

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015
6:30 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 6:30 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the March 9, 2015 minutes

SECOND: Sean Stanton

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

Deb Phillips – Upcoming Community Meeting Agenda

Deb Phillips discussed the Community Meeting on April 22nd at 6:30 PM. The location is to be announced. The goal is to find common ground in the community. It will also allow people to learn about the process of town government. The Selectboard and town departments are responsible for getting people to the meeting.

B. Discussion of upcoming meeting calendar

The Selectboard was presented with the upcoming meeting calendar.

The Selectboard agreed that they should schedule a site visit at 198 Main – the old Methodist Church.

No date was set.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin said that the first week of the Main Street Reconstruction project went well.

Jennifer said that