

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014  
6:30 P.M. - EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION  
TOWN HALL**

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

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

**6:30 PM - OPEN MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

**2. GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – TOWN MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to go into executive session to discuss the request to extend Contingency Date & Closing Date for sale of Castle Street Fire Station and return into open session at 7:00 PM

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

DANIEL BAILLY	YES
STEPHEN BANNON	YES
ANDREW BLECHMAN	YES
DEB PHILLIPS	YES
SEAN STANTON	yes

**MOTION CARRIED VOTE: 5-0**

- Request to extend Contingency Date & Closing Date for Sale of Castle Street Fire Station  
(M.G.L. c.30A, sec.21 (a)(6).

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

Andrew Blechman spoke about the Q&A that was held with Jennifer Tabakin and said he thinks more information should be made public.

Andrew spoke about some highlights in the Town; we are #2 in the state being below the tax levy limit, we are about to receive \$640,000 for the sale of Searles/ Bryant School, and the Schools saved \$1.4 million by restructuring loans. Andrew said that there is a lot of good news to get out to the public and thinks it should be posted regularly on the website.

**B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.**

The calendar was presented and accepted.

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

**A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

Solarize Mass. – there will be a meeting on 3/7/14 at 11:00 am to meet the installer.

There are 6 days until March 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the first day of the plastic bag ban. Jennifer reminded all to bring reusable bags when shopping. Jennifer said that she is very happy with the collaborative approach from the local grocery stores.

Jennifer announced to the Selectboard that there is a legislative breakfast on 2/28/2014 at 8:00 am in Tyringham regarding the Governor's budget recommendations among other topics. She said that this would be a great chance to get the issues out in front of our State officials.

**B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

The Dewey Courthouse painting is complete.

The Mass. DOT will be awarding the contract soon for the Main Street reconstruction. The project will begin in the spring.

**- INTRODUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Jennifer Tabakin introduced the new Library Director; Amanda DeGiorgis.

Amanda has been promoted within. Jennifer thanked those who served in the interviewing process.

The new Library Director said that she is very excited and is looking forward to the future.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. MILLERTON SUPER OF GREAT BARRINGTON, INC. D/B/A TROTТА'S, REBECCA D. BLEAU, MANAGER FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER OF STOCK, NEW OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS AND LLC MANAGERS TO CHELCON LLC, D/B/A TROTТА'S FINE WINE & SPIRITS, REBECCA D. BLEAU, MANAGER ON ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE AT 490 MAIN STREET.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

b. Explanation of Project: Ed McCormick representing, said that this was a family transaction and a simple change of ownership.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition: None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

e. Motion re: Findings

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips that the approval will have no detrimental impact.

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

DANIEL BAILLY	YES
STEPHEN BANNON	YES
ANDREW BLECHMAN	YES
DEB PHILLIPS	YES
SEAN STANTON	yes

**MOTION PASSED VOTE: 5-0**

B. KALLISTE HILL LOT OWNER'S TRUST TO LAYOUT A PORTION OF KALLISTE HILL ROAD AND OMEGA ROAD AS PUBLIC WAYS PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 82 SECTON 21. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

b. Explanation of Project: Attorney Richard Dohoney representing, said that this vote is required to lay-out the road. This is a pre-requisite to the process of asking for a vote at the Annual Town Meeting.

Attorney Dohoney said that they have worked with DPW Superintendent Joe Sokul to determine what is needed to become a town road. Any changes that were recommended are being made. The work will be completed based on weather.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition: None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

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

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

e. Motion re: Findings

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips that the approval will have no detrimental impact to the community.

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve the request to lay-out the roads as set forth in the petition.

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

DANIEL BAILLY	YES
STEPHEN BANNON	YES
ANDREW BLECHMAN	YES
DEB PHILLIPS	YES
SEAN STANTON	yes

**MOTION PASSED VOTE:** 5-0

#### **5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

A. FAIR GROUND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT/GBFG FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014 FROM 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM AND SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014 FROM 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (BETWEEN THE COW SHED & ROUTE 7), 659 MAIN STREET.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to approve as long as the requests by DRT are met

**SECOND:** Steven Bannon

**VOTE:** 5-0

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS:** None

#### **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. BOB O’HAVER – UPDATE ON MASS BROADBAND.

Bob O’Haver gave an update on Mass Broadband.

He said that MBI has finished the construction in the middle mile. Our anchor institutions should be hooked up soon.

Bob said there is uncertainty regarding how much it will actually cost to hook up the whole town.

\$1000 will be asked for from each town to operate. He is unsure of when this request will come.

This new service will give twice the current speed.

B. UPDATE ON RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.

Executive Director, Ananda Timpane spoke about Railroad Street Youth Project.

She gave some examples of things that they do at RSYP. These include; dances, open-mic night, game night, craft night, mentorship programs, and apprenticeship programs.

She said that youth is a huge asset and more creative ideas centering on youth need to be found at a town level. Ananda said that there are substance abuse issues and RSYP works with youth looking for jobs or housing. She asked that affordable housing be thought about as a community.

C. BOS - OVERVIEW OF TOWN MANAGER’S EVALUATION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Sean Stanton requested more time. He will have this information by the next meeting.

**8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None**

**9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

Steve Bannon asked that the idea of forums for the general community be put on the agenda in the future. Sean Stanton and Jennifer Tabakin will meet on how to structure the forum.

**10. MEDIA TIME:**

Terry Cowgill asked if the Selectboard took action in Executive Session. Steve Bannon responded that no action was taken.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary