

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

PRESENT: DANIEL BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
ANDREW BLECHMAN
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:

February 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the February 10, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the February 24, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD – None

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Jennifer Tabakin announced that there will be a Main Street Reconstruction Workshop on March 31st. It will be sponsored by Lee Bank and the Chamber of Commerce. The workshop will be held at the Congregational Church at 5:00 PM.

Jennifer stated that on March 12, 2014, the Massachusetts Historic Commission will be considering including Ramsdell Library on the list of National Register of Historic Places. This may provide historic tax credits in the future.

Jennifer announced that a State Grant was received to hire a consultant to work with local businesses to develop a plan for a BID.

The town webpage is an ongoing project. Jennifer said there is a working list of items to be updated. Deb Phillips suggested that there be a link on the webpage to Great Barrington Trails and Greenways, which includes family-friendly activities in the area.

Senator Downing and Representative Pignatelli have been invited to the next Selectboard meeting. Jennifer said that this will be a great opportunity to talk about various topics including the state budget.

Jennifer gave out information that she received at the Legislative breakfast that she attended. She stated that there was discussion about the potential increase to Chapter 90 funds.

B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- ENERGY COMMITTEE – UPDATE ON GREEN COMMUNITIES PROGRESS

Chris Vlcek and Alana Chernila spoke on behalf of the Energy Committee.

Chris spoke about the Green Communities process, saying that \$142,700 was awarded in 2012 to put in energy measures. He reported that their financial projections were not sufficient enough to allow for the release of funds.

An energy consultant group has become involved to help in the process.

Alana Chernila expressed the importance of having a member of the Selectboard on the committee. She feels that there has been a lack of follow through and reminded the Selectboard that this was established as a priority.

Jennifer Tabakin ensured her continued support going forward.

- TAX LIEN AUCTION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE - UPDATE

It was reported that a courtesy letter was sent out to owners with a lien. The next step would be scheduling the auction.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she is waiting for town counsel to approve the schedule.

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. RENEWAL OF 2014 WYANTENUCK COUNTRY CLUB SEASONAL ALL ALCOHOLIC CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

B. MARY R. WHITE/ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SIX (6) ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES, (DATES AND TIMES AS PER LIST ATTACHED), AT ST. PETER'S PARISH CENTER, CORNER OF EAST AND COTTAGE STREETS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the licenses

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

C. SAINT PETER CHURCH/REV. WILLIAM MURPHY FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT BINGO ON APRIL 26, 2014 AND NOVEMBER 8, 2014 FROM 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM AT ST. PETER'S PARISH CENTER, CORNER OF EAST AND COTTAGE STREETS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to grant permission

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

D. KELLY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR THREE (3) ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES FOR MAY 29, 30 AND 31, 2014 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM IN THE TENT BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE GREEN, 334 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the licenses

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

E. KELLY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSE FOR AUGUST 29, 2014 FROM 5:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT AT THE GREAT BARRINGTON AIRPORT, 70 EGREMONT PLAIN ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

F. KELLY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR THREE (3) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR MAY 29, 30 AND 31, 2014 FROM 8:00 PM – 10:30 PM IN THE TENT BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE GREEN, 334 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the licenses

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

G. KELLY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR A TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR AUGUST 29, 2014 FROM 5:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT AT THE GREAT BARRINGTON AIRPORT, 70 EGREMONT PLAIN ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

H. KELLY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR PERMISSION TO RESERVE THREE (3) PARKING SPACES AT THE TOWN HALL FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 TO MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE TOWN HALL. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to grant permission

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

I. KELLY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) – REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT FOR THE BIFF WEEKEND FROM MAY 29 TO JUNE 1, 2014. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to grant request

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BOS – APPLICATION TO MASS DHCD FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- REVIEW OF PROGRAM
 - VOTE TO PARTICIPATE

MOTION: Deb Phillips to participate in the regional application

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT TRUST FUND – REQUEST FOR STATE'S SUPPORT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the letter presented

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- C. BOS – RECOMMENDATION TO ZBA ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF JOHN CORCORAN AND SUE CORCORAN FOR PROPERTY AT 14 LAKE AVENUE TO BUILD AN ADDITION THAT WILL EXTEND INTO THE REQUIRED FRONT YARD SETBACK. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to send a positive recommendation

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

D. BOS – RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZBA ON LYNN HUTCHINSON'S SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 AND FEBRUARY 26, 2014 APPEALS OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S ENFORCEMENT ORDERS FOR ZONING VIOLATIONS AT 263 LONG POND ROAD (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to continue until the 3/24/2014 meeting

SECOND: Steven Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. BOS – OVERVIEW OF TOWN MANAGER'S EVALUATION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Sean Stanton stated that he spoke to Brian Maser, the Town's labor counsel who said that evaluation scores and comments belong in the personnel file, and therefore Sean did not release any numbers. Sean said that generally, the Selectboard is very pleased with everything and appreciates all of the hard work that Jennifer has done in the past 9 months. It has been a busy time and 'we look forward to the future and the coming year of positive communication and growth and moving forward with many projects that have been put on your plate.' Sean thanked Jennifer.

Andrew Blechman agreed that it has been an extremely busy year and it is not going to slow down at all.

Jennifer Tabakin thanked the Selectboard for sharing their vision of town government and helping her to get up to speed. She also thanked the Selectboard for helping herself and her family re-locate.

8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

David Magadini stated that there has been a violation to the open meeting law by the Energy Committee. He stated that the Energy Committee meeting was scheduled for 2/24/2014 and the door was locked. Mr. Magadini read a letter that he wrote to the Energy Committee and handed a copy to the Selectboard.

9. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Deb Phillips suggested that a future topic to be put on an agenda for discussion about the requirements for a liquor license. She questioned what the standard is that all applicants should be held to.

There was discussion among the Selectboard regarding topics to discuss at the 3/24/2014 meeting. These topics included school choice tuition reimbursement, a local gas tax option and increasing aid. Deb Phillips said that she will make a list of topics that should be discussed. Jennifer Tabakin said that she will invite all Department Heads to participate in this meeting.

10. MEDIA TIME: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary