

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015  
6:00 PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION  
STRATEGIC PLANNING PRIORITIES SESSION – IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING  
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION  
TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** ED ABRAHAMS  
DANIEL BAILLY  
STEPHEN BANNON  
DEB PHILLIPS  
SEAN STANTON – not present

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Deb Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TOWN MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to go into Executive Session and reconvene into Open Session

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ed Abrahams –yes

Dan Bailly – yes

Steve Bannon – yes

Deb Phillips – yes

**VOTE: 4-0 MOTION PASSED**

- Library Union Negotiations (Ch. 30A, Sec. 21 #3)

**3. STRATEGIC PLANNING PRIORITIES – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.**

Deb Phillips explained that she requested this topic as a reminder of the things that the Selectboard set as priorities, which may have an impact on the budget, as they enter FY 16 Budget Season.

Steve Bannon said that this requires a line by line conversation over time with each item being put into a 5 or 10 year plan.

Jennifer Tabakin explained that many of the items on the list are things that are already being done.

Steve Bannon stated that some items will have an effect on future budget seasons.

Deb Phillips suggested that the next Strategic Planning Priorities Meeting be scheduled after the budget season.

**7:05 PM – REGULAR SESSION**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 regular meeting

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**5. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:**

**A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD**

Dan Bailly thanked the DPW for their hard work.

**B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.**

The calendar was presented.

The first budget meeting will begin at 6:00 PM on February 11, 2015.

All agree to the calendar as discussed.

**6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

**A. NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL ONE (1) JOINT POLE ON SEEKONK CROSS ROAD BEGINNING AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 3560 FEET NORTH OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE INTERSECTION OF SEEKONK ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

Tony Corsi, representing National Grid, explained the project. There is a new residence that requires another pole to provide service.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she has asked National Grid for a list of 'double pole' locations in Great Barrington. She hopes that there will be 'double pole' situations in which the old poles can be removed so to not clutter any views.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to grant permission

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**B. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2015 FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the license

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**C. GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR EVERY SUNDAY FROM FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 29, 2015 (TOTAL OF 6) FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230.**

**(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the license

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**D. KELLEY VICKERY/LAUREN FERIN/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR THREE (3) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR MAY 28, 29 AND 30, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM IN THE TENT BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE GREEN, 334 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the licenses

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**E. KELLEY VICKERY/LAUREN FERIN/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES FOR MAY 28, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM IN THE TENT BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE GREEN, 334 MAIN STREET.**

**(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the licenses

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

F. KELLEY VICKERY/LAUREN FERIN/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MAY 29, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM IN THE TENT BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE GREEN, 334 MAIN STREET.

(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the license

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-0

G. KELLEY VICKERY/LAUREN FERIN/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MAY 30, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM IN THE TENT BEHIND TOWN HALL, ON THE GREEN, 334 MAIN STREET.

(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the license

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-0

H. KELLEY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) FOR PERMISSION TO RESERVE THREE (3) PARKING SPACES FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 TO MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE TOWN HALL.

(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to grant permission

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-0

I. KELLEY VICKERY/BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (BIFF) – REQUEST TO GRANT A MORATORIUM TO LIFT THE PARKING LAWS IN TOWN FOR THE BIFF WEEKEND OF MAY 28 TO MAY 31, 2015. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the request

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-0

Dan Bailly requested that the Town Manager remind BIFF to clean up any ruts that may be left in the grass.

Deb Phillips asked if there has ever been a contract with them.

Jennifer Tabakin replied that there has not been and she doesn't feel that one is needed.

#### 7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- CITIZEN PETITION SUBMITTAL -OPENS JANUARY 26, 2015, 8:30 AM AND CLOSES FEBRUARY 4, 2015, 4:00 PM.

Jennifer Tabakin reported that 6 citizen petitions were received.

Steve Bannon asked if these petitions get approved by Town Counsel to assure that they are legal to be put on the warrant.

Jennifer Tabakin replied that they do not. If they are voted upon at Town Meeting, they would then get reviewed by the Attorney General.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to direct Town Manager to ask Town Counsel to comment on the citizen petitions so that the Selectboard knows if they meet the statutes.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-0

Chief Walsh introduced and welcomed two new members of the police department; Ryan Storti and Dalton Griffin.

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin said that Chief Walsh has a great department of officers working together. She congratulated Chief Walsh and welcomed the new officers.

Eileen Mooney asked how many officers are now in the department.

Chief Walsh responded that there are 17 full time, including himself, and 8 part time. He now has a full staff.

The Town Manager thanked the DPW for coordinating efforts regarding the salt issue. She also said that she and Joe Sokul have met with residents from Taconic St. to work on solutions regarding speeding issues.

There will be a Public Hearing on March 10 that will be held by the Department of Transportation regarding the Park Street Bridge replacement in Housatonic. This will be a 2 year project. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station. Time and more details to follow.

The Town Manager reported that the Division of Capital Asset Management will come to the area on Wednesday, March 18 for training at the Great Barrington Fire Station. This will be for local contractors who want to work on town jobs.

- WASTEWATER STUDY – UPDATE.

The Town Manager reported that David Prickett's firm from Longmeadow is the consultant who will be doing the first phase of the sewer rate study. The key issue to making this work from an administrative standpoint is seeing what the billing system would look like, what barriers might be there to allowing a new system to work and is there room for efficiencies. Data will need to be collected before determining how to deal with the rates themselves. The first phase will cost \$3250.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. DEBORAH LEONCZYK/BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.  
- PRESENTATION OF AVAILABLE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.

No report

- B. SB – DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Energy Committee as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly to designate the Cemetery Commission as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 3-0-1 Steve Bannon recused**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Tree Warden as a Special Municipal Employee

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Board of Library Trustees as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 3-0-1 Ed Abrahams recused**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Finance Committee as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly to designate the School Committee as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 3-0-1 Steve Bannon recused**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force as Special Municipal Employees

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 3-0-1 Deb Phillips recused

C. SB – RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZBA ON THE APPEAL BY LYNN HUTCHINSON OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER’S DECEMBER 12, 2014 DENIAL OF A FOREST CUTTING PLAN FOR PROPERTY AT 263 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Rich Dohoney, representing the Zoning Enforcement Officer and ZBA gave background in this matter. A ZBA meeting addressing this matter will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

He reported that all that is known is what was presented in the Forest Cutting Plan which clearly indicates the activities (cutting, de-forestation) are within the protected zone.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to make a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals that we concur with Building Commissioner’s December 12, 2014 denial of a forest cutting plan for property at 263 Long Pond Rd to protect the public water supply.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-0

9. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:** none

10. **SELECTBOARD’S TIME:** none

11. **MEDIA TIME:** Eileen Mooney asked if the president of the Board of Library Trustees was present during Executive Session.

Deb Phillips replied that she was not.

Eileen Mooney said that the Strategic Plan on the website is outdated.

Eileen Mooney asked if Deb Phillips will be running again.

Deb Phillips had no comment.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary