to holding a dual election with the Town Election.

RECOMMENDATION: Leave each of the elections, April 30, Special State Primary, May 13, Town Election, and June 25, Special State Election as separate elections.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY: Marie Y. Ryan

DATE: Feb 21, 2013

APPROVED: [Signature]



Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2013 - Emergency Legislation Authorizing Rescheduling of Certain Municipal Elections

On Friday, February 1, 2013 the Governor signed into law Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2013, "An Act Relative to the Administration of Special State Primaries and Elections in the Year 2013" (the "Act"), concerning the upcoming state primary and election for the vacant U.S. Senate seat. Section 1 establishes various deadlines for the special state primary and election. Significantly, Section 2 authorizes any city or town to change the date of a scheduled local election if such election or a town meeting would be held within 30 days of the April 30, 2013 special state primary or the June 25, 2013 special state election. This authority exists despite the application of any other general or special law, charter provision, ordinance or bylaw to the contrary. Thus, any city or town may reschedule a qualifying election, notwithstanding the application of any other law.

To change the date of a local election, the Act requires a vote to be taken at least 35 days prior to the date of the rescheduled election by the council in a city or a town with a town council form of government, and by the board of selectmen in any other town. The municipal clerk must be consulted prior to such vote.

A change in the date of any such local election may, in turn, necessitate further revision to a municipality's local election calendar. Such action could affect the deadline for filing nomination papers, raise questions about nomination papers listing filing deadlines under the original election calendar, allow persons to take out nomination papers who would have been ineligible under the original calendar, and more. Further, holding a municipal and a state election, particularly a state primary, on the same date, while resulting in cost savings to the municipality, may also impose significant administrative burdens on election officials. If a local election is rescheduled under the Act, care must be taken to ensure election officials are properly trained.

Be reminded that a vote to reschedule an election should occur pursuant to a detailed, specific item listed on a notice properly posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §§18-25. Such item should indicate (1) the potential for action to reschedule the election and make related changes to the local election calendar, and (2) such additional detail, as appropriate, to give reasonable notice of the intended discussion.

If you have further questions concerning the Act and the process for implementing a change in the date of your local election, please contact Lauren Goldberg at lgoldberg@k-plaw.com or Brian Riley at briley@k-plaw.com. Lauren and Brian can also be reached at 617.556.0007.

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NINTH AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN 20 CASTLE STREET, LLC, as Buyer
And
THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, as Seller

20 Castle Street, LLC and the Town of Great Barrington, the parties to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement for Massachusetts Real Estate dated February 13, 2012, and covering the premises known as 20 Castle Street, Great Barrington (the "Agreement"), hereby agree that the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1.7 Closing: The date is revised as follows: within 417 days of execution of Purchase & Sale Agreement.

1.15 Buyer's Inspection Contingency Date: The period for inspection to occur is extended as follows: by within 410 days of execution of Purchase & Sale Agreement.

Rider B: The phrase "60 day inspection contingency period," previously amended to "350 day inspection contingency period," is replaced by "410 day inspection contingency period."

Rider C: The phrase "60 day inspection contingency period" on page 14, in the second full paragraph, previously amended to "350 day inspection contingency period," is replaced by "410 day inspection contingency period."

The Parties agree that either may terminate the Agreement with 7 days written notice to the other party.

Dated: February __, 2013

20 CASTLE STREET, LLC

By

Title:

Buyer

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

By its Board of Selectmen

Seller

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY


TITLE: Formal Vote to Participate in Hampshire Council of Governments Municipal Aggregation Electricity Program

BACKGROUND: When this matter was presented at the August 27th, 2012 Selectboard meeting, there was strong interest and support to participate in this program. The Town Attorney had reviewed the contract, which the Town Manager then signed. However, the Hampshire Council of Government for State filing purposes required a formal vote by the Board of Selectmen.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

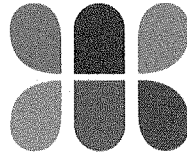
RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that the Board of Selectmen formally vote to participate in the Hampshire Council of Government Aggregation of Electricity Program.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY:



Kevin O'Donnell, Town Manager

DATE: 7-20-13



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

February 13, 2013

Ms. Marie Ryan, Town Clerk
Town of Great Barrington
334 Main Street
Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230

Thank you for your quick response to our request for certified documents relating to Great Barrington's participation in our Municipal Aggregation of Electricity program.

The state Department of Public Utilities (DPU) requests a certified copy of the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting in which they voted to authorize the signing of the agreement. Among the documents you sent was a certified copy of the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting on August 27, 2012. This was the meeting in which Geoff Rogers and Ann-Renee Larouche met with the Selectmen to discuss the program [Item #4(D)].

The agreement itself, dated on November 30, 2012, was signed by Mr. O'Donnell with the notation "As authorized at a posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on 8/27/12." However, those August 27th Minutes do not indicate any vote taken on Municipal Aggregation of Electricity.

Therefore, if an explicit authorization was voted at another meeting, then that meeting's Minutes would be needed for DPU. Otherwise, there would need to be scheduled another vote at a posted meeting.

I apologize for this, but the state is very specific about what legal paperwork they require.

Thank you again for your help.

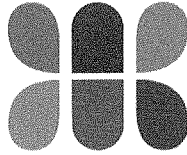
Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Kenneth Elstein
kelstein@hampshirecog.org
413-584-1300 x-151

cc. Kevin O'Donnell





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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

November 28, 2012

Mr. Kevin O'Donnell
Town Manager
Town of Great Barrington
334 Main Street
Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230

We are happy that Great Barrington, the Hampshire Council, and David Doneski of Kopelman and Paige could agree on language for the contract. We welcome Great Barrington into our Municipal Aggregation of Electricity program.

Attached are two signed copies of our agreement that authorizes the Hampshire Council to proceed. Please return one copy in the enclosed envelope and keep the other for your files.

Our petition on behalf of the first 28 communities was cleared by the Department of Energy Resources, and we completed our first hearing with the Department of Public Utilities in August. We have been assured that future participating towns, which will include Great Barrington and three other towns, will have a faster track towards approval. The signed agreement will help us move forward in preliminary communication with National Grid and with the state agencies.

We look forward to working together for reduced prices for electricity supply and for better service here in Western Massachusetts. We will keep you informed of the progress of the program.

Thank you again!

returned 11/30/12

Sincerely,

Kenneth Elstein

Kenneth Elstein
kelstein@hampshirecog.org
413-584-1300 x-151



ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION AGREEMENT

01 Agreement Date

This agreement made this 30th day of NOVEMBER, 2012, by and between the Hampshire Council of Governments, 99 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060 (hereinafter, the "Hampshire Council") and the Town of Great Barrington, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230 on behalf of itself (hereinafter, the "Town") as represented by the Board of Selectmen acting for and in behalf of the Town who signs these presents, in their official capacity, and incurs no liability in their individual capacity. The term of this inter-governmental agreement shall begin as of the date above and shall terminate five years after the date of final approval by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities ("DPU"); provided the agreement shall automatically extend for an additional five years unless either party serves written notice of cancellation at least 90 days prior to the end of the initial term hereof. It is agreed that the responsible parties to receive any notices under this contract are:

John O'Rourke, (413) 584-1300 Ext. 150, jorourke@hampshirecog.org for the Hampshire Council, and **Kevin O'Donnell, Town Manager, 413-528-1619 Ext. 2, kodonnell@Townofgb.org for the Town,** both at the addresses given above.

02 Scope of Services

The Hampshire Council agrees to provide all supplies, services, and other requirements, unless otherwise specified, necessary for the development and approval by applicable agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of a Municipal Aggregation Plan at no cost to the Town, all in compliance with this Scope of Services and all documentation prepared by the Town and the Hampshire Council as it relates to aggregating the electrical power purchases of residents, businesses, and other customers in the Town with the goal of securing a reasonable and stable price for the supply of electricity from a competitive Provider (hereinafter the "Provider").

