

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION  
TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** DANIEL BAILLY  
STEPHEN BANNON  
ANDREW BLECHMAN – not present  
DEB PHILLIPS  
SEAN STANTON

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the January 27, 2014 minutes

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE:** 4-0

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

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Steve Bannon stated that there were 4 forums held to talk about the High School renovation. There was good attendance. Steve said that people felt that they needed to be heard. He suggested an agenda item to discuss the possibility of scheduling a forum with the Town Manager so that people can come and express their thoughts about various town items without feeling intimidated.

Sean Stanton said that he will recommend some dates for this in the future.

Deb Phillips reflected on the conversation around the High School project and said that there should be a conversation around the regional agreements with the other towns and what the Selectman's role is in these regional agreements. She said that the Selectman should then consider having conversations with those towns.

Deb Phillips also stated that the Master Plan process was just completed and people had the opportunity to talk about ideas and visions for the town. She said that any forums that may be scheduled need to be constructive, not destructive.

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

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Jennifer Tabakin reminded everyone that the budget meetings will commence soon.

Jennifer said that the 'plastic bag ban' logo will be unveiled next week.

In response to many questions posed at the High School renovation forums, Jennifer repeated the questions asked and gave a brief response.

There were questions about the Searles/Bryant school, the Castle Street Fire Station, the Main Street Renovation project, the Housatonic School, proposition 2 ½, the Community Preservation Act, and tax abatements and exemptions.

Karen Smith spoke about the High School renovation forums. She said that over 120 people attended. The framework of the discussion was; what you like about the project, what you dislike about the project, other questions and concerns and 'would you agree that work needs to be done?'

Members of the Selectboard, Finance Committee and the Town Manager attended.

These forums acted as a lightning rod that brought up many other topics.

B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. FIESTA BAR AND GRILL LLC D/B/A FIESTA BAR AND GRILL, ANTHONY VALENTIN, MANAGER, FOR A CHANGE OF MANAGER TO SANDRA TONES ON A COMMON VICTUALLER RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE AT 284 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230.

a. Open Public Hearing

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 4-0**

b. Explanation of Project

This is a change of manager.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition: None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 4-0**

e. Motion re: Findings

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips that this will in no way change the impact on the community.

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 4-0**

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

DANIEL BAILLY YES

STEPHEN BANNON YES

DEB PHILLIPS YES

SEAN STANTON YES

**MOTION CARRIED VOTE: 4-0**

**6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

A. PATRICIA NAVARINO/RENAISSANCE ARTS CENTER FOR FOUR (4) ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSES FOR MARCH 1, 2014, APRIL 5, 2014, MAY 24, 2014 AND JUNE 14, 2014 FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM AT RENAISSANCE ARTS CENTER, 420 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 4-0**

B. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR NINE (9) ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSES (EVERY SUNDAY) FEBRUARY 16, 23, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, APRIL 6 AND 13, 2014 FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jennifer Tabakin gave the Selectboard information from Town Counsel regarding issuing these licenses.

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 4-0**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. BOS – CDBG – TO AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF SHEFFIELD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

This item was sent to Town Counsel for review and was given the approval to move forward.

Great Barrington will be the lead and Sheffield will be a joint applicant.

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to authorize the Town Manger to sign the inter-local agreement with the Town of Sheffield

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE:** 4-0

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. UPDATE – CASTLE HILL AVENUE AND LAKE MANSFIELD AREA STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS.**

Chris Rembold reported that in 2006 the Board of Selectman established the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force who has been working diligently to improve this area.

In order to address the run-off of pollutants into the lake, a grant was received for storm water work. The grant was matched at a rate of over 40% with Town funds and a non-cash match of staff and volunteer time valued over \$13,000. The construction was completed under budget. Chris said that the Task Force, the DPW and the Lake Mansfield Alliance should be congratulated.

The town has been invited, in partnership with Simons Rock, to submit a proposal to the Massachusetts Environmental Trust for a 2 year water quality monitoring program at Lake Mansfield. Chris thanked Simons Rock for this partnership.

Dan Bailly congratulated the Task Force and said that this shows how a Task Force can work well and produce successes.

**B. TOWN BANNER POLICY - REVIEW.**

Jennifer Tabakin presented the current by-law regarding banners.

She said it is time to review this by-law because the Chamber has requested banners across Main Street during Reconstruction Project. There have been other applicants, as well.

Deb suggested that there should be more than one spot to hang banners.

Sean Stanton replied that every time someone has to put up a banner, an engineer needs to look at it; which can be expensive.

Betsy Andrus gave copies of her banner request that has been approved for the Main Street Reconstruction project.

Ed May stated that the Town can hold an engineer over a number of years to cover these needs.

It was suggested to get a price on adding another location for hardware.

Steve Bannon said the construction banner should be up throughout the project, since this is the focus.

**9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

Michele Loubert spoke to the responses given by Jennifer Tabakin to the questions that came up at the forum. She feels that more people would have come to this Selectboard meeting if the agenda reflected what Jennifer was going to talk about.

David Magadini spoke about the inter-local agreement. He suggested that our Town find a grant for water drainage without the partnership with Sheffield. He feels that this process should be approved by the Town Manger.

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

**11. MEDIA TIME: None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary