

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011  
7:00 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION – BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:** WALTER ATWOOD  
STEPHEN BANNON  
ALANA CHERNILA  
DEB PHILLIPS  
SEAN STANTON  
KEVIN O'DONNELL, TOWN MANAGER

**7:00 P.M. – Public Session – Board Room**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips: To accept the minutes from March 14, 2011 – Regular Meeting

**SECOND:** Bud Atwood

**VOTE:** 5-0

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

Alana Chernila announced that there will be an informational session about the 'Green Communities Act' and the Stretch Code. This is in preparation for the warrant article for the Town Meeting. She encouraged all to come and learn about it.

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

Nothing to report

**5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

**A. BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER/JENISE LUCEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – PRESENTATION.**

The new Executive Director of Berkshire South Regional Community Center, Jenise Lucey, introduced herself. She said that she has been at the Community Center for 6 years and was promoted in September. She provided the Select board with a calendar of events and said that it can also be found on their website at BerkshireSouth.org. She stated that they employ about 80 people during the year and 100 during the summer season. The summer program provides staff at the skate park, Housatonic, and Lake Mansfield.

She also said that they were given a \$92,000 grant for their teen program called 'bring your buddy.' It is a fitness challenge that incorporates volunteer work. The winner of the challenge has the opportunity to win the award of a membership. They will use this grant money for nutritional counseling.

She also stated that they received a federal earmark of \$135,000 to go toward anti-bullying.

Jenise Lucey announced that Deval Patrick will be doing a book signing at 2:00 PM on April 23 (after the egg hunt.)

She also said that Fairview Hospital is looking to have a program to feed those who are on reduced lunches during the school year, during the summer also. Berkshire South is partnering with Fairview to do a Pilot program to distribute 150 meals twice a week. They will get referrals from CHP. They are applying for funding for the program.

Jenise Lucey said that the Community Center offers a free Community Supper once a week.

There will be an Open House for Great Barrington and Housatonic on April 17, May 18, and May 22.

Deb Phillips responded that Berkshire South also partners with Berkshire Trails and Greenways and they are grateful.

Carol Diehl – Housatonic – said that she came to the area in 1990 and fell in love with Housatonic. She stated that she is an artist and living there full time as an artist is difficult. She feels that Housatonic is a ‘real’ community, modest, with a village of workers. She said that it is traffic-free with no tourists. She stated that the Fullup Housatonic proposal is a ‘horror show.’ She also said that the Town is putting a lot of effort into the overlay zone and it seems that the Town is behind the proposals. She feels that the residents have no control. She asked that the Town consider a mechanism to have the Housatonic residents express their feelings. She would like to see the area kept for learning, living, and creating art.

John Delmolino – White House Square – Mr. Delmolino stated that he has a complaint about the Conservation Commission (which he served on in the 90’s). He said that he doesn’t think that they are educated enough to enforce rules.

He stated that he has 14 acres of riverfront property, in which, he is exempt from driveway repairs but the Conservation Commission comes on his property often to take pictures. He stated that papers blew in the snow and he received a letter about it. He feels that he has been harassed for the last 2 years. He stated that he does believe in protection, but stated that they are out of control. He suggested that they get a ‘level’ Conservation Board with contractors, businessmen, etc.

Mr. Delmolino invited the Select board to come down this week to see his property.

Sean Stanton offered to go to his property.

Alana Chernila asked if he had any documentation of this. He said he has only what they have given him.

Sean Stanton stated that he will get a report from the Conservation Commission.

Stephen Bannon added that they will also get information about what the Commissions’ rights are.

David Magadini – GB – He spoke to the agreement between CTSB-TV and the Town of Great Barrington. He said that, in order to promote democracy, the contract should be submitted at the Town Meeting for discussion and vote. He urged the BOS to make an amendment to the agreement as noted in his document which he distributed to the Board.

## **6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

- A. **CONTINUATION OF MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL ONE (1) JO POLE AND ANCHOR ON SILVER STREET BEGINNING AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 380 FEET EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE INTERSECTION OF NEWSBOY MONUMENT LANE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Sean Stanton received a letter from Dorothy Phillips to continue the hearing until the next meeting, due to health issues.

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon: To grant a continuation until the next BOS meeting on April 11

**SECOND:** Deb Phillips

**VOTE:** 5-0

- B. **BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF)/KELLY VICKERY FOR TWO (2) ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011 FROM 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM AND FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011 FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM ON THE TOWN GREEN BEHIND TOWN HALL IN TENTED AREA. FEE WAIVER REQUESTED (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips: To approve liquor licenses with fee waiver as requested

**SECOND:** Bud Atwood

**VOTE:** 5-0

- C. **BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF)/KELLY VICKERY FOR TEMPORARY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011 FROM 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011 FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM AND SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011 FROM 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM ON THE TOWN GREEN BEHIND THE TOWN HALL UNDER THE TENT. FEE WAIVER REQUESTED (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Stephen Bannon: To approve temporary licenses with fee waiver as requested  
**SECOND:** Alana Chernila  
**VOTE:** 5-0

D. FELD CORP. D/B/A FIORI/MATTHEW FELDMAN FOR 2011 ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE AT 47 RAILROAD STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips: To approve license  
**SECOND:** Bud Atwood  
**VOTE:** 5-0

E. FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL/LAUREN SMITH FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THE BIKE TREASURE HUNT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011 FROM 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Bud Atwood: To grant permission to hold bike treasure hunt.  
**SECOND:** Deb Phillips  
**VOTE:** 4-0-1 Stephen Bannon recused himself as he is employed by the Hospital.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. BOS --APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Bud Atwood: To approve the appointment of Vivian Orłowski to the Agricultural Commission.  
**SECOND:** Deb Phillips  
**VOTE:** 5-0

B. BOS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE ENERGY COMMITTEE.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Alana Chernila: To approve the appointment of Jaya Jacobs to the Energy Committee.  
**SECOND:** Deb Phillips  
**VOTE:** 5-0

C. DISCUSSION RE: BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (BHRSD)  
EXCESS & DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT LETTER. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Stephen Bannon disclosed that he is a member of the school committee and is not in conflict with this matter.

Sean Stanton stated that the letter from BHRSD was requesting the used of E&D money of \$300,000 for hiring a project manager for the feasibility study of the High School.

Kevin O'Donnell stated that Superintendent; Peter Dillon anticipates being reimbursed by the state. They are using the E&D money so to move forward in a speedy fashion. This would be an appropriate use of the E&D money.

Bud Atwood asked the committee what they would like to do to the High School.

Dick Coons responded that a feasibility study needs to be done to open a clean slate. They have a letter stating what they feel needs to be done and the study will give options to remedy these concerns.

Bud Atwood said that the projections show that population is down and he doesn't want to spend money on a school that won't be filled.

Dick Coons responded that the feasibility study takes these numbers into consideration. He also clarified that they are asking for an amendment to this year's school budget for the amount to be used. It won't change the budget amount, but it has to be put out for a vote.

**Sean Stanton recommended that the Board take no action. All agree.**

Kevin O'Donnell stated that if the member towns do not vote on the proposed amendment within the 45 day period, they will have approved the use of the E&D funds.

D. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CTSB-TV AND TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips: To renew the agreement between CTSB-TV and the Town of Great Barrington.

**SECOND:** Bud Atwood

**VOTE:** 5-0

E. DISCUSSION RE: MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION – NEXT STEPS  
- TREES, MERCHANTS, PARKING

Deb Phillips stated that there have been no responses for the Parking Task Force and suggested that they make a list of who should be asked to participate. She said that she is unsure if people saw the ad in the Shoppers Guide and asked David Scribner to write about it.

Stephen Bannon suggested that they write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce to request a participant, as well as, the Mahaiwe.

Kevin O'Donnell stated that the parking task force should address short and long term issues.

**All committed to go out and recruit people for the Parking Task Force.**

Deb Phillips also suggested that they create a questionnaire asking merchants what is needed. She offered to write a draft of the questions.

Kevin O'Donnell said that his staff will compile responses and information.

Deb Phillips spoke about the tree plan for the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

She said that there is an organization 'Trees Please' that are accepting trees to be cultivated and used to replace those that are going to be removed.

Stephen Bannon suggested that all groups should be brought together to see what they think their goal is and see if they can use them.

Alana Chernila added that a Tree Committee wanted to make sure the Town had lasting trees.

Kevin O'Donnell suggested that the groups come up with a synopsis and give a short presentation so that the Board can decide if they need to create a committee.

Stephen Bannon said when the 25% plan comes back, they may need a larger venue to discuss the results.

Kevin O'Donnell responded that the DOT will have a response possibly by June. He also said that the Board will respond to the design response.

Sean Stanton said that they need to be sure that the Board sees the DOT response before Fuss & O'Neill creates their response.

Alana Chernila said that they should look at marketing ideas to support merchants during construction.

Stephen Bannon replied that this would be a perfect committee function.

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

**9. MEDIA TIME: None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Stephen Bannon, seconded by Deb Phillips, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary