

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

6:10 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

Present:

Selectboard

Sean Stanton

Steve Bannon

Dan Bailly

Ed Abrahams

Bill Cooke

Town Manager: Jennifer Tabakin

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Bannon moved to adjourn to Executive Session to Town Manager's Conference Room. M.G.L c.30A, 21(a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation matter- Housatonic Water Works Rate Increase Petition to Department of Public Utilities, D.P.U No. 15-179 and to reconvene into Open Session. Mr. Bailly seconded, and by a Roll Call all members agreed.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

David Doneski reported that the increases shall occur in two phases:

Phase I price increase will be starting November 15, 2016 and Phase II increase will be starting November 1, 2017.

There was a discussion held on August 11, 2016 between SIS and the Housatonic Water Works Co.

The replacement of the 1000 ft, 8" water line was discussed.

The SIS team reviewed DPU's plan extensively.

Jennifer Tabakin: We have two goals; to get the lowest residential rate and make sure that capital investments are being made to maintain the water infrastructure. In addition, this plan added scope to allow for lower chlorine levels. The plan requires that the Town receive a report on the new meters which will show how they are affecting each customer. The agreement requires shared reports and regular meetings between HWW, the Town and DPU to monitor progress and share information.

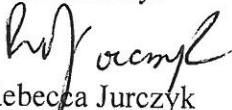
After this settlement agreement, the DPU cannot make any new rate adjustments until a new HWW rate petition is filed in the future.

The public will be able to submit comments to the DPU as part of their hearing where they consider this settlement agreement.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board on a motion by Mr. Bannon, seconded by Mr. Bailly and approved by all members, returned to Open Session at 6:35pm.

Submitted by:

 9/26/16
Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary