

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS: SEWER ABATEMENTS (January 1 – June 30, 2013)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to convene as Board of Sewer Commissioners

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Joe Sokul presented the list of proposed sewer abatements

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the list of sewer abatements as presented

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 21, 2013 Strategic Planning Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the August 21, 2013 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the August 26, 2013 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

September 4, 2013 Main Street Reconstruction Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the September 4, 2013 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 4-0-1 Dan Bailly abstains

September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the September 9, 2013 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

4. SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Andrew Blechman said the Latin Fest in Lee is a tremendous annual event and he thinks we should have something like this in Great Barrington.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.

The calendar was presented to the Selectboard for their review.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Jennifer Tabakin reported that she had a successful meeting with the Chairs of the Town Committees and will continue to do such.

Jennifer said the fire truck bids came in and a report is forthcoming.

B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

DPW – UPDATE ON TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS

Joe Sokul spoke about the transfer station.

He reported that the annual sticker began in January 2013, as well as the increase in bag fees.

An \$8500 increase in revenue was expected and \$14421 was actually collected (Versus \$4952). This far exceeded the revenue projection. Joe said the transfer station hours were increased resulting in a 17% increase in vehicles over the weekend.

Joe recommended that these changes continue through the fiscal year. He also suggested a one-time bulk item drop off and the use of the swap shack be allowed for residents without the sticker.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to accept the recommendations

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

HOUSATONIC SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Joe Sokul presented pictures of the "Housie Dome" parking lot with proposed lined parking spots.

Sean Stanton asked if spots could be made for motorcycles.

Joe Sokul replied that they could be made.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. GREEN RIVER RESTAURANT LLC D/B/A MARTY & JIMS SANDWICHES AND MORE FOR 2013 COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 230 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA FROM MONDAY – SATURDAY, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM AND SUNDAY FROM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. THERESA SONSINI/ MSCGB, INC. D/B/A THE 528 CAFÉ FOR 2013 COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 240 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- C. STEFFEN ROOT/TEAM BERKSHIRE BIKE AND BOARD FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 FROM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM AT SKI BUTTERNUT (LOWER PARKING LOT), 380 STATE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

D. FAIR GROUND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT/GBFG FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013 FROM 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (RACE TRACK INFIELD), 659 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

E. MAHAIWE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER/DAVID BARRETT, AS FOLLOWS:

- FOR PERMISSION TO POST “NO PARKING SIGNS” ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2013 ALONG THE ALLEY THAT RUNS ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE OLD FIRE STATION (SIGNS TO BE POSTED THE NIGHT BEFORE AND REMOVED AT THE END OF THE EVENT; AND LINE THE ALLEY WITH 8 - 10 LIGHTED TREES). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

- FOR PERMISSION TO RESERVE PARKING IN THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013 FROM 4:00 PM – MIDNIGHT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to grant permission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

F. BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER/JENISE LUCEY FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OCTOBER 19, 2013 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT 15 CRISSEY ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOS – APPROVAL TO PLACE BALLOT QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 RE: MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Peter Dillon said that the vote regarding the High School renovation will take place on November 5th, 2013.

MOTION: Deb Phillips to put this question on the ballot for a vote

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

B. BOS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE DOWNTOWN PARKING TASK FORCE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to appoint Laurily Epstein to the Parking Task Force.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

C. BOS – SET HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT DATE AND TIME. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Deb Phillips to set trick-or-treating time on October 31st from 5:30PM – 7:30PM

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

8. OLD BUSINESS:

**A. BOS – REVIEW OF DRAFT APPLICATION FOR BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAG USE.
(DISCUSSION)**

Jennifer Tabakin said that this is a work in progress; more feedback is needed from Town Counsel. There needs to be an application process as to new products that come out using biodegradable plastic. Sean Stanton suggested that Jennifer talk to Manchester-by-the-Sea about their by-laws and application process on this.

B. BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (BRPC) RE: REST OF RIVER INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

This item was tabled.

C. SALE OF CASTLE STREET FIRE STATION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jennifer Tabakin said that another week is needed for internal legal review.

John Breasted – 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive – asked when the easement issue came to the Selectboard's attention.

Sean Stanton responded that they have known about it for a long time.

Eileen Mooney asked if the document will be made public at the same time as when the merchants see it.

Sean Stanton responded that it will be put on the website after the vote at the scheduled special meeting.

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

John Breasted – 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive – voiced his concern about the November 5th ballot issue. He feels that this may not be a good use of funds. He asked if this new model of the High School is going to be sustainable.

John also expressed his concern about the policy and procedures regarding communication from the Selectboard. He said that he sent an email in August but still has not received an answer.

Jennifer Tabakin said that his questions were answered at the school public meeting.

Deb Phillips apologized for not sending an email stating that the Selectboard had received his email.

John asked that these items be put on an agenda.

Sean Stanton agreed to do so because the policy and procedures require this.

David Magadini said that many people have not been informed about the Master Plan. He feels strongly that it be made available in all places and a reading of the document take place on television.

Jennifer Tabakin thanked Mr. Magadini for his comments and attention.

10. SELECTMEN'S TIME:

Dan Bailly spoke about the BRPC annual dinner and suggested that the Selectboard attend.

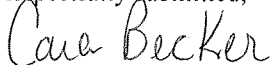
11. MEDIA TIME:

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary