

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
6:30 P.M – EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ED ABRAHAMS
DANIEL BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
BILL COOKE
SEAN STANTON

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman, Sean Stanton, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Executive Session – Town Manager's Conference Room

- Roll Call Vote

- re: Negotiations Strategy Pertaining to Health Insurance (MGL c 30A, sec 21 #2 &3)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to go into executive session and return to public session.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ED ABRAHAMS – yes
DANIEL BAILLY – yes
BILL COOKE – yes
STEPHEN BANNON – yes
SEAN STANTON – yes

VOTE: 5-0

Motion Passed

7:00 PM - Return to Public Session – Board Room

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve 9/16/15 minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve 9/28/15 minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

4. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. Schedule Site Visit on the Special Permit Application of 79 Bridge Street Realty, LLC at
79 Bridge Street, Great Barrington, MA.

The Selectboard agreed to schedule the site visit on 10/26/15 at 4:30 PM.

The Town Manager also suggested that the Selectboard look at the areas that were identified in the Mass.
Works Grant as they walk back up Bridge St. after the site visit.

B. Community Capital Conversations with MassDOT.

Sean Stanton announced that Mass. DOT will be holding 'capital conversations' on October 29th at 6:00 PM in Pittsfield, in which they will talk about important projects in the area and what is needed.

Jennifer Tabakin said that this is a good time to raise items that are regulatory burdens for the town. She encouraged the Selectboard to think about what items are important to the town.

Sean Stanton said that bike and pedestrian lanes are needed.

Ed Abrahams said that the next Community Preservation Committee meeting will be Tuesday at 5:30 pm to go over applications.

Dan Bailly announced that Jim Lovejoy was elected to represent the Compact Committee with Dan Bailly as a representative. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month in Pittsfield. Dan said this is a great way to keep abreast of projects coming into Berkshire County.

Steve Bannon announced that the Regional School Agreement Group will have its first meeting on November 12th at 6:00 PM at the school offices in Stockbridge. Representatives are needed from the town.

Clinton Burke, a 34 year employee of the Cemetery Commission, has retired. The Town Manager wished him well and thanked him for his service.

Bill Cooke announced that there will be a meeting at Crissey Farms on November 4th at 7:00 PM to discuss the plans suggested for Lake Mansfield Rd. All are invited.

Bill also announced "Celebrate Lake Mansfield Day" that will be held at the lake on 10/17/15.

Jennifer Tabakin announced that the community conversation is now scheduled for 11/10/15 at 6:30 PM at the Fire Station. The topic will be 'what are ways we as a community can attract and protect businesses.'

The Town Manager said that an earlier application through Hampshire Council was denied. They have suggested that towns reach out to the Colonial Power Group. Egremont will be meeting with them. The Selectboard agrees to discuss.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Housatonic Playground Update.

Jennifer Tabakin said that they are keeping the Housatonic Playground in mind while working on options for the Housatonic School. She said that the work shows commitment to the park.

Joe Sokul distributed information about work that has been completed.

Trees have been planted and new benches will go in this Friday. Garbage cans will be purchased and installed.

There will be new and consistent signage for all parks.

Sean Stanton asked if we could get something other than the chain linked fence.

Ed Abrahams asked that the Selectboard be notified as to when the memorial ceremony will be held for the donated trees and benches.

Joe Sokul said that other families may contribute, so there will be a ceremony to thank them all.

Dan Bailly asked if there are any lighting plans.

Joe Sokul responded that this has not been discussed.

Steve Bannon said that this can be discussed at a future Parks Commission meeting.

The Selectboard asked the Town Manager for a report on the Housing Authority.

This item will be on the next agenda.

The Town Manager said that there will be a meeting to discuss the sewer rate study on 10/19/15.

There will be a meeting on 11/2/15 at 6:00 PM for the Selectboard and Finance Committee to discuss the financial policy.

An auction will be held at Town hall on 11/13/15 for 220 Highland Street.

Amy Pulver is the new Administrative Assistant for DPW and Planning offices. She will be working with Joe Sokul and Chris Rembold.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. Jonathan Hankin for a Driveway Permit at 43 West Plain Road.

(Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the driveway permit subject to conditions in the application

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

B. Donna Platt/Berkshire Meadows for permission to use Town roads starting at the old Housatonic School going down Van Deusenville Road and ending at Berkshire Meadows, 249 North Plain Road for Community Breast Cancer Walk on October 18, 2015 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. (Discussion/Vote)

Michele Loubert said that the traffic speed is unsafe in this area and feels that there should be a police presence.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she will get a police detail for the event.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve with a police detail

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

C. Nancy Lee Trefethen/ELIXIR LLC d/b/a ELIXIR for 2015 Common Victualler License at 70 Railroad Street. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve license

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Community Compact Program Application

- Additional Commitment. (Discussion/Vote)

Sean Stanton read the additional language as suggested by Rep. Pignatelli.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to add additional language to the application for additional commitment.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Set Date and Time for Halloween. (Discussion/Vote)

Jennifer Tabakin asked that the time be extended until 8:30 PM.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to set Halloween for October 31st from 5:30 – 8:00 PM to only houses with lights on

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

B. Discussion on FY17 Financial Policy.

A copy of the draft policy will be obtained and this item will be put on the 10/26/15 agenda.

C. Proposed Bylaws for Town Meeting. (Discussion)

The Selectboard were asked to think about bylaws that they may want to submit for Town Meeting.

Sean Stanton said that there is not a member of the Agricultural Commission on the CPC. He asked that a requirement be added to allow such.

The Selectboard asked that staff research history on this.

Jennifer Tabakin said that this should be rolling list.

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

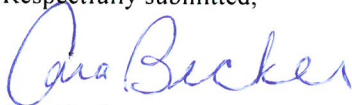
Ed Abrahams asked that the community is told when fireworks are scheduled.

11. MEDIA TIME: None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary