

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013
7:00 P.M. – TOWN HALL**

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

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

7:00 PM – PUBLIC SESSION – BOARD ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 28, 2013 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the May 28, 2013 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Andrew Blechman suggested that an action list be created from the past meeting minutes.
Cara Becker said that she will make a list as part of her minutes.

B. PAUL GIBBONS/TOWN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE – REPORT.

Paul Gibbons thanked the committee for their hard work. Paul especially thanked Michael Wise for his computer work while making changes to the document.

Paul reported that no major changes were made to the document. The item that the committee spent the most time on was the possibility of changing officers from being appointed to being elected. The committee kept it as it is. The committee did add officers to the list that were not listed.

Paul said that there were many spelling and grammatical changes.

The document was presented for approval.

Steve Bannon said that a copy of the document noting the changes would be helpful to see.

Michael Wise said that he will send this document.

Steve Bannon thanked Paul Gibbons for being the Chairman for the committee.

All members of the Selectboard agree to look over the document in order to discuss it at a later date.

C. PETER DILLON, SUPERINTENDENT/BHRSD – UPDATE ON GRANT PROPOSAL FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.

Peter Dillon gave the Selectboard an informational hand-out.

Superintendent Dillon spoke about the roles of an SRO. He said that carrying a weapon is not the only function of an SRO. This position can be helpful with the current drug and alcohol problem. They can also be a great resource for the Health and Wellness Committee.

Peter said that the grant was applied for, but we don't know if we will get the grant.

The PTA will meet and talk about this at their next meeting.

Chief Walsh said that he will know if we received the grant before September. Superintendent Dillon said that the current principals in the district have worked with SRO's in the past and had very good relationships with them. They had positive experiences with this position. Dan Bailly asked Chief Walsh if an SRO goes through the same training as a police officer. Chief Walsh responded that they train the same way and go through additional training when they become an SRO.

Mika Barkman – Stockbridge – said that she opposes having an armed officer in the schools. She said that children are 'repressed enough by authority figures and already in defense mode.' She feels that this will make the children more defensive.

John Breasted spoke to the letter that he sent the Selectboard. He said that Superintendent Dillon was supposed to research a range of options, which were not shared at any School Committee Meetings. Mr. Breasted said that this is not an appropriate use of the Police Chiefs time and he would like a push back from the Selectboard to make sure the basic needs assessment that wasn't done, gets done. He said that the motivation for funding was to provide entry level jobs for veterans coming back to work. Therefore, a person can't transfer to this position. John said that there are many questions not answered.

Andrew Blechman thanked John Breasted for his time researching this. Deb Phillips said that they wanted to keep the door open and the final decision will be made if the grant comes through. Deb Phillips spoke about her positive experience with an SRO.

Jennifer Tabakin responded that this process did not involve a lot of the Chiefs time; some of the information was boiler-plate.

Lois Adams – said that she has experience as a public school educator and said that any school district that wants to get into this situation needs to go deeper into the sociology and psychology of the case before going to the Chief of Police. She believes that comprehensive research should have been done.

Leigh Davis said that she is happy that the PTA is getting involved in this discussion. She asked if there will be a vote by the families on this matter. She also asked how the families will be notified before the officer is put into place. Leigh asked for an estimate cost to the town and what happens after 4 years when the grant expires.

Sean Stanton responded that these are all questions for the school committee.

Chief Walsh said after the grant was opened, there were 3 weeks to get the application completed. This grant had to be completed by Police Department since the grant is for a police officer. He said that there was agreement to submit for the grant with the thought that there would be all summer for discussion.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jennifer Tabakin reported that the Energy Committee does not need a Selectboard member on it. Jennifer said that she will meet with the Chamber of Commerce about the plastic bag protocol and the possibility of creating a re-usable bag. There are still several committee vacancies. Anyone interested should contact the Town Manager. Jennifer said that the sound system for the parade will be dealt with closer to the date of the next event. Information about this was presented to the organizers of the parade. Jennifer reported that the drainage project on Castle Hill has begun.

5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Paul Kleinwald spoke about unalienable rights and how they are damaged over time. He also spoke about Tacit Agreements.

Andrew Blechman asked if Mr. Kleinwald should be given time to speak each week about national and international matters.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. BOS TO CONVENE AS SEWER COMMISSIONERS – TO SET SEWER RATES FOR FY 14.

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Deb Phillips to open the public hearing

SECOND: Steve Bannon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dan Bailly – yes

Andrew Blechman – yes

Steve Bannon – yes

Deb Phillips – yes

Sean Stanton – yes

VOTE: 5-0

b. Explanation of Project

The sewer rate was set at \$460 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). This is the same rate as last year.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition – None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Deb Phillips to close the public hearing

SECOND: Steve Bannon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dan Bailly – yes

Andrew Blechman – yes

Steve Bannon – yes

Deb Phillips – yes

Sean Stanton – yes

VOTE: 5-0

e. Motion re: Findings

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the findings; setting the sewer rate at \$460 per EDU and approve the allocation of the indirect costs on the amount of \$68,000 for 2014 to fund the enterprise fund costs.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dan Bailly – yes

Andrew Blechman – yes

Steve Bannon – yes

Deb Phillips – yes

Sean Stanton – yes

VOTE: 5-0

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the sewer rate as proposed

SECOND: Steve Bannon

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dan Bailly – yes

Andrew Blechman – yes

Steve Bannon – yes

Deb Phillips – yes

Sean Stanton – yes

VOTE: 5-0

g. Reconvening as Select Board

MOTION: Deb Phillips to reconvene as the Selectboard

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. BETH B. SACKLER FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AT 47 HURLBURT ROAD.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the permit with per DPW Superintendent's recommendations.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. BETH B. SACKLER TRUST, SUSAN FRUNZI AND RUTH EDELSON TRUSTEES FOR A
DRIVEWAY PERMIT AT 55 HURLBURT ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the permit subject to all conditions.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- C. STEPHEN PEARLMAN/ASTON MAGNA FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR
JUNE 15, 2013 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT DANIEL ARTS CENTER, BARD COLLEGE
AT SIMON'S ROCK, 84 ALFORD ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- D. STEPHEN PEARLMAN/ASTON MAGNA FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR
JUNE 22, 2013 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT DANIEL ARTS CENTER, BARD COLLEGE
AT SIMON'S ROCK, 84 ALFORD ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- E. STEPHEN PEARLMAN/ASTON MAGNA FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR
JULY 6, 2013 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT DANIEL ARTS CENTER, BARD COLLEGE
AT SIMON'S ROCK, 84 ALFORD ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- F. SUSAN B. OBEL AND STEPHEN PEARLMAN/ASTON MAGNA FOUNDATION FOR
MUSIC AND THE HUMANITIES FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR
JULY 13, 2013 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT DANIEL ARTS CENTER, BARD COLLEGE
AT SIMON'S ROCK, 84 ALFORD ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- G. KIRA SMITH/BERKSHIRE COOP MARKET FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR JUNE 22, 2013 FROM 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM AT MEMORIAL FIELD.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Deb Phillips said that a Certificate of Insurance is required when using town property. She suggested that the application for the liquor license be changed to reflect this requirement.

H. GEORGE LAYE/THE GUTHRIE CENTER FOR TWENTY-THREE (23) ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSES (AS PER ATTACHED) FROM 6:00 PM – 11:30 PM AT THE GUTHRIE CENTER, 2 VAN DEUSENVILLE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the One Day Beer and Wine Licenses

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

I. KIRA SMITH/BERKSHIRE COOP MARKET FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JUNE 22, 2013 FROM 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM AT MEMORIAL FIELD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the Temporary Weekday Outdoor Entertainment License

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

J. SASA ARMOR/WALKER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, INC. FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JULY 27, 2013 FROM 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM AT BOGIE'S RESTAURANT & PUB, 935 SOUTH MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the Temporary Weekday Outdoor Entertainment License

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

K. SASA ARMOR/WALKER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, INC. FOR TEMPORARY SUNDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JULY 28, 2013 FROM 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM AT BOGIE'S RESTAURANT & PUB, 935 SOUTH MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the Temporary Sunday Outdoor Entertainment License

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DESIGNATION OF TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BRTA). (VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to designate Sean Stanton as a town representative to the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 4-0-1 Sean Stanton abstains

There was a brief discussion about the need to research how BRTA service is provided and how to make improvements. If ridership increases, less money is taken from chapter 90 money.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. RENEWAL OF CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE WITH TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC. (VOTE)

Linda Miller presented the final draft of the cable television license with Time Warner Cable. She requested that the Selectboard accept and sign the document.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Andrew Blechman

VOTE: 5-0

Sean Stanton and the Selectboard thanked Linda for her countless hours spent on this over the years.

B. SALE OF CASTLE STREET FIRE STATION - CLOSING DOCUMENTS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Steve Bannon said that 2 more weeks are needed to get everything documented. He requested another amendment.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to accept the 11th amendment to the purchase and sale agreement between 20 Castle Street, LLC. and the Town of Great Barrington extending the deadline to July 3, 2013.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

10. SELECTMEN'S TIME: Steve Bannon said that the Collins Center has offered to do a workshop between the Town Manager and the Selectboard. He suggested checking into the cost and desire. Deb Phillips said that she will find out the terms.

11. MEDIA TIME: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Becker".

Cara Becker
Recording Secretary

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Follow-Up

- Schedule a Strategic Planning Priorities Meeting
- Appoint a Selectboard member for the Emergency Management Committee
- Meet with Chamber of Commerce regarding the plastic bag protocol/ possibility of creating a re-usable bag.
- Change the document that is used when requesting the use of town property to reflect if an organization has a certificate of insurance.
- Research BRTA – how is service provided and how to make improvements in order to increase ‘ridership?’