

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013
7:00 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: STEPHEN BANNON – not present
 ANDREW BLECHMAN
 ALANA CHERNILA
 DEB PHILLIPS
 SEAN STANTON
 KEVIN O'DONNELL, TOWN MANAGER

**6:00 PM - CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS RE: SALE OF OLD FIRE STATION
(M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)6).**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC SESSION - BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. January 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the January 28, 2013 regular meeting minutes

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 4-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Alana Chernila commented that she had a great meeting with Joe Aberdale, owner of A & J Sporting Goods in Housatonic and a second meeting with some citizens that would like to be involved in the gun regulatory legislation.

Alana Chernila announced that she was not running for another term and thanked the Board and the Town Manager.

Deb Phillips thanked Alana for her service.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kevin O'Donnell announced the vacancies on various Town Board's, Committees and Commissions.

5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

David Magadini complained about Subway refusing him service even though he had the money to pay for the meal.

Pastor Van addressed the Board requesting them to reconsider having the Annual Town Meeting back at the High School because of the perception having it at the Mahaiwe there is lack of parking and the ability to navigate the stairs to the balconies.

Jenny Clark submitted a petition with approximately 40 signatures to have the load center on the Main Street Reconstruction Project relocated.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. DODY BRADY AND LAUREN BARAN/RELAY FOR LIFE/AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY FOR TWO (2) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR JUNE 21 – JUNE 22, 2013 FROM 6PM FRIDAY - 3PM SATURDAY AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to table until the parties reschedule

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 4-0

**B. SHOW CAUSE HEARING RE: DAVID MAGADINI'S REQUEST TO REVOKE DAYS INN
INNHOLDER'S LICENSE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Sean Stanton read the Show Cause Hearing notice and Mr. Magadini's letter to the Board.

Mr. Magadini said the letter is self-explanatory and stands on its own merit.

Ed McCormick is the Attorney representing the Days Inn/Mr. Mahida. He stated that his client has had problems with Mr. Magadini in the past. He would cover smoke detectors, put trash around the room and has removed light bulbs. After Mr. Magadini's last stay, Mr. McCormick's client had to replace the mattress and sheets due to the smell.

Mr. McCormick stated that Mr. Magadini has been told that he is no longer welcome at his client's facilities. He stated that Mr. Magadini is dangerous and harmful to himself and others.

Deb Phillips asked how many times he has stayed at the hotel.

Mr. Mahida responded that he has stayed several times, mostly at Monument Mountain Motel.

Andrew Blechman asked how Mr. Magadini is dangerous.

Mr. McCormick responded that those who don't know him may be afraid of him and he covers smoke detectors and puts garbage around the room, putting himself and others in danger.

David Magadini responded that the accusations are without merit and defamatory in nature. He said that he did remove light bulbs when they were out in order to bring to the Manager to have them replaced. David said that he considers himself a traveler.

MOTION: Deb Phillips that based on the evidence, there is insufficient reason to revoke the Innholder's license for Day's Inn.

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 4-0

Andrew Blechman asked for a suggestion of how to handle a similar situation (with the same person) in a different location.

Kevin O'Donnell said that this would be on a case by case basis.

Andrew responded that it would become expensive for local business owners to hire a lawyer.

**C. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME - REQUEST TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR ONE
DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2013, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
TO FEBRUARY 16, 2013, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT LONG POND ROAD.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the change of date of the license

SECOND: Alana Chernila

VOTE: 4-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MARK ORLOWSKI/SUSTAINABLE ENDOWMENTS INSTITUTE – PRESENTATION.

Mr. Orłowski presented information about LEAF; a green revolving fund.

A revolving fund works as such: money comes in, an energy project is identified, money can be borrowed for the project and then the money that is saved to do this is tracked and put back into the fund.

Mr. Orłowski said that Great Barrington has \$412,700 in grant funds to invest in energy saving projects. He offered to investigate the feasibility of a revolving fund for this money. This would be a free consultation. There would be no cost to the taxpayer; instead there would be savings to the taxpayer in energy use.

Deb Phillips asked if the money that comes back in could be used for other things that aren't bound by the grant.

Alana Chernila responded that it could.

Bud Atwood said revolving funds in Massachusetts are difficult to set up. A statute would be needed to allow it.

The final decision would have to go to the Town Meeting.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to explore the concept of establishing a green revolving fund with a report given to the Board by March 11th.

SECOND: Andrew Blechman

VOTE: 4-0

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Sean Stanton spoke about the information that Pastor Van shared. He said that there is concern among the community and the Town Hall staff about having the Town Meeting at the Mahaiwe.

There was discussion about how the Selectboard came to the decision to change the location.

Deb Phillips said that the Board should find out what barriers there may be at the Mahaiwe and make decisions from there.

It was suggested that the Selectboard determine what questions and concerns there are and then meet with the town moderator, town clerk and a Mahaiwe representative.

Sean Stanton will follow-up with the key players and set up a meeting.

10. MEDIA TIME:

David Scribner asked about the sale of the old fire house.

Sean Stanton responded that they are continuing to work on it.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Alana Chernila, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker

Recording Secretary