

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 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**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 19, 2012 Special Meeting

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the June 19, 2012 special meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

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

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

Andrew Blechman said that he has received a resolution from Rep. Pignatelli's office for Bob Guidi. He would like to present it to Mr. Guidi at the next meeting. It was decided that Mr. Guidi would be asked how he would like to receive the resolution.

Alana Chernila said that the Friends of the Library had a great party at the Ramsdell Library to celebrate its birthday. She said that a lot of people attended and thanked them for their support. Alana congratulated Ramsdell Library.

**A. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETINGS IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH**

The board discussed the upcoming meetings and decided who would try to attend each meeting.

**4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**A. BARKA/INA & ESU RE: DISCUSSION TO FORM A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR A SISTER CITY WITH FADA N'GOURMA, BURKINA FASO.**

Michael Johnson announced that the foundation has been successful in drilling the first well in Burkina Faso and they are looking to establish more.

He stated that the sister-city official agreement now exists. Another sister city in France has also been added. Mr. Johnson recommends making an official announcement regarding such and asked that we put action behind the agreement.

Kevin O'Donnell said that he will work with Mr. Johnson regarding a steering committee and said that he will bring a resolution to the Board regarding such committee.

**B. POLICY GOVERNMENT TRAINING W/ LENOX JUNE 26 & 27**

Kevin O'Donnell gave a reminder that there will be a Policy Government Training with Lenox on June 26 & 27 at the Great Barrington Fire Station. The training will be held from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.

C. Kevin O'Donnell said that he will have an update regarding online payments at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

**A. PRESENTATION FROM 1 BERKSHIRE RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNTY WIDE**  
Representatives from 1 Berkshire made a presentation about their organization. They said that their goal is to unify economic development sources in Berkshire County. They consider themselves a concierge service for the Berkshires.

They are currently meeting with companies that exist to see what they need. They are also working on identifying clusters of activity in the area. One cluster that is new to the area is the Food Sector.

1 Berkshire is working with regional partners and local entrepreneurs. They asked any business who would like to grow and has questions, to contact them.

Jenny Clark said that there was discussion regarding the streetscape from Town Hall to Berkshire Bank in a past meeting. She said that there is signage (signs pointing to the crosswalks) required by the State that hasn't been discussed. Jenny said that the signage is not pretty and asked that the Board direct Mr. Dietrich to give her information regarding this.

Kevin O'Donnell said that he will follow up with Mr. Dietrich and get back to Ms. Clark and the Board.

Frances Dalmaso stated that the Town has 9 outstanding bills and asked when they will be paid off and taxes lowered. He said that the Board keeps buying before paying things off.

Mr. Dalmaso said that people don't go to the Town Meeting because they aren't heard and items are passed regardless.

**6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

**A. DOMINICK BUTTNER FOR A TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JULY 28, 2012 FROM 12 PM TO 7PM AT THE JAMES A. MODOLO VFW, SOUTH MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. BOS – FY 2013 APPOINTMENTS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Hilda Banks Shapiro to the Agricultural Commission for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Ellen Smith to the Board of Registrars for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**CULTURAL COUNCIL (3 Year Term)**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Sherry Steiner to the Cultural Council for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Jessica Dezieck to the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Jonathan Hankin as a Planning Board representative to the Design Advisory Committee.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Dan Bailly as a Historic District representative to the Design Advisory Committee with Holly Troiano as an alternate

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

ENERGY COMMITTEE

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Christopher Vlcek and Brandee Nelson to the Energy Committee for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

FENCE VIEWERS

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Andrew Blechman and Harold Shaw as Fence Viewers for a 1 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Donald V. Howe, Holly Troiano, and Patricia Ryan to the Historic District Commission for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Marilyn Bisiewicz, Gary Leveille and Malcom Fick to the Historical Commission for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Brandee Nelson as the Planning Board Associate member

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

TREE COMMITTEE

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Judith Dillon and Dennis Gibbons to the Tree Committee for a 3 year term

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

ZBA ASSOCIATE MEMBER

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Donald Hagberg as the ZBA Associate member

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

Steve Bannon requested a list of all the current openings.

Deb Phillips encouraged all to get involved.

B. BOS - APPOINTMENT OF TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Joseph Zanetti Jr. as the Town Representative to the District Department of Veterans' Services.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

C. DISCUSSION RE: POLICY DIRECTION ARTICLE 35 PASSED AT 2012 TOWN MEETING  
It was agreed that the sponsor of this warrant should speak at a meeting regarding the purpose of the warrant article.

D. DISCUSSION RE: BEST SMALL TOWN MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Andrew Blechman recommended signage.

Steve Bannon suggested that something be put together with the Chamber of Commerce.

Deb Phillips said that current events could be labeled 'Best Small Town.'

Alana Chernila said whoever wants to 'sell' Great Barrington could use this information, but otherwise capitalizing on this title is not necessary.

It was suggested that this would be a great task for the new economic opportunity committee.

E. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH CET FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the extension of the agreement with CET

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

Andrew Blechman asked why recycling revenue is lower than any other town.

Kevin O'Donnell said that he will have Joe Sokul look into this.

Sean Stanton asked if private haulers could be asked to come to our site so to create the service of being the 'middle-man.'

Andrew Blechman said that the swap shack is working, but there is a disconnect between the workers there. He said that the workers are not happy and resent it.

Kevin O'Donnell will look into this.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION

Sean Stanton said that he will make the score sheet available for the press. He said that the results were almost the same as the last evaluation. Sean Stanton read the scores aloud.

**9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

Alana Chernila said that there was a question asked via E-mail regarding the signs in Housatonic.

Alana suggested that the signs say 'Village of Housatonic, Town of Great Barrington.'

Deb Phillips said that the Master Plan Committee Meeting was well attended and there were several ideas given by the public to be considered by the committee. Deb said that Master Plan Committee information is on the website and the Board will talk more about it at the next meeting.

**10. MEDIA TIME:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Alana Chernila, seconded by Deb Phillips, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker

Recording Secretary