

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ED ABRAHAMS
DANIEL BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
DEB PHILLIPS
SEAN STANTON

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Deb Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2014 meeting

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Ed Abrahams thanked Town Clerk, Marie Ryan, for a smooth election day. "Great job."

Dan Bailly said that there were 2800 voters; which is 63%. He thanked all those who voted and said that he hopes they will all vote at Town Meeting, as well.

Deb Phillips announced that there will be a meeting on November 19th at 4:00 in Stockbridge Town Hall to talk about the regional school agreement. This will be an informational meeting in which a consultant will talk about the process to change the agreement. Deb said that this informational session should be followed up by a meeting in each town and then as a group once again.

4. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. ROBERT G. CLIMO JR. & KAREN CLIMO/KBLT, LLC D/B/A THE GREAT BARRINGTON BAGEL COMPANY FOR 2014 ANNUAL COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE 7 DAYS A WEEK, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 7:00 AM- 4:00 PM; SATURDAY 7:00 AM- 4:30 PM AND SUNDAY 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM AT 777 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Kate McCormick, representing the Climos, said that this is a change in management.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

B. POLLY MANN/CLAIRE TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER (TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON)
FOR A 2014 ANNUAL COIN OPERATED SOFT DRINKS AND FOOD MACHINES LICENSE
AT 917 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON. (FEE TO BE WAIVED)
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jennifer Tabakin explained the request. These machines will be installed by a vending machine company and will be energy efficient. This company will be responsible for filling the machine.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Jennifer Tabakin said that she is also considering removing the vending machine in town hall which does not get much use.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. UPDATE ON HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

The Town Manager reported that there was a hearing on the electric aggregation proposal last week. This will allow for a bulk rate for businesses and residences. There will 2 more months before it goes out to bid. Jennifer said that she will come back to the Selectboard before it goes out to bid to discuss how this will go forward.

Sean Stanton said that there have been phone calls from Liberty Electric trying to solicit customers. He asked how these calls should be handled.

The Town Manager responded that she will ask Hampshire how they recommend that these calls be handled.

Jennifer reported that the town has a new Assistant Building Inspector, Anthony Barnaba who will be reporting to Ed May. He will work 5 days a week for several hours a day.

The Town Manager announced that she has received good news from Rep. Smitty Pignatelli who helped Great Barrington receive a grant from Mass. Works to focus on Reed Cleaners. An environmental consultant will be hired to determine what work needs to be done. Jennifer said that this information will be beneficial to potential buyers.

Jennifer said that Mass. DOT will be working on the 'Brown Bridge' tomorrow. This work is unrelated to the Main St. Reconstruction.

Jennifer explained that she, Sean Stanton and Town Planner Chris Rembold went to look at the foreclosed properties that will be up for auction. Sean Stanton said that some properties can't be developed; he hopes that an abutter may choose to buy the property in this case.

They all agreed that this is a great first step to getting town property back onto tax rolls.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE GREAT BARRINGTON
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

B. SB – APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO WIRED WEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to appoint Stephen Kress Bohrer to the Great Barrington Technology Committee and a delegate to the Wired West Board of Directors for a term indefinite.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

Jenny Clark spoke about the spot-saver signage. She stated that the spot saver program has not been rolled out and she feels that the signage should not be put up until it is. She suggested a February introduction to the program with signs going up in March.

Steve Bannon said that the 'draw' was going to be the kick-off, so if this does not happen, the signs should not be put up. Steve also suggested that a plan be created in order to get help with this program.

Jennifer Tabakin pointed out that some of the signs will be put up on private property and permission will be required.

Deb Phillips suggested that the committee get together to talk about the delay and if there are tasks that can be done and what they are.

Jenny Clark explained that they are an informal group under the Town Manager. She said that she hopes the group can handle this project with the help of the merchants. If they do not get the help of the merchants, she does not know if they will be able to move forward.

Jenny said that she will get back to the Selectboard to let them know if help is needed.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to postpone the installation of the signs until the Selectboard gives the Town Manager direction.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

Ed Abrahams spoke about the cost of the installation of banners. He said that banners cost \$1500 and the cost to install is \$900 to put up and \$450 for an engineer to inspect. To have an engineer inspect for a 5 year period would be incredibly expensive. Ed reported that Building Inspector, Ed May said that \$450 per banner is 'a deal.'

Sean Stanton replied that he would like another opinion and another quote. He would also like to know why the fire department can't do this anymore.

Dan Bailly said that it may be a matter of state code. He suggested looking at what state code says.

Patrick Fennell said that the Main St. Reconstruction officers are doing a terrible job. He feels that traffic is not flowing well and it is a waste of personnel.

Deb Phillips said that this will be looked into.

Jennifer Tabakin responded that the State is hiring and placing the personnel for some aspects of work.

8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME: None

9. MEDIA TIME: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Sean Stanton, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary