

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013
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. January 14, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the January 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR – No Comments

B. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Alana Chernila asked if the Board was ready for the Wednesday Sustainability Meeting. She asked if the Selectboard was ready to frame the topic in the way that they intend.

The Selectboard felt that they were ready.

Deb Phillips asked for an update regarding St. James Church.

Kevin O'Donnell said that he will research this.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. BOS – SIGNING RENEWAL OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (BANS).

Kevin O'Donnell reported that the BANS will be used for capital improvements. \$4200 will be spent in interest payments. The interest rate is .50%.

The Selectboard signed the BANS.

B. 8TH EXTENSION TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE CASTLE STREET FIRE STATION.

Steve Bannon said that he has met with the purchaser of Castle Street Fire Station and DPW

Superintendent, Joe Sokul. He anticipates that the final details will be ironed out in 4 to 6 weeks.

The new deadline will be March 6th.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the 8th Extension

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Kevin O'Donnell said that there are still vacancies on the Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Parking Task Force, Tree Committee, Design Advisory Committee and Town Charter Committee. Please contact Kevin O'Donnell if you are interested.

Kevin O'Donnell said that the college internship program (CIP Berkshire) will begin shortly. He is hoping to engage all departments, including the Council on Aging.

Kevin announced that Citizen Petition submittal opened today (January 28th @8:30am and closes February 6th @4:00pm.

5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

David Magadini complained about the Mason Library. He said that he was 'put out' because he has too many bags. He keeps his bags under the table, out of the way. He said that this action is inappropriate and asked to be re-instated and allowed to bring the items that he needs with him.

David also encouraged citizens to put items on the warrant.

Sean Stanton directed David to talk to the Library Board of Trustees about their regulations.

Andrew Blechman pointed out that this may lie with the Town Manager.

Mark Orłowski – spoke about his program called Leaders in Energy Efficiency Financing Program.

This program can offer no cost consulting time to help towns and organizations set up revolving funds.

The fund would be town run and no cost. He would like to give a longer and more detailed presentation at a future meeting about this.

Sean Stanton suggested that he contact the Town Manager's office.

Andrew Blechman said this is a very interesting system. It is no cost and would save taxpayers money. He looks forward to hearing the detailed presentation.

John Bazonski– 48 Seekonk Rd. – spoke about the weapons and ammunition resolution – He said the Selectboard should not be involved. He said that the Board has made many mistakes and asked that they work on more important things that would help both residents and businesses.

Mike Palivoda -Housatonic– spoke about the weapons and ammunition resolution and asked how the Selectboard base their legality of superceding the Federal Government and the 2nd Amendment. He asked that they only enforce the current laws.

Emily Fahey – said that she is a gun owner who is against a new ban. She said Massachusetts has laws, background checks and restrictions and the town should enforce the laws already in place. She said that new ones will only affect current gun owners.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2013 FROM 11:00AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR SEVEN (7) ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSES (EVERY SUNDAY FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2013 – MARCH 24, 2013) FROM 11:00AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BOS - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to appoint Frederic Gordon to the Agricultural Commission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

**B. BOS - RESOLUTION CREATING THE TOWN MANAGER SCREENING COMMITTEE.
- APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE TOWN MANAGER SCREENING
COMMITTEE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Sean Stanton read the resolution.

Deb Phillips clarified that this is a screening committee, not a search committee.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the resolution

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Deb Phillips created a schedule of meetings and explained the process. She said that all of the work will be done in February.

The following applicants spoke.

Betsy Andrus	Gina Hyams	Peter Dillon	Robin Helfand	Michael Wise
Patrick Fennell	Linda Miller	Michelle Loubert	Shep Evans	Sharon Gregory

Alana Chernila thanked all who applied and said it is a difficult decision.

The first meeting date will be set for either January 30 at 2:30 or February 1 at 12:00.

The Board voted as follows:

Andrew Blechman- Art Ames, Betsy Andrus, Michael Wise, Peter Dillon, Robin Helfand, Sharon Gregory, Shep Evans

Alana Chernila – Art Ames, Betsy Andrus, Gina Hyams, Michael Wise, Peter Dillon, Robin Helfand, Shep Evans

Steve Bannon - Art Ames, Betsy Andrus, Michael Wise, Michelle Loubert, Peter Dillon, Robin Helfand, Shep Evans

Deb Phillips - Art Ames, Betsy Andrus, Gina Hyams, Michael Wise, Peter Dillon, Robin Helfand, Shep Evans

Sean Stanton - Art Ames, Betsy Andrus, Gina Hyams, Michael Wise, Peter Dillon, Robin Helfand, Shep Evans

As a result of this vote, the Screening Committee is made up of:

Art Ames, Betsy Andrus, Gina Hyams, Michael Wise, Peter Dillon, Robin Helfand, Shep Evans

C. RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ON A SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF JAN WOJCIK AND RUBY CHANG FOR PROPERTY AT 1 ROGER ROAD TO BUILD A CARPORT. THE PROPERTY RECEIVED A SPECIAL PERMIT IN 2008 TO REPLACE AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING DWELLING. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

No action taken

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONTINUATION RE: RESOLUTION – LEGISLATION TO REGULATE AND BAN MILITARY STYLE WEAPONS AND ASSOCIATED AMMUNITION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Sean Stanton read the resolution.

There was discussion among the Selectboard.

Alana Chernila suggested that they continue to work on the resolution and make it more representative of the towns' feeling/stance. She also suggested starting a process toward this and working with gun owners.

Steve Bannon said that the Selectboard needs to do their homework on this. He said that Joe Aberdale was very helpful. Steve said that mental health and funding for it should be part of the resolution.

Members of the audience said that the resolution should be from the whole community, not just the Selectboard.

Joe Aberdale said that there should be discussion of the root cause of what is happening in society. He is willing to participate and invited the rest of the Selectboard to do a walk-thru of his gun store and discuss regulations, etc.

No action taken

B. HOUSATONIC SCHOOL/TIM GELLER – DISCUSSION.

Steve Bannon suggested, if the CDC re-considers responding to the RFP, they should re-issue it with a short time line and continue discussion.

Kevin O'Donnell said he could re-vamp the RFP to include lease, partnership, etc...

Deb Phillips said that the Selectboard needs to be clear about what is viable.

Tim Geller said that there have been informal conversations taking place. He said that there seems to be a consensus about keeping the building.

Deb Phillips said that any decisions made, going forward, be made in light of the Housatonic Task Force document.

9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Andrew Blechman said that the Selectboard received a letter about residents being charged to recycle.

Kevin O'Donnell said that he will have Joe Sokul come and discuss this.

Andrew Blechman announced that the Wired West survey can be dropped off at the Town Hall.

Alana Chernila asked if there is a date for the Searles/Bryant tour.

Sean Stanton said that the scheduling is in the works.

Alana also asked about a timeline on the discussion regarding the Main Street reconstruction.

Kevin O'Donnell responded that a meeting can be scheduled when more information is received.

Deb Phillips asked if the Council on Aging staffing report is public.

Kevin O'Donnell said that it is currently a draft. It should be complete within 10 days.

10. MEDIA TIME:

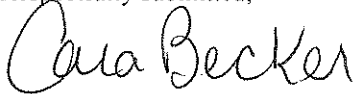
A question was asked to Alana Chernila if she is running again.

Alana did not respond.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Deb Phillips, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary