

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013  
7:00 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** DANIEL BAILLY  
STEPHEN BANNON  
ANDREW BLECHMAN  
DEB PHILLIPS  
SEAN STANTON

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

**7:00 PM – PUBLIC SESSION – BOARD ROOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deb Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 30, 2013 Special Meeting

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the September 30, 2013 minutes

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

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

**A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.**

Andrew Blechman said that the landlord of his business is interested in renewing an easement for the River Walk. This would be a great opportunity for the Town.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she would definitely support this.

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

**A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

**B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**- HEALTH DEPT.**

Jennifer reported that there were 3 flu clinics hosted by the Health Dept. and one more to come.

**- FIRE DEPT.**

Jennifer reported that the contract for the new truck is signed. The bids were under budget and she is very pleased. Jennifer thanked Chief Burger.

The agreement with the Firefighters Association has been completed and will spell out what they are entitled to, as it was done in the past.

**- DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The playgroup in Housatonic is now open. Jennifer invited all to 'check it out.'

There is a new exercise park on South Street.

The parking lot at the Housy Dome is completed.

The Dewey Court House lease is in the final draft and she hopes that it will be signed next week. There is a \$26,000 increase in rent per year.

The Master Plan was approved last week. Chris Rembold is now doing research to apply for a Federal Community Development Block that is 100% federal funds.

The Library Director position is currently open and the search has begun.

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- GB CULTURAL COUNCIL/LEE ROGERS, CHAIR

Lee Rogers said that the summer music series was very successful. He thanked the community sponsors who helped to defray the cost. Lee said that the Town appropriates \$4000, which covers David Grover. There were additional costs of \$2700. Lee expressed that David Grover is an asset to the Town. He asked the Selectboard to restore David Grover's salary from \$4000 to \$8000, which is what he used to get until he agreed to take a pay cut.

Jennifer Tabakin agreed that this is a great program.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. THOMAS AND JUNE LOVETT, 383 NORTH PLAIN ROAD, HOUSATONIC, MA 01236  
FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE OF A SINGLE LOT  
AT 383 NORTH PLAIN ROAD, HOUSATONIC, MA 01236 PER SECTIONS 3.1.4 A(2), 8.1  
AND 10.4 OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON ZONING BY LAW. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to open the public hearing

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

b. Explanation of Project – Diego Gutierrez represented the owner. This project is comprised of the addition of a garage and an apartment above. This project will not impact the traffic flow or have any impact on the environment.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition: None

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 to approve the Findings for Special Permit #820-13 for Thomas and June Lovett as submitted and referenced as Exhibit A, and finding that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any possible detrimental impacts.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

DANIEL BAILLY - YES

STEPHEN BANNON - YES

ANDREW BLECHMAN - YES

DEB PHILLIPS - YES

SEAN STANTON - YES

**VOTE: 5-0 Motion Passed**

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips that in view of the approved Findings, move to approve Special Permit #820-13 for Thomas and June Lovett, 383 North Plain Road, Housatonic, MA, for the two family use of a single lot at 383 North Plain Road, Housatonic, MA, in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 A(2), 8.1, and 10.4 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw, subject to the following conditions:

1. Substantial conformance with the plans submitted with this special permit application.
2. Any exterior lights be directed downwards and no light shall spill off of the property.
3. Put risers on the tank bringing the inlet and outlet up to grade.
4. Put an outlet filter on the tank.
5. Replace the Distribution Box.
6. Add 4-6 infiltrator chambers to handle additional flows.
7. All repairs, renovations or construction specified by the applicant in his application shall be made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings before an occupancy permit is issued.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**Roll call vote:**

DANIEL BAILLY - yes

STEPHEN BANNON - yes

ANDREW BLECHMAN - yes

DEB PHILLIPS - yes  
SEAN STANTON- yes

**VOTE: 5-0 Motion Passed**

**6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

- A. LEE ROGERS/BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013 FROM 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM AT 84 ALFORD ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

