

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2014**

PRESENT:

SEAN STANTON
DEBORAH PHILLIPS
STEPHEN C. BANNON
DANIEL BAILLY
JENNIFER TABAKIN, Town Manager
CHRIS REMBOLD, Town Planner
JOSEPH SOKUL, DPW Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 7:03 P.M. at Town Hall.

2. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

SEWER ABATEMENTS (July 1 – December 31, 2013)

On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon and favored by all, the board convened as the Board of Sewer Commissioners. DPW Superintendent Sokul said he had reviewed and recommends all the names on a submitted list; all are up to date on their sewer bills. Two are not on the list, he said, because someone lived in the building during the period of the application. Mr. Bannon suggested the board in the future look at its policy on granting abatements involving blighted properties. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the list as presented. The Board of Selectmen reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the minutes for April 2, 2014 Special Meeting.

4. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

At Ms. Phillips' urging, C. Shaffler, site supervisor for Elizabeth Freeman Center, said there would be a vigil at Town Hall the following day in honor of the 233 women served by the agency last year.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Ms. Tabakin said some 80 people attended a program on the Main Street reconstruction, sponsored by Lee Bank and the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss ways to make retail spaces more lively, improve signage and otherwise maintain business during construction.

B. Hampshire Council on Governments continues to make progress on a proposed bulk purchase of electricity for communities.

C. Great Barrington Cultural Council members met with a representative from the Mahaiwe Theater, Railroad Street Youth and others to discuss ways to diversify programs and support local musicians.

D. The town clerk has sent a mailing to voters regarding upcoming meeting dates and the town treasurer has mailed second-half property tax and excise tax bills.

E. The fire department had 14 and 6 calls in the previous two weeks, respectively.

F. Said the police department has secured a 442,000 grant for training dispatchers.

G. Mr. Sokul said bids are out for drainage work on Pleasant and Main Streets in Housatonic and sidewalks are about to be bid. Bids are also in the works for surplus town equipment, courthouse carpeting, and other Housatonic drainage and paving. He said the town has received \$63,000 in new Massachusetts pothole compensation funds, some of which will be used on Monument Valley Road.

H. There is no start date yet for Main Street reconstruction, as DOT is awaiting passage of a state transportation bond bill.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL FOR **CHANGE OF DATE** FOR PERMISSION TO USE PARKING LOT AT SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COURT ON GILMORE AVENUE FOR GREAT BARRINGTON KIDS BIKE TREASURE HUNT FROM SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2014 TO **SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014**. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bailly, three members of the board were in favor. Mr. Bannon recused himself.

B. MARK ROSENGREN FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AT 16L MEADOW ST., HOUSATONIC Following discussion of dimensional issues at the property the board on a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, approved the application.

C. MALCOLM FICK/GREAT BARRINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ONE-DAY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR MAY 10, 2014 (RAIN DATE MAY 17, 2014) FROM 1 TO 4 PM AT TOWN HALL PARK AND BANDSTAND. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

D. MALCOLM FICK/GREAT BARRINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION TO USE FIVE PARKING SPACES ADJACENT TO THE TOWN HALL PARK FOR MAY 10, 2014 (RAIN DATE MAY 17, 2014) FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

E. LAUREN FERIN/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR TEMPORARY DISPLAY FLAGS (SIGNS) FROM APRIL 24 TO – JUNE 1, 2014, AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AS PER SUBMITTED LIST. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

F. SHEPLEY W. EVANS D/B/A FRIDAY & CO. REAL ESTATE FOR 2014 ANNUAL REAL ESTATE SIGN LICENSE. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

G. ANTHONY CAROPRESO/MAC CARO REAL ESTATE FOR 2014 ANNUAL REAL ESTATE SIGN LICENSE. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

H. M /RUNNING AWAY INC. FOR PERMISSION TO UTILIZE THE TOWN ROADS (ROUTE 183, DIVISION STREET, ROUTE 41 AND VAN DEUSENVILLE

ROAD) ON SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014 FOR 2014 MEMORIAL DAY MARATHON RACE. Mr. Sokul said the race is a certified race. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

I. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR THREE ONE-DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSES FOR APRIL 19, 2014 FROM 5 TO 11 P.M.; MAY 3, 2014 FROM 6 TO 11 P.M. AND MAY 24, 2014, FROM 6 TO 11 P.M. AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. Two requests are for private parties, one is for a fundraiser for Relay for Life. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

J. HOLLY HAMER/GREAT LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR **CHANGE OF DATE** FOR ONE-DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FROM APRIL 11, 2014 FROM 7 TO 9 P.M. TO **MAY 9, 2014 FROM 7 to 9 P.M.** AT THE MASON LIBRARY, 231 MAIN STREET. FEE WAIVER REQUESTED Ms. Hamer said she took the TIPS training. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

K. GEORGE HADDAD/HADDAD MOTOR GROUP, INC. FOR 2014 ANNUAL CLASS II LICENSE AT 974 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application.

L. MAY 1, 2014 ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS FOR REAL ESTATE SIGNS: On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the application. AND FOR COIN OPERATED SOFT DRINK AND FOOD MACHINES: On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bailly, the board approved the application except for Mr. Bannon, who recused himself. Ms. Tabakin said the machine at Town Hall may be removed in favor of using a refrigerator.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DESIGNATION OF TOWN'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BERKSHIRE HEALTH GROUP (BHG) On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board named Lauren Sartori to replace Sandra Larkin.

B. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board appointed the sole applicant, Laurily Epstein.

C. The chairman read an ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION for APRIL 25, 2014, as provided by Dennis Gibbons, chairman of the Town Tree Committee. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board approved the proclamation.

D. RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZBA ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF WDM PROPERTIES LLC TO CHANGE THE USE OF THE PROPERTY FROM CONTRACTOR'S YARD TO STORAGE WAREHOUSE AT 11 CRISSEY ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON. On a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board recommended the ZBA approve the application.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 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. In the absence of anyone at the meeting to represent Ms. Hutchinson, on a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, the board moved to recommend the Zoning Board of Appeals uphold the building commissioner's enforcement order.

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

David Magadini commended the board's placement of a copy of the annual meeting warrant at the Mason Library in timely manner.

Alan Price of Kalliste Hill said a request will be made at the May 5 annual meeting to pass over a road adoption petition as more work needs to be done.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The board adjourned at 7:55 P.M. on a motion by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bannon, and voted unanimously.



Bernard A. Drew
Recording Secretary