

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

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

6:30 PM - **EXECUTIVE SESSION – TOWN MANAGER CONFERENCE ROOM
- CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS RE: SALE OF OLD FIRE STATION
(M.G.L. c.30A, sec.21(a)6).**

MOTION: Steve Bannon to adjourn to executive session as stated above and to return to public session

SECOND: Deb Philips

ROLL CALL VOTE:

STEPHEN BANNON – yes

ANDREW BLECHMAN – yes

ALANA CHERNILA – yes

DEB PHILLIPS - yes

SEAN STANTON - yes

VOTE: 5-0

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC SESSION - BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 28, 2011 BOS and FIN COM Joint Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve minutes of the November 28, 2011 joint meeting

SECOND: Deb Phillips

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

Andrew Blechman said that it was nice to meet those from Ingersoll, Canada and said Saturday was wonderful.

Alana Chernila thanked Michael Ballon and Castle Street Café for hosting a wonderful event to support Construct (and another organization) to fill the gap that is being left by the BCAC loss.

Alana said that she noticed that people are driving fast again on 'the hill'/Castle Hill area. She asked all drivers to slow down. Alana added that there has been great enforcement in the area.

Alana said that she and Sean met with a few members of the Chamber of Commerce about the beginning of a campaign in preparation for the Main St. Reconstruction Project and other projects. They met with Craig Okerstrom-Lang and Jeff Caligari who had great ideas and who welcome others to talk to them. She asked that money be put in the budget next year for their efforts.

Alana thanked Christine Ludwiszewski for her service as the Executive Director of the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, from which she has retired.

Alana said that she attended the Council on Aging meeting and said that she was impressed by the Board and what they are doing. She suggests that people attend a meeting and/or see what is going on in the Senior Center. She said that there are great programs being put together and thanked them for their commitment.

Deb Phillips thanked Michael Ballon as well and thanked the 250th Anniversary Committee for all of the events that were held over the year.

Deb spoke in regards to the solar farm proposal and said that there needs to be a conversation about solar energy. She said that a policy needs to be created around energy.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. POLICE CERTIFICATION

Chief Walsh said that Great Barrington is the first in Berkshire County to receive this certification, which was awarded on September 29. Chief Walsh said that Great Barrington is the 51st in the State to receive certification. He acknowledged Kim Shaw, Sharon Nourse and all who helped with the certification process. He said they still have work ahead for full accreditation.
(Chief Walsh presented the plaque to BOS)

B. UPDATE OF PROJECTS FOR SELECTBOARD

Kevin O'Donnell reviewed the list of projects for the Selectboard as detailed in the executive summary.

Kevin said that each will become a 20- 30 minute item on a future agenda.

Deb Phillips suggested that the Housatonic School Campus be added to the list so that the Board can keep on top of the progress.

Steve Bannon suggested that one more meeting a month be added to discuss these topics.

Sean Stanton suggested that they add the Cumberland Farms Parking Lot to the list.

5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

A. LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Holly Hamer said that the Library Board of Trustees voted that they should not remain on the Selectmen's agenda.

Holly spoke as a citizen how the Board of Selectmen is thinking about ways to get more people involved. She said that, as a newcomer to a Board or Committee, there is no handbook. She asked if all committees could get together and put basic information that should be discussed. For example: budget facts, how to e-mail, how to post an agenda. Holly said that she appreciates all that the Selectboard does to get more people involved.

B. BRUCE CASTINO – ISSUES RELATED TO FIRE STATION, 37 STATE ROAD.

Not Present

Art Ames – Berkshire Co-op said that they are gearing up for the Main Street Project next year and are discouraged by the Water District project due in the Spring. He said that the two projects should be combined and is shocked that the Water District didn't contact the Selectboard to coordinate the projects. Mr. Ames said that there will be a side street project that will then put the Co-op in the midst of construction for three years. He said that they are looking to expand and relocate and want to stay downtown. Mr. Ames asked that there be a contingency plan and a traffic research plan. He said that another economic recession is coming and the Co-op Market will be facing a lot of obstacles. Mr. Ames said that he hopes that the Berkshire Co-op Market is included in the grant that will help support the downtown businesses.

Sean Stanton said that grant funding showed up and this is why the Water District decided to go forth with the project.

David Magadini said that the item on the agenda 'Resolution creating a Town Charter Review Committee' does not allow any public input. He feels that people should have the opportunity to give input about it. Mr. Magadini said that a Special Town Meeting should be called to determine if a new Town Charter is needed.

Sharon Gregory – Hollenbeck Ave. – said that she has been a proponent for an economic development committee and requested that a Special Committee be created for economic development. She said that this may result in a change in the by-laws.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. 2012 ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS as per list attached. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

- COMMON VICTUALLER RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOLIC

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-26

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- COMMON VICTUALLER RESTAURANT WINE AND MALT

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-10

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- COMMON VICTUALLER WINE AND MALT WITHOUT FOOD

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve license for the Mahaiwe

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- PACKAGE STORE ALL ALCOHOLIC

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve 1-7

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- PACKAGE STORE WINE AND MALT

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve license for Locke, Stock and Barrel

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- CLUB ALL ALCOHOLIC

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-2

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- COMMON VICTUALLER

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-69 at hours specified

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 4-0-1 Steve Bannon abstains from Fairview Hospital as he is an employee of an applicant

- INNHOLDERS

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-10

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- LODGING HOUSE

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-8

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- AMUSEMENT

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-6

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- AUCTIONEERS

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve North Main St. Antiques and Auctioneers

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- BOWLING ALLEY

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve Cove Bowling

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- MOTION PICTURE

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-2

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- CLASS II AUTO

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-8

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- CLASS III AUTO

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve 1-3

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-25 at hours specified

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve #1-9 at hours specified

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. PWED GRANT FOR SIDE STREETS – UPDATE. (DISCUSSION)

Kevin O'Donnell said that he has received citizen input and gave information based on the feedback.

The side streets in consideration are Bridge Street, Elm Street, Railroad Street, and Church Street. The grant money is only for the design aspect.

Jeff Collingwood presented the information on this project by showing the changes to each street. He said that there would be new sidewalks, curbing, some pedestrian walk ways and handicap ramps. He said that it would be a 'mill and fill' project.

Kevin O'Donnell said on Railroad Street, they tried to maintain parking and create 8 foot sidewalks which will reduce the size of the street a bit.

Joe Sokul said that ornamental poles could be put in with lines underground. Joe said that they would do construction on one side at a time in order to keep the businesses open. The project could take a couple of months. (Railroad Street would be the most difficult street in the project)

After much discussion, the suggestions made by the Board were:

Railroad Street proposed design will stay the same

Alana Chernila- to put more thought into Elm St. and the cross over between the movie theater parking lot and the bank parking lot.

Sean Stanton- Make the lighting better on Elm Street, widen the sidewalk, add a crosswalk and find more side street parking on this street.

Bridge Street proposed design remains the same.
Church Street proposed design remains the same.

Sean Stanton -- keep the crosswalks consistent throughout.

**B. RESOLUTION CREATING A TOWN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Kevin O'Donnell presented a resolution for a Town Charter Review Committee. It will be a 21 member committee and he suggested that a requirement be that the committee member be a resident and a voter.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to accept the resolution as written, but add that 2 of the members will come from the Selectboard and a minimum of one each from the Council on Aging, Library Board, Planning Board, and Finance Committee.

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 5-0

8. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. BOS/FIN COM - JOINT APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
UNTIL THE NEXT TOWN ELECTION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Andy Moro, Fred Conforti, and Sharon Gregory submitted letters of interest and were present at the meeting. Each stated why he/she should be considered for a membership on the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Bud Atwood to appoint Andy Moro to the Finance Committee

SECOND: Mark Lefenfeld

VOTE: 3-0 Fin Com (Bud Atwood, Jim Stark, and Mark Lefenfeld)

VOTE: 3-2 BOS (Alana Chernila and Deb Phillips against)

Fin Com and BOS Vote: 6-2

**B. BOS – TO AUTHORIZE REMOTE PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC BODIES.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Kevin O'Donnell presented the information and recommended that the Board authorize remote participation.

Kevin said that this will incur no cost to the town.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to authorize remote participation of public bodies under the guidelines authorized by the States Attorney Generals Office 940 CMR 29.10.

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 5-0

Deb Phillips said that she has mixed feelings about this topic. She said that if someone is away, they should not feel pressured to participate when it's not appropriate.

9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Andrew Blechman said, in a past meeting relative to solar panels, something was inferred about the character of the Shaws, which made him uncomfortable. Andrew said that Mr. Shaw is a great person and the Board shouldn't put up with a person's character being questioned. Andrew apologized that this happened.

Alana Chernila officially welcomed Kate Deviny as the new Library Director. She said that she is energetic and welcoming and encourages all to say 'hi' to her and let her know what they are looking for.

Sean Stanton congratulated the 250th Anniversary committee and the Town as a whole. He said the winter stroll was great and the fireworks were amazing.

10. MEDIA TIME:

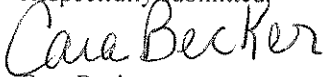
Eileen Mooney asked if there is an update regarding the sale of the Fire House.

Sean Stanton said that he does not have an update.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Deb Phillips, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Cara Becker
Recording Secretary

2012 License Renewals (12/12/11)

Common Victualer Restaurant-All Alcoholic

1. The East
2. Thornewood Inn
3. Risingdale Café
4. Cove Bowling and Entertainment Inc.
5. Bogie's
6. Crissey Farm Catering Inc.
7. The Well
8. Aegean Breeze
9. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant, Inc.
10. i.e. Inc.
11. Rubiner's Cheesemonger's & Grocers, LLC
12. Mezze South Inc.
13. Route 7 Barbeque, LLC
14. Café Adam
15. Castle Street Café
16. Bizen
17. Martin's
18. Koi Chinese Restaurant
19. Four Brothers Pizza Inn
20. Egremont Country Club
21. Aroma Bar & Grill
22. 20 Railroad
23. Shiro Restaurant, Inc.
24. LaFiesta Tex-Mex
25. The Brickhouse
26. Fiori

Common Victualler Restaurant-Wine and Malt

1. Ena Café
2. Barrington Brewery & Restaurant
3. Great Barrington Pizza House, Inc.
4. The Neighborhood Diner
5. Baba Louie's Organic Sourdough Pizza, Co.
6. Siam Square Fine Thai Cuisine
7. Bizalio'n's Fine Food, Ltd
8. Najji's
9. The Manhattan Pizza Company
10. Gypsy Joynt

Common Victualler Wine and Malt Without Food

1. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

Package Store-All Alcoholic

1. Trotta's
2. Guido's Quality Fruit and Produce, Inc.
3. Plaza Package
4. Domaney's Liquor
5. Grapefinds
6. Aberdale's, Inc.
7. Gorham and Norton, Inc.

Package Store-Wine and Malt

1. Locke, Stock and Barrel

Club-All Alcoholic

1. Adams-Budz Post Home, Inc.
2. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc.

Common Victualler

1. The East
2. SoCo Creamery
3. Thornewood Inn
4. Taft Farms Inc.
5. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc.
6. Risingdale Café
7. Cove Bowling and Entertainment Inc.
8. Bogie's
9. Barrington Brewery & Restaurant
10. Adams-Budz Post Home Inc.
11. Crissey Farm Catering, Inc.
12. Big Y World Class Market
13. The Well
14. Aegean Breeze
15. Convenience Plus #10 (O'Connell Oil)
16. Fairview Hospital
17. Cumberland Farms #6668
18. Ena Café

Days & Hours of Operation:

- 7 days a week, 10 AM-11 PM
- 7 days a week, 9 AM-11 PM
- 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
- 7 days a week, 8 AM-6 PM
- Mon-Thurs 3 PM-11 PM, Fri 3 PM-12 PM, Sat 12 PM-Midnight, Sun 12 PM-10 PM
- 7 days a week, 10 AM-1:30 AM
- 7 days a week, 8 AM-2 AM
- 7 days a week, 11 AM-2 AM
- 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-2 AM
- 7 days a week, 12 PM-2 AM
- 7 days a week, 8 AM- Midnight
- Mon-Thurs, Sat & Sun 7 AM-9 PM, Fri 7 AM-10 PM
- 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-1:30 AM *outside seating for 4
- 7 days a week, 11 AM- Midnight
- Sun 6 AM-11 PM, Mon-Sat 5 AM-11 PM
- 7 days a week, 6AM-7 PM
- 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
- 7 days a week, 7 AM-9 PM

19. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant, Inc. 7 days a week, 11 AM- Midnight
20. i.e. Inc. 7 days a week, 8 AM-8 PM
21. Great Barrington Pizza House 7 days a week, 10 AM-10 PM
22. Berkshire Co-op Market Mon-Sat 8 AM-8 PM, Sun 10 AM-6 PM
23. Lipton Mart 7 days a week, 6 AM-11 PM
24. Rubiner's Cheesemonger's & Grocers, LLC 7 days a week, 7 AM-11 PM
25. The Neighborhood Diner 7 days a week, 7 AM-9 PM
26. Great Wall 7 days a week, 11 AM- 10 PM
27. Mezze South Inc. 7 days a week, 5 PM-2 AM
28. Baba Louie's Organic Sourdough Pizza, Co. 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-10 PM
29. Aberdale's, Inc. 7 days a week, 6 AM-11 PM
30. Siam Square Fine Thai Cuisine 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-11 PM
31. Route 7 Grill 7 days a week, 9 AM- Midnight
32. The Great Barrington Bagel Co. 7 days a week, 7 AM-4 PM
33. Café Adam 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-9 PM
34. Price Chopper #155 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
35. Guido's Fresh Marketplace Mon-Sat 9 AM-7 PM, Sun 10 AM-6 PM
36. Castle Street Café 7 days a week, 12 PM-Midnight *outside seating for 14
37. Bizalion's Fine Food Ltd 7 days a week, 8 AM-11 PM
38. Bizen 7 days a week, 12 PM-10:30 PM
39. Martin's Restaurant 7 days a week, 6 AM-3 PM *outside seating for 2
40. Koi Chinese Restaurant 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-10 PM
41. Naji's 7 days a week, 9 AM-9 PM
42. Four Brothers Pizza Inn 7 days a week, 11 AM-11 PM
43. Housatonic Corner Market 7 days a week, 6 AM-9 PM
44. Egremont Country Club 7 days a week, 7 AM-Midnight
45. Great Barrington Sunoco 7 days a week, 6 AM-10 PM
46. Friendly's #31 Sun-Thurs 7 AM-11 PM, Fri & Sat 7 AM-Midnight
47. South Main Xtra Mart 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
48. Aroma Bar & Grill 7 days a week, 11 AM-Midnight
49. 20 Railroad 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-1 AM

50.	Subway	7 days a week, 8 AM-10 PM
51.	Taqueria Azteca	7 days a week, 11 AM- 10 PM
52.	Wyantenuck Country Club	7 days a week, 11 AM-8:30 PM
53.	McDonald's	7 days a week, 24 hours a day
54.	Gorham and Norton, Inc.	Monday- Saturday, 8 AM-8 PM
55.	The Coffee Shop	7 days a week, 7 AM-7 PM
56.	Riverbend Café	7 days a week, 7:30 AM-5 PM
57.	Shiro Restaurant	7 days a week, 11:30 AM-10:30 PM
58.	Manhattan Pizza	7 days a week, 11 AM-11 PM
59.	Dunkin Donuts	7 days a week, 5 AM-11 PM
60.	Gypsy Joynt	Wed- Mon, 11 AM-2 AM *outside seating for 8
61.	Home Sweet Home Doughnut Shoppe	Mon-Fri 6:30 AM-3 PM, Sat 7AM-3 PM, Sun 7AM-2PM
62.	Camille's Market	7 days a week, 6 AM-2 AM
63.	Mykonos Grill	Monday-Saturday, 11 AM-1 AM
64.	The Brickhouse	7 days a week, 12 PM- 1 AM
65.	LaFiesta Tex-Mex	7 days a week, 11 AM-Midnight
66.	Bruno's Dog House	7 days a week, 10 AM-9 PM
67.	The Meat Market	7 days a week, 10 AM-10 PM
68.	Fiori	7 days a week, 8 AM-2 AM
69.	Smitty's Sandwich Shop	7 days a week, 7 AM-10 PM

Innholder

1. Monument Mountain Motel
2. Lantern House Motel
3. Windflower Inn
4. Wind in the Pines
5. Days Inn
6. Travelodge
7. Holiday Inn Express

8. Comfort Inn and Suites
9. Briarcliff Inn
10. Mountain View Motel

Lodging House

1. Thornewood Inn
2. Wainwright Inn
3. The Acorn's Hope
4. Parry House Bed and Breakfast
5. Lilypad's Landing Bed and Breakfast
6. Mycolodge Bed and Breakfast
7. English Hideaway
8. Sanderson House

Amusement

1. James A. Modolo Post #8348
2. Risingdale Café
3. Cove Bowling and Entertainment, Inc.
4. Bogie's
5. Barrington Brewery & Restaurant
6. Adams-Budz Post Home Inc.

Auctioneers

1. North Main Street Antiques & Auctions

Bowling Alley

1. Cove Bowling and Entertainment, Inc.

Motion Picture

1. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
2. Triplex Cinema

Class II Auto

1. J.W. Autobody
2. Johnny's Garage
3. Art Davis Auto Sales, LLC
4. Formel Motor Company, Inc.
5. D.A. Dempsey Auto Sales
6. J.D. Automotive Inc.
7. 7 & 23 Motor Sales
8. Decker's Auto Body Inc.

Class III Auto

1. Formel Motor Company Inc.
2. John's Auto Body
3. Decker's Auto Body, Inc.

Entertainment Licenses 2012

Weekday Licenses:

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| 1. Adams-Budz Post Home | Mon-Fri: 1 PM-1 AM; Sat:1 PM-11:45 PM |
| 2. Berkshire Co-Op Market | Mon-Sat: 8AM-8 PM |
| 3. Berkshire South Regional Comm.Center | Mon-Sat: 1 PM-11 PM |
| 4. Bogie's | Mon-Sat: 8AM-11:59 PM |
| 5. Castle Street Café | Fri & Sat: 7:30 PM-11:30 PM |
| 6. Egremont Country Club | Mon-Sat: 12 PM-11:59 PM |
| 7. Butternut Basin, Inc. | Mon-Sat: 8 AM-9 PM |
| 8. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc. | Fri & Sat: 8 PM-11:59 PM |
| 9. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc. | Mon-Sat: 10AM-11 PM |
| 10. Naji's | Mon-Sat: 5 PM-11:59 PM |
| 11. Risingdale Café | Mon-Sat: 10 AM-11:59 PM |
| 12. Bard College at Simon's Rock | Mon-Sat: 8AM-11:59 PM |
| 13. The Well | Mon-Sat: 6PM-11:59 PM |
| 14. The Guthrie Center | Mon-Sat: 9AM-11:59 PM |
| 15. Thornewood Inn | Mon-Sat: 1 PM-11:59 PM |
| 16. Triplex Management Corp. | Mon-Sat: 12:01 AM-11:59 PM |
| 17. Wyantenuck Country Club | Mon-Sat: 5 PM- 11 PM |
| 18. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant | Mon-Sat: 6 PM-11 PM |
| 19. Route 7 Barbeque, LLC | Mon-Sat: 10 AM- 11 PM (Outside pavilion area only, May-Nov.) |
| 20. Gypsy Joynt | Wed-Fri: 7 PM-2 AM; Sat: 7 PM-11:59 PM |
| 21. Crissey Farm Catering, Inc. | Mon-Sat: 11AM-11:59 PM |
| 22. 20 Railroad | Mon-Sat: 5 PM- 11 PM |
| 23. Fiori | Mon-Fri: 8 AM- 2 AM; Sat: 8 AM-11:59 PM |
| 24. LaFiesta Tex-Mex | Thurs-Sat: 9 PM- 11:59 PM |
| 25. The Brickhouse | Thurs: 9 PM- 11 PM; Fri & Sat: 9 PM-11:59 PM |

Sunday Licenses:

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| 1. Berkshire South Regional Community Center | 1:00 PM- 11:00 PM |
| 2. Bogie's | 1:00 PM- 11:59 PM |
| 3. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc. | 1:00 PM- 11:59 PM |
| 4. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center | 1:00 PM- 10:00 PM |
| 5. Bard College at Simon's Rock | 1:00 PM- 11:59 PM |
| 6. The Guthrie Center | 9:00 AM-11:59 PM |
| 7. Thornewood Inn | 1:00 PM- 11:59 PM |
| 8. Triplex Movie Theater | 9:00 AM- 11:00 PM |
| 9. Route 7 Grill | 1:00 PM- 11:00 PM (Outside pavilion area only, May-Nov.) |