- B. BETSY ANDRUS/SO. BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013 FROM 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, WITH CLEAN UNTIL 10:00 PM, (RAIN DATE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2) AT GB HISTORICAL SOCIETY. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

- C. SANDRA N. TONES AND ANTHONY VALENTIN/FIESTA BAR AND GRILL LLC D/B/A FIESTA BAR AND GRILL FOR 2013 COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE FROM 11:00 AM - MIDNIGHT AT 284 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

- D. SANDRA N. TONES AND ANTHONY VALENTIN/FIESTA BAR AND GRILL LLC D/B/A FIESTA BAR AND GRILL FOR 2013 WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 8:00 PM – 2:00 AM AND SATURDAY FROM 8:00 PM – 11:59 PM AT 284 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

- E. SANDRA N. TONES AND ANTHONY VALENTIN/FIESTA BAR AND GRILL LLC D/B/A FIESTA BAR AND GRILL FOR 2013 SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FROM 12:00 AM – 11:59 PM AT 284 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

- F. JODI CAHILLANE/WARD'S NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013 FROM 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM AT 600 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. PETER DILLON/BHRSD SUPERINTENDENT – HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE.

Peter Dillon presented a slide show detailing the High School renovation project.

If this is to be approved, the construction will begin during the summer of 2014.

Superintendant Dillon said that the State will cover 48.52% in reimbursement costs.

If this project does not get approved, money will still have to be spent to upgrade/update as needed. This may cost approximately \$40.2 million. This option will not guarantee as much reimbursement from the state. Superintendent Dillon explained the vote that will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all to vote YES to both questions on the ballot.

Sean Stanton said that a lot of money is spent on education and feels that we are educating people to go other places. He asked if there is anyway to educate and keep people here. Superintendent Dillon responded that there is a great internship program at the High School. He is working with BCC to see what entrepreneurial opportunities there may be.

Dan Bailly asked what the contingency plan is if this project does not get approved. Superintendent Dillon responded that the work would have to be done piece-meal. There would be no extras in this process.

Dan Bailly asked what the contingency plan would be for cost overages. Superintendent Dillon responded that \$56 million is the project cost with contingency built in.

Richard Needleman asked if this State money is guaranteed even if their budget changes. Superintendent Dillon responded that this is locked in.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to support the project

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 3-1-1 Dan Bailly against and Sean Stanton abstains**

B. BOS – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS FOR FY 2014. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)  
Marie Ryan submitted a list of appointments to the Selectboard.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the list of appointments as requested by the Town Clerk.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

C. BOS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)  
**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Richard Needleman to the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee  
**SECOND:** Steve Bannon  
**VOTE: 5-0**

D. BOS - APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)  
**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to appoint Martha Fick and Kathleen Jackson to the Community Preservation Committee  
**SECOND:** Steve Bannon  
**VOTE: 5-0**

E. BOS - FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)  
**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to support the agreement  
**SECOND:** Steve Bannon  
**VOTE: 5-0**  
All Board members signed the agreement.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. BOS – APPROVAL OF SIX TOWN REST OF RIVER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)  
**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the agreement  
**SECOND:** Andrew Blechman  
**VOTE: 5-0**

**B. BOS – HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - APPROVAL OF UPDATED  
ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION AGREEMENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Jennifer Tabakin said that this was previously approved but a separate filing was needed per each Town in the program.

The agreement was presented.

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

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

**C. BOS – REVIEW OF COVER LETTER AND APPROVAL OF SOLARIZE MASS JOINT  
GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TOWN OF EGREMONT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Chris Rembold said that the Town of Great Barrington and the Town of Egremont are seeking a Solarize Mass grant. Chris introduced Malcolm Fick who is Great Barrington's solar coach.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to support the grant application

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

**9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None**

**10. SELECTMEN'S TIME: None**

**11. MEDIA TIME:**

Eileen Mooney asked for an update regarding the sale of the Fire House.

Sean Stanton said that this process should be complete in 3 months maximum.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker

Recording Secretary