The Hampshire Council has analyzed the legislation approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1997 relative to restructuring the electric utility industry and its impact to the municipal aggregation efforts of the Town. Additionally, the Hampshire Council will continue to review any subsequent amendments to the legislation and any statutory changes pending at the Great and General Court and any regulatory changes pending at the DPU. The Hampshire Council will also be responsible for monitoring federal restructuring legislation for potential impacts to the aggregation plan or the Town.

03 Development of Plan

Pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, the Hampshire Council, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (hereafter "DOER") and DPU, will continue to develop and support the plan for review by residents of the Town, detailing the process and consequences of the aggregation of electricity purchases. The Town agrees the Hampshire Council may, with notice to the Town, modify the plan pursuant to comments by DOER, the DPU or others.

The Hampshire Council will continue to prepare and submit, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, all filings with DPU, DOER and the Inspector General. Any such plan shall provide for universal access, reliability, and equitable treatment of all classes of customers and shall meet any requirements established by law or DPU concerning aggregated service. The Hampshire Council shall, following approval by the Board of Selectmen, file the plan with the DPU for its final review and approval, and shall include, without limitation, an organizational structure of the program, its

operations, and its funding; rate setting and other costs to participants; the rights and responsibilities of program participants; and termination of the program.

04 The Hampshire Council will represent the Town at public hearings conducted, as required, by the DPU. Participation by any retail customer in a municipal or group aggregation program shall be voluntary. If such aggregated entity is not fully operational on the retail access date, any ratepayer to be automatically enrolled therein shall receive the default basic service from the applicable supplier unless affirmatively electing not to do so.

Within a reasonable time of the date the aggregated entity is fully operational; such ratepayer shall be transferred to the aggregated entity according to any opt-out provision. The plan shall allow any retail customer to opt-out and choose any supplier or Provider such retail customer wishes.

Once enrolled in the aggregated entity, any ratepayer choosing to opt-out within 180 days may do so without penalty and shall be entitled to receive basic service as if he was originally enrolled therein. The plan shall prominently state all charges to be made and shall include full disclosure of the basic service rate, how to access it, and the fact that it is available to ratepayers without penalty.

05 Development of Service Plan

The Hampshire Council will identify the types of services and goals the Town will include in its contract and Request for Proposals for power supply ("RFP"). The Service Plan for the Town shall include an analysis of historic and projected power supply needs.

06 Implementation of Municipal Aggregation for All Customer Classes

Based on historic and projected power supply needs, the Hampshire Council will identify options for obtaining and implementing a power supply contract for all customer classes, including the option for "green" electricity under the Hampshire Green Program. This task includes: (1) identification of options for implementing the Town's Municipal Aggregation program; (2) identification of power suppliers capable of serving the Town's load.

07 Preparation and Issuance of an RFP for Supply of Power

Based on the information contained in the Service Plan, the Hampshire Council shall develop a RFP (including ancillary services).

08 Negotiations for Power Supply Contract

The Hampshire Council shall provide all technical and legal services during the negotiation and term of any contracts and subsequent contracts with prospective power suppliers. The maximum allowable assignment of any "change in the law impact" on the supplier shall not exceed the first \$.004 / kWh without written approval of the Board of Selectmen. No contract negotiated shall allow the pass through of any additional cost for the impact of Locational congestion charges or Locational capacity charges without written approval of the Board of Selectmen. The parties agree Hampshire Council may opt to act as a Supplier or Broker.

09 Billing

Any negotiation may include a requirement that billing for the Provider shall be included in the electric bill from National Grid (the "local distributor"), its successors and assigns. Nothing herein shall preclude the Town from having consultants review the terms and conditions of any negotiated contract.

10 RFP Process

Following approval by the DPU of the aggregation plan and completion of other approvals required by statute, the DPU or the DOER, the Hampshire Council shall set a date and time for the receipt of prices and the length of any agreements from Providers. After approval of the price and term of the agreement by the Hampshire Council, the Hampshire Council shall take all measures necessary to effectuate the transfer of customer data from the local distributor to the new Provider.

