

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012  
7:00 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kevin O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. REORGANIZATION:**

A. ELECTION OF TOWN CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to nominate Sean Stanton as Chair of the Board of Selectmen

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to nominate Deb Phillips as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen

**SECOND:** Sean Stanton

**VOTE:** 4-0

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 28, 2012 Jt. Meeting Fin Com and BOS.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the March 28, 2012 Joint Meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

April 17, 2012 Special BOS Meeting.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the April 17, 2012 Special BOS meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 4-0-1 Andrew Blechman abstains

April 30, 2012 Special BOS Meeting.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the April 30, 2012 Special BOS meeting minutes as amended

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**4. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:**

Andrew Blechman spoke about the link on the town home page "ask the Selectmen." He encouraged people to use the link if they have a question or comment.

Andrew also spoke about the swap shack at the transfer station. He said that it is a small garden shed, but a large room is what is needed. He suggested taking a 'field trip' to another town that has a successful swap shack to see how it is done.

Alana Chernila said that she is excited that there are 9 new swap shack volunteers. She agreed that the swap shack needs to be modeled after other towns. She asked who will organize the volunteers and how will the communication with them work.

Alana also asked about the possibility of having any additional Selectmen meetings during the day. There was discussion.

Kevin O'Donnell said that he and the Chair would look at the schedule and present some ideas. This will be spoken about again in June.

Steve Bannon suggested that the Massachusetts Municipal Association come in and talk about the open meeting law and the law regarding the minutes. He said that a county-wide lecture would work if it included all areas; town and school district.

Deb Phillips said that there was a question asked about the Cumberland Farms Parking Lot. There was discussion at a past meeting about approaching Cumberland Farms to work with them to open the parking lot. She asked about the status.

Deb asked at what meeting the Building use policy will be discussed.

Kevin O'Donnell responded May 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

##### **A. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD OF ASSESSOR/BOB GUIDI.**

Kevin O'Donnell recognized Board of Assessor Bob Guidi who served for 58 years. He asked Mr. Guidi to be an ex-officio member of the Board of Assessors and he accepted.

Kevin presented Mr. Guidi with a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Guidi accepted the certificate with thanks and gave a speech.

#### **6. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

Bruce Castino said that he would like to review an agreement, with the Board, to recover monetary items that took place during construction of the fire house. He said that he would like to work this out with a discussion in the future. He stated that he has photos and documentation about the matter.

Sean Stanton said that he will check in with the Town Manager about where things stand in this matter.

#### **7. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

##### **A. BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK/CATHY INGRAM FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012 FROM 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM AT BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK (BLODGETT HALL). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the license

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

##### **B. BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK/CATHY INGRAM FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT AT BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK (KENDRICK LAWN, STUDENT UNION AND KILPATRICK ATHLETIC CENTER). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the license

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

##### **C. ASTON MAGNA FOUNDATION FOR MUSIC, INC./STEPHEN T. PEARLMAN FOR PERMISSION TO HANG THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANNER ACROSS MAIN STREET (FROM THE TUNE STREET BUILDING TO TOM'S TOYS BUILDING) FROM JUNE 9, 2012 TO JULY 7, 2012. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to grant permission to hang the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner across Main St.

**SECOND:** Andrew Blechman

**VOTE: 5-0**

##### **D. VFW, JAMES A. MODOLO POST #8348, THE ADAMS-BUDZ POST #8183 AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 127 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to grant permission to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2012.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

E. FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL/LAUREN SMITH FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 FROM 5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM UNDER A TENT AT THE BANDSTAND GREEN BEHIND TOWN HALL FOR A PRE-GALA RECEPTION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the license

**SECOND:** Alana Chernila

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Steve Bannon recused himself as an employee of the hospital**

F. FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL/LAUREN SMITH FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE THE TOWN HALL PARKING FOR THE 2012 FAIRVIEW GALA ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 FROM NOON TO 8:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to grant permission to close Town Hall Parking Lot

**SECOND:** Alana Chernila

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Steve Bannon recused himself as an employee of the hospital**

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. DISCUSSION RE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (ABCC) NOTICE ON HAPPY HOUR REGULATIONS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Kevin O'Donnell spoke about the ABCC notice. Currently Happy Hour is not allowed in Massachusetts. This would allow Happy Hour.

**The Board has no position on the matter**

#### **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. DISCUSSION RE: MINI TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Steve Bannon said that he feels that the \$1059 cost of the post cards does not have anything to do with the Mini Town Meeting. He advocates the Mini Town Meeting and feels that legal counsel does not need to be present for it. Steve thought that it was a success and worth doing.

Sean Stanton thought that the moderator did a great job.

Eileen Mooney said that many people watched the Mini Town Meeting.

Andrew Blechman suggested that the post cards be rolled into another mailing in order to reduce the cost.

It was suggested that child care for the Town Meeting be budgeted for and advertised on the post card. Deb Phillips suggested that they work with the Friends of the Library to have informational sessions or to give out information at their events.

All agree to continue sending out the post card and try to put it with another mailing.

All agree to discuss changing the day and time of the Town Meeting.

Andrew Blechman will work with Mr. McCormick and the staff to put together a one-page sheet of the 'basics of Town Meeting.'

B. DISCUSSION RE: MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) PUBLIC HEARING.

There was discussion about the DOT public hearing and many of the comments.

Sean Stanton said that there was a comment about narrowing the street in order to put in a bike lane. He feels that this is an important addition.

Steve Bannon did not agree with the idea of adding more crosswalks.

There was discussion about the next steps and the Board would like to follow up with Mark Moore.

Alana Chernila said that the maintenance of the planting beds was brought up again and she said that the Board needs to make a plan sooner, rather than, later.

Kevin O'Donnell said that the arborist will present a maintenance plan that they can then cost out.

Steve Bannon said that the Town Hall and the libraries should be maintained well to show that it can be done.

There was discussion about a BID district.

All agree that Andrew Blechman will investigate BID district possibilities and speak with Betsy Andrus about it.

Kevin O'Donnell agreed to provide Andrew with documents from past discussions and presentations.

**10. SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**The Board decided to cancel the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and to add a meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Andrew Blechman suggested that CTSB consider interviewing Mr. Guidi and that Rep. Pignatelli be asked to present him with a proclamation for his long standing service.

Andrew suggested that a picture be taken of the Board of Selectmen so to document the Boards make up in the 251<sup>st</sup> year. This should be given to the Historical Society.

**11. MEDIA TIME: None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Becker".

Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary