

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013
6:00 P.M. – PUBLIC SESSION – FIRE STATION**

PRESENT: DAN BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
ANDREW BLECHMAN – Not present
DEB PHILLIPS
SEAN STANTON
JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

I. Call To Order:

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Discuss FY 15 Budget Policy

Sean Stanton asked for Jennifer Tabakin's thought on this document. She responded that she would like the Budget Development section to be more specific. She would also like to add points about the Master Plan. Jennifer said that section 6 should state more about what the Board is looking for; a full vision. She feels that the document is long; however, it does outline the Budget. Jennifer hopes to make it shorter next year.

III Discuss FY 15 Budget Schedule

Jennifer Tabakin went over the budget schedule. The location of the Town Meeting will be decided at a later meeting. There were some changes to dates on the schedule. All meetings will be held at 6:00 pm with the exception of the Public Hearing which will be at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Tabakin will send a revised copy of the schedule to the Selectboard.

IV Charter Review Next Steps

Jennifer Tabakin reported that she received a response from the Collins Center that gave little clarity. Jennifer requested that the Selectboard give specific questions that they would like the Collins Center to advise on. She also asked that the Selectboard give her background as to the reason for this process. Sean Stanton said that he would like Town Counsel to review the document before it goes on the warrant. Jennifer will see if there is a cost for the Collins Center to review the document. It was agreed that Michael Wise would be part of the conversation that Jennifer has with the Collins Center. Dan Bailly said that he does not think the Collins Center should be involved; this will involve a cost and drag out the process. He recommended that only Town Counsel review the document.

There was discussion regarding the use of committees. It was asked why they are formed if the Selectboard does not take action on their final work product/recommendation.

V. Goals and Objectives for FY 15

Jennifer Tabakin explained the following:

- a. Projects
- b. Policies
- c. Management and Administration
- d. Milestones

Jennifer presented the work plan by month so that the Selectboard can see when each topic is scheduled to be discussed.

There was a discussion about the topic of food trucks. The Selectboard agreed that Mark Pruhenski needs to come back to them with more information. The Selectboard would like to see what the policy looks like with the trucks located outside of private property. A map outlining areas where food trucks are allowed was requested. The Selectboard agreed to move this topic up to December.

Sean Stanton requested that the Fairgrounds discussion be scheduled in January.
Jennifer Tabakin will schedule the topic of gun safety in October.

Jennifer Tabakin explained that she scheduled many discussion topics around the Governor presenting his budget in January. The Selectboard can time their discussions with the State to fall before the presentation of the budget.

Sean Stanton requested an update from Ed May regarding property maintenance and the number of condemned houses. There was discussion about the possibility of putting money into the budget for this purpose.

Steve Bannon requested an update regarding CPA.

Deb Phillips requested a discussion regarding solar energy.
Jennifer Tabakin said that she will put this topic on the agenda for the upcoming 'committee chair' meeting.

Jennifer will update the work plan schedule and present it to the Selectboard.

VI. Adjournment:

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary