

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

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

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Deb Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 8, 2014 BOS and Fin Com Joint Meeting

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the January 8, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

Dan Bailly said that a solar project will be coming before the Selectboard. He suggested that the Selectboard discuss their position on solar arrays before this comes to them.

Jennifer Tabakin said that this will be put on the April 2nd agenda.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

The meeting calendar was presented.

Steve Bannon asked when the 'forum' will be scheduled.

All agree that it should take place after the Town Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to postpone the forum until after the Town Meeting and elections.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS: Postponed until the next meeting.

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. BRIEF DISCUSSION/VOTE ON THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES.

Jennifer Tabakin handed out a packet of information about one-day licenses. She spoke about liability and the importance of consistency with each applicant.

Deb Phillips suggested that TIPS certification and liability insurance be a requirement.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to require TIPS certification on all licenses (beer/wine and liquor) on public and private property.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 3-0-1 Andrew Blechman against

MOTION: Steve Bannon to require liability insurance on all liquor licenses both public and private.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

- B. AMY HAGERTY/HOUSATONIC MARKETCAFÉ INC. D/B/A HOUSSIE MARKET FOR 2014 ANNUAL COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE (INCLUDING EIGHT (8) SEATS OUTSIDE, SEASONAL) 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM AT 226 PLEASANT STREET, HOUSATONIC. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

- C. ED ABRAHAMAS/LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR APRIL 11, 2014 AT MASON LIBRARY, 231 MAIN STREET FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. *FEE WAIVER REQUESTED* (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Ed Abrahams explained that this will be a welcome party for the new Library Director.

Michelle Loubert stated that she is not in support of serving alcohol at the library during open hours. This would be the towns' liability if someone got into an accident after drinking at this event. Michelle asked if employees who are 'on the clock' will partake in this celebration and be allowed to drink.

Ed Abrahams responded that he does not think adults' drinking responsibly sends a negative message.

Deb Phillips said that she would like to see this event scheduled after hours.

MOTION: Andrew Blechman to approve the license with a start time of 7:00 PM and end time of 9:00 PM.

SECOND: Deb Phillips

VOTE: 4-0

- D. ABDALLAH ADLOUNI /HOUSATONIC FIVE AND DIME D/B/A PLEASANT AND MAIN FOR 2014 COMMON VICTUALLER RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR MONDAY THRU SUNDAY FROM 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AND IN SEASON COMMUNITY SUPPER FROM 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM AT 1063 MAIN STREET, HOUSATONIC. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

- E. LAUREN SMITH/FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE PARKING LOT AT THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COURT ON GILMORE AVENUE FOR THE GREAT BARRINGTON KIDS BIKE TREASURE HUNT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 13, 2014. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Andrew Blechman to grant permission

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 3-0-1 Steve Bannon recused

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN FY 2015 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Joe Sokul stated that we are 1 of 16 towns in the county who offer this program. He recommends that we continue.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to participate in the household hazardous waste collection

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

CONTINUATON to APRIL 16, 2014 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: Steve Bannon to continue to the 4/16/14 BOS meeting

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

8. PUBLIC HEARING:

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A. HOUSATONIC MARKET CAFÉ, INC. D/B/A HOUSSIE MARKET, AMY HAGERTY MANAGER FOR A NEW COMMON VICTUALLER RESTAURANT BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SEASONAL OUTDOOR SEATING UP TO 8 SEATS AT 226 PLEASANT STREET, HOUSATONIC, MA 01236. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Steve Bannon to open the public hearing

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

b. Explanation of Project

The owner gave a brief description of the project.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition – none

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Steve Bannon to close the public hearing

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

e. Motion re: Findings

MOTION: Steve Bannon to move to approve the Findings of Fact for a new Common Victualler Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License for Housatonic Market Café, Inc. d/b/a Houssie Market, Amy Hagerty, Manager and with the findings that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any possible detrimental impacts.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Steve Bannon to

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license with seasonal outdoor seating.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

ROLL CALL VOTE:

DANIEL BAILLY

STEPHEN BANNON

ANDREW BLECHMAN

DEB PHILLIPS

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

9. SPECIAL GUESTS:

****Sen. Ben Downing and Rep. Smitty Pignatelli Updates*****

Rep. Pignatelli reported that the budget will be made public on 4/9/14. Local Aid numbers are out and are better than last year.

Andrew Blechman asked what the CPA match will be.

Rep. Pignatelli responded that there is an 85% match. He does not know what the match for 2015 will be.

Deb Phillips said that the local option taxes are low. There are discussions about having a local option gas tax. She asked if there are any other local options to consider.

Senator Downing said that he would be fine with filing the local option gas tax.

There was discussion about Chapter 90 funds.

Deb Phillips asked that the money be released so that it coordinates with construction season.

Senator Downing agreed.

Jennifer Tabakin spoke about prevailing wage restrictions. She said that some jobs could benefit local firms. She asked for any ideas as to how to do this.

Rep. Pignatelli suggested raising the threshold; utilize for bigger projects, not just small projects.

Senator Downing said that specific ideas would be appreciated including examples of specific projects going out to bid.

Redevelopment was discussed.

Senator Downing was asked for ways to engage with the state to bring development to the mill area.

He replied that the State will be very responsive if presented with a plan. He also suggested looking into Mass. Works grants.

Karen Smith asked how they both feel about requesting additional funds for CPA.

Senator Downing said that they both support it and will push for including it in the final budget.

There was discussion about school choice tuition and reimbursement.

Rep. Pignatelli said that he will keep raising awareness about this topic. He stated that it is a cost to have 'choice.'

Steve Bannon said that we pay to bus to the private school and still do not receive 100% reimbursement.

Senator Downing responded that there hasn't been much conversation about the formula since the 1990's.

A commission was just created to start this discussion.

10. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

11. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Dan Bailly asked if there was a bid for the Main Street Reconstruction project.

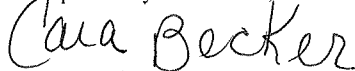
Jennifer Tabakin reported that a contractor was preliminarily chosen. The final decision should be made very soon.

10. MEDIA TIME: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker

Recording Secretary