11 Public Education

The Hampshire Council shall prepare or cause to be prepared all informational and educational materials for the general public and for the media, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, including meetings with representatives from the media.

12 Legal Assistance

The Hampshire Council shall prepare all required filings for the DOER, the DPU, and the Inspector General.

13 Oversight of Project

The Hampshire Council will provide technical oversight of the Aggregation including:

1. Monitoring and reporting on compliance with all contract terms and conditions;
2. Resolution of contract issues;
3. Implementation of the "opt-out" process for customers;
4. Participation in negotiations with the distribution company serving the Town as it relates to the implementation of the Aggregation Plan;
5. Preparation of reports on the Aggregation Plan, as directed;
6. Communication with ratepayers on behalf of Town as necessary.

14 Schedule

Both parties agree that because approvals by state agencies are required, it is impossible to lay out the exact amount of time each event will take. The Hampshire Council will strive to complete the process within a reasonable time.

15 Maintenance of Effort

The Hampshire Council shall, after a contract is executed with a Provider, ensure compliance with the contract, conduct ongoing power supply analyses, be the advocate for ratepayers, provide answers to questions from ratepayers, and provide a hotline and web site where ratepayers can seek information related to the municipal aggregation.

16 Summary of Responsibilities

The Hampshire Council shall:

- a) Analyze the electrical load data for all consumers of electricity in the Town; and,
- b) Prepare the Request for Proposals for a competitive Provider of electricity; and,
- c) Prepare and implement a public education plan and consumer outreach program; and,
- d) Prepare and submit all filings with the DPU, DOER and the Inspector General; and,
- e) Prepare and negotiate agreements with competitive Providers on terms favorable to the Town; and,
- f) Solicit bids from qualified competitive Providers who are willing to provide electrical power under the terms and conditions agreeable to the Council; and,

- g) Monitor all aspects of the aggregation plan and any resulting contractual agreements; and,
- h) Continually analyze the development of market and regulatory issues, advising the Town on any proposed changes in law or regulation, including those offered by ISO New England and any pending at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"); and,
- i) Represent the Town in all issues related to municipal aggregation for the life of the agreement; and,
- j) File any resulting contract with the DPU, DOER and the Inspector General within 15 days of the date of the contract.

17 No Cost to the Town

The Town agrees the Hampshire Council, if an aggregation plan is approved and a successful agreement with a competitive supplier of electricity is consummated, will receive a maximum of \$0.002 per kWh of electricity supplied, from the Provider, for the duration of any said successful agreement. Any payments shall be paid directly to the Hampshire Council by the Provider under the terms and conditions of a contract between the Hampshire Council and the Provider and shall constitute the total remuneration for all services and expenses incurred by the Hampshire Council to complete the terms of this Agreement. The Hampshire Council and the Town agree and understand that the Town is not responsible for the payment of any costs, expenses or expenditures except as required to advertise public hearings conducted by municipal officials. The costs of advertising, educational seminars conducted by the Hampshire Council, as well as all other costs such as transportation, printing and all others that are not related to official public hearings, shall be borne by the Hampshire Council.

18 Amendments

It is further agreed by the Town and Hampshire Council that all amendments to this contract shall be in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

19 Termination for Errors

If errors in the procurement process for this contract, under the bidding laws or regulations of the Commonwealth, whether said errors were made by the Hampshire Council or the Town, are found to exist by any agency of the Commonwealth or by any court of competent jurisdiction, this contract shall become null and void.

20 Termination, Other

This contract may be terminated without notice by the Town at any time prior to the approval of the Municipal Aggregation Plan by the DPU. The contract will be deemed terminated if the Hampshire Council is unable to implement an aggregation plan within 24 months of DPU approval.

21 Assignment Prohibited

It is further agreed by the Hampshire Council that it will not be permitted to assign or underlet the contract, nor assign either legally or equitably, any monies hereunder, or its claim thereto, without the previous written consent of the Board of Selectmen.

22 Entire Agreement Clause

It is further agreed by the Town and Hampshire Council that this contract and its attachments constitute the entire agreement between the Town and the Hampshire Council, and no other binding agreements exist between them relating to Municipal Aggregation of Electricity.

23 Severability

And it is further agreed by the Hampshire Council and the Town that the provisions of this contract are severable, and if any of these provisions shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of said court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

24 Agreement

Now, therefore, witnesseth that the Hampshire Council does hereby covenant and agree with the Town that the Hampshire Council will faithfully perform all the work or services, and deliver all deliverables or reports required under the terms and conditions of this contract, including those attached hereto and incorporated herein.


25 Duration of Contract


It is agreed the duration of this contract shall be five years from the date of final approval of the Municipal Aggregation Plan as provided in section 01, with extensions and renewals granted by the Town for additional incremental periods to a total of ten years from said date.

In Witness Whereof, the parties execute this agreement by their duly authorized officers.

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL


BY: KEVIN O'DONNELL
TOWN MANAGER


BY: Todd Ford,
Executive Director

As authorized at a posted meeting of
the Board of Selectmen held

on 8/27, 2012

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012
7:00 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: STEPHEN BANNON
ANDREW BLECHMAN
ALANA CHERNILA
DEB PHILLIPS
SEAN STANTON
KEVIN O'DONNELL, TOWN MANAGER

7:00 PM – PUBLIC SESSION – BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. June 26 and 27, 2012 Special Joint Meeting with Lenox Selectboard re: Policy Governance.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the June 26 and 27, 2012 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 4-0-1 Alana Chernila abstained

B. August 13, 2012 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the August 13th minutes.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.

The Board decided to keep this item on the agenda going forward.

B. ROGERS ROAD MATTER PREVIOUSLY HEARD BY THE ZBA.

Sean Stanton said that he received an E-mail from Thomas Jensen about this matter. Sean feels that this is a ZBA issue, and they have ruled on it already. He said that it needs to go back to them.

Steve Bannon said whether the cease and desist order is being enforced is open to interpretation.

All agree that the matter should go back to the ZBA.

C. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Andrew Blechman said that his friend tripped on the sidewalk on Gilmore Avenue and was injured. He said the sidewalks need attention.

Kevin O'Donnell said a walkability study will be discussed at a meeting in September.

Sean Stanton suggested that the area be looked at to see if there is a 'quick fix' in the meantime.

Alana Chernila reported that the street sign that used to be Taconic Ave. has been changed and is now St. James Place.

Alana also reminded everyone that school is starting and asked that they be aware of children getting on and off buses.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. RECOGNIZE YEARS OF SERVICE

The following employees are retiring and were thanked for their service.

Sean Stanton presented each with a certificate of recognition.

- ROBERT AVERY/DPW CEMETERY DIVISION, HEAD GROUNDSKEEPER -37 years of service
- DANNY BERSAW/POLICE OFFICER. - 25 years of service

B. RACHEL FLETCHER/HOUSATONIC RIVER WALK REPORT.

Will Conklin - Director of Greenagers and Rachel Fletcher were present. Rachel said a celebration will take place on Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 AM at the Riverwalk to recognize 25 years since the creation of Riverwalk. There is currently ½ mile of recreational trails. It has been 10 years since the naming of the park entrance (to the downstream section) after W.E.B DuBois. A permanent outdoor exhibit dedicated to him will be unveiled, explaining why he was devoted to the Housatonic River.

Ms. Fletcher gave a formal invitation to the Board.

Will Conklin said that this project has been turned over to Greenagers who will take care of the Riverwalk going forward and appreciate the opportunity to do so.

C. UPDATE REST OF RIVER CLEAN-UP/NAT KARNS.

Kevin O'Donnell said that Great Barrington is a participant in this effort. He requested that the Board formally endorse the letter and material in the executive summary; authorizing the Chair to sign the letter. Several towns are meeting and discussing the report regarding the socio-economic cost of the river clean-up. After similar action by other towns, the letter and material will be formally entered into the record with the US EPA.

Nat Karns, Executive Director of BRPC said that he does not know where the EPA is in the clean-up process. He explained that the letter does not say what the towns thoughts are on what level of clean-up is important, but want to recognize that there is a cost to our community with no clean-up.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to endorse the letter

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 4-1 Andrew Blechman opposed

Andrew Blechman suggested that a thank you letter be sent to EPA for pushing this forward. He said that G.E. should not be given any reason to delay.

D. UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE/HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION. (DISCUSSION)

Kevin O'Donnell said that the Town Meeting passed an article to pursue electricity aggregation. He researched options and thought the following was the most viable option.

Jeffrey Rogers-Representative/Hampshire Council of Government said their mission is to provide regulatory services to towns. Group purchasing is their focus. If you decide to become part of an aggregate, it would be the Town's aggregation. The supplier will give service to the whole town. Residents will have the option of opting-out.

Andrew Blechman asked if there is a down-side to this.

Mr. Rogers responded that he does not know any. This would not cost the town a penny. If the town chooses to work with them, they will create a five (5) year contract. There is a green energy option, as well. There are no fees.

E. REPORT ON TWINNING TRIP TO TOWN OF INGERSOLL, ONTARIO.

Kevin O'Donnell spoke about the plaque that was presented to the Town by Ingersoll and put on a slide-show about the trip.

Bob Tepper thanked Kevin for a great representation of the Town.

Kevin O'Donnell reported that he received a bid price of \$3900 for the phase 1 environmental study of the Housatonic School. He will go forward with the study. He will not get a price on phase 2 until the first phase is complete.

5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

David Magadini spoke about two items on the agenda: Twinning of the towns and the update to the Charter Committee. Mr. Magadini disagrees with the twinning of the towns because Laura Ingersoll was 'a traitor' and Ingersoll is run by a Mayor.

In regards to the Charter Committee, Mr. Magadini said that it was "illegally quorumed" at the inception and new members are still being added.

Richard Stanley spoke about parking and the future construction project. He said that we learned from the Water Main Street project that there needs to be better traffic flow. 'Parking will not be a problem if there is poor traffic flow.' Mr. Stanley said that traffic control was a failure. He said that the police who are in charge of traffic control are not trained to do so.

John Horan – Brainard Ave. – said that the traffic in the Castle Street area is a problem. He read a letter that was put together by neighbors about this problem. (70 names on the list) Mr. Horan said that more stop signs and traffic calming measures are needed.

Kevin O'Donnell said he will set up a meeting with the group.

Bart Razor- owner of Carr Hardware – said that it is obvious to see when construction began and ended by looking at sales charts. He said that people will come in to the stores if they know that 2 lanes are open. It is important to keep traffic flowing. He said that frustration causes people to give up.

Sharon Gregory – Hollenbeck Ave. – suggested if the town wants to participate in civic engagement that Citizen Speak Time be moved up.

Sean Stanton responded that there are other ways to communicate if it is hard to come to the meeting.

Erik Roan acknowledged Carr Hardware for allowing Railroad Street Youth Project to update the mural.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. ADAM ZIEMINSKI, AJZ HOLDINGS, LLC, D/B/A CAFÉ ADAM, 325 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA FOR A RESTAURANT AT 420 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA PER SECTIONS 3.1.4 C (21) AND 10.4 OF THE ZONING BYLAW.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Steve Bannon

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 4-0-1 Sean Stanton recused himself

a. Explanation of Project

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition-

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

e. Motion re: Findings

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Deb Phillips to postpone until the 9/10 meeting

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

B. TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING TO DETERMINE THE TAX ALLOCATION FOR FY 2013 FOR THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Deb Phillips to open the public hearing

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

b. Explanation of Project- Kevin O'Donnell said that this is a description of four classification options for distributing the tax levy among property owners.

Chris Lamarre explained that he takes the average assessed value of the entire residential class of properties. This includes condos, multi-family dwellings, vacant land and single family homes. An average is derived and the exemption is not to exceed 20% of that average. The exemption of \$65,473 is for homes valued at \$327,366 or less. The rest of the value gets pushed on multi-family dwellings, non-domicile and apartment buildings.

There was discussion among the board regarding property taxes.

Chris said that the tax rate would be 13.14%, which is a \$29.00 average increase over last year.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Deb Phillips to close the public hearing

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

e. Motion re: Findings

MOTION: Deb Phillips that we comply with State Law for Fiscal Year 2013 in setting a single tax rate of \$13.14.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the tax rate

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

ROLL CALL VOTE:

STEPHEN BANNON – yes

ANDREW BLECHMAN – yes

ALANA CHERNILA – yes

DEB PHILLIPS – yes

SEAN STANTON - yes

C. CUMBERLAND FARMS, INC./VSH REALTY, INC., 100 CROSSING BOULEVARD, FRAMINGHAM, MA, 100 CROSSING BOULEVARD, FRAMINGHAM, MA 01702 TO MODIFY EXISTING SPECIAL PERMITS 583-99 AND 603-00, TO DEVELOP 11 PARKING SPACES WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 148 MAIN STREET, AND TO MAKE EXTERIOR CHANGES TO EXISTING STRUCTURES AT 140 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 9.6 AND 10.4 OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON ZONING BYLAW. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Deb Phillips to open the public hearing

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

b. Explanation of Project

Susan Smith representing Cumberland Farms explained the project. She said that they have combined the site as one complete plan. Some parts of the plan include: a connecting sidewalk from the parking area to allow for pedestrian safety, a stockade fence to eliminate headlight glare, a continuation of the street-scape to continue the Main St. construction, drainage work, and storm water improvements. The construction will take 3 weeks at which the business will be closed.

- c. Speak in Favor/Opposition - George Sanders is an abutter to the South. He said that he has submitted a letter with suggestions in regards to the project. Some suggestions include: changing the pole lights, (they are bright), move the fence to the property line and make it as tall as possible and the re-evaluate the bushes since they will block the police officers view into the lot.

There was discussion about the project among the board.

Susan Smith was asked to bring back the old plans.

Sean Stanton said that he would like to have available parking to all, better drainage and safety.

Steve Bannon asked if security cameras could be installed.

A Cumberland Farm representative said that this could be done.

The Selectboard agreed to do a site visit by the next meeting.

- d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

- e. Motion re: Findings

- f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Deb Phillips to continue until the 9/10 meeting

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Officially recessed

7. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

B. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR TEN (10) ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSES FOR EVERY SUNDAY FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 – NOVEMBER 25, 2012 FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. REVISIT DOWNTOWN PARKING TASK FORCE ASSIGNMENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Deb Phillips said that parking during the Main Street Reconstruction is the focus. There are other things that can be spoken about, but a plan for this is needed immediately.

Robin Helfand said that she is concerned that the Main Street Task Force has this focus, so the parking task force should have short, medium and long term goals. She said that they would like to come together and discuss items other than those that are short-term.

There was discussion about this assignment.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to charge the parking task force with the original mission; with an emphasis on the 2013 Main Street Reconstruction Project, specifically parking.

SECOND: Deb Phillips

VOTE: 5-0

All agree not to cross traffic flow with parking.

B. APPOINTMENT TO
- CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

MOTION: Steve Bannon to appoint Richard Needleman as an at-large member of the Charter Review Committee

SECOND: Deb Phillips

VOTE: 5-0

- CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL

MOTION: Steve Bannon to appoint Pat Navarino to the Cultural Arts Council

SECOND: Deb Phillips

VOTE: 5-0

9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Andrew Blechman asked about the asphalt curbs that were put in on the street near the hospital.

Steve Bannon spoke to Joe Sokul who said that they are very easy to repair.

Sean Stanton thanked the DPW for trimming the bushes on the side of the street/sidewalk on Rte. 41.

10. MEDIA TIME: NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Becker

Cara Becker
Recording Secretary

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Marie Y Ryan, CMMC

Marie Y Ryan, CMMC
Town Clerk
February 4, 2013

