

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ED ABRAHAMS
DANIEL BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
BILL COOKE
SEAN STANTON – not present

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

7:00 PM – OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair, Steve Bannon called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 20, 2016 Special Permit Meeting.

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes.

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes.

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

Bill Cooke announced that the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force will be holding their 3rd community forum on 3/2/16 at 6:00 PM in the Fire Station to review the survey results thus far.

Ed Abrahams said that there has been a great turnout at Ramsdell Library on Sundays. There were 67 people present last week and the number is expected to continue to grow.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin, reported that budget packets are being put together for the upcoming budget season.

Jennifer congratulated Donna Brown on her promotion to Assistant Library Director.

There will be a Board of Health public hearing on 5/5/16 to restrict the purchase of cigarettes for those under 21.

Jennifer said that Jayne Smith and Cara Becker have been working on an opioid prevention task force. More information is forthcoming.

Thank you to Carol Strommer for her work on the motor vehicle excise tax.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Transfer of Common Victualler Restaurant All Alcoholic Liquor License from Sisco Murphy, LLC d/b/a The Well, Juliet E. Popper, Manager to The Well Restaurant and Bar LLC d/b/a The

Well, Hilary Drucker, Manager at 312 Main Street, Suite 1, Great Barrington, MA 01230.
(Discussion/Vote)

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Dan Bailly to open the public hearing

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

b. Explanation of Project – Lou Oggiani, representing Hilary Drucker, explained that Mrs. Drucker would like to buy the Well. She will also become the manager of the liquor license.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition – None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Dan Bailly to close the public hearing

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

e. Motion re: Findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Completed application was submitted to the Selectboard on January 22, 2016.

Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Berkshire Record for two (2) consecutive weeks on January 29 and February 5, 2016. Notice was mailed to abutters on January 27, 2016 via certified mail, as per MGL ch. 138, sec 15A.

Public Hearing was scheduled for February 8, 2016 @ 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

No impediments were disclosed as to the approval or denial of a new Common Victualler Restaurant All Alcoholic Liquor License

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the Findings of Fact for a Transfer of Common Victualler Restaurant All Alcoholic Liquor License from Sisco Murphy, LLC d/b/a The Well, Juliet E. Popper, Manager to The Well Restaurant and Bar LLC d/b/a The Well, Hilary Drucker, Manager and with the findings that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any possible detrimental impacts.

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the Transfer of the Common Victualler all-alcoholic restaurant liquor license.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ED ABRAHAMS – yes

DANIEL BAILLY – yes

STEPHEN BANNON – yes

BILL COOKE – yes

VOTE: 4-0

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. Hilary Drucker/The Well Restaurant and Bar LLC d/b/a The Well for 2016 Common Victualler License at 312 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the license

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

- B. Robin Vickery/Great Barrington Fish & Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for February 27, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the license

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

- C. Robin Vickery/Great Barrington Fish & Game for a **Change of Date** on One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License from February 13, 2016 to February 20, 2016 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Dan Bailly to approve the change of date on license

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Winter Parking Ban – Discussion.

Joe Sokul spoke to the executive summary that was submitted to the Selectboard.

He also reviewed the current code.

Joe said that surrounding towns have similar bans.

The Police Department supports the ban, as well.

Jennifer Tabakin said that the police department reported in the most recent inclement weather event, 5 cars had to be towed, which took 3 hours.

Joe Sokul said that he feels the process works the way that it is.

- B. SB – **Continuation** of Recommendation to the ZBA on the Comprehensive Permit Application for “100 Bridge Street” submitted by Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire at 100 Bridge Street (the former New England Log Homes property), Great Barrington, MA. (Discussion/Vote)

Tim Geller briefly explained the B3 zoning.

Tim said that this project speaks to economic development, affordable housing and a wide income spectrum living in a common space. This is 8 acres of space with 4 uses.

Larry Boudreaux spoke about how to contain construction in each section.

Ed Abrahams said that the affordable housing part needs to go through but asked that the common area be thought out. He feels that an area only visible to tenants could be unsafe. Ed also said that some buildings are not aesthetically pleasing.

Steve Bannon asked if the buildings could look similar; not a different design so to make the affordable housing portion obvious.

Tim Geller said that they won't be obvious and that this is a work in progress.

Tim presented the results of the traffic study. Pedestrian counts were also done.

Steve Bannon questioned the angle parking.

A stop sign was recommended to be put on Bentley and Humphrey.

MOTION: Dan Bailly to issue a positive recommendation for “100 Bridge Street” to the ZBA with the following conditions:

- Look at the possibility of securing a locally/regionally owned anchor business.
- Ensure visibility, safety, accessibility and cleanliness of the common area.
- Fits in aesthetically with the character of the neighborhood.
- Ensure clean utility corridors during construction
- Commercial phase reviews by Selectboard before final plan.
- ZBA to review all final permit plans before they are issued.
- ZBA to consider alternatives to angled parking on Bridge St. based on the traffic study conclusions.
- That the buildings have a similar look and feel (Market rate and affordable housing) .

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB – Appointment to the Cultural Council. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Dan Bailly to appoint Helen Hinkley- Grady to the Cultural Council

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

B. SB – Referral of Proposed Zoning Amendments to the Planning Board. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Dan Bailly to refer proposed zoning amendment to the Planning Board.

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

10. SELECTBOARD’S TIME: None

11. MEDIA TIME: None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Dan Bailly, seconded by Ed Abrahams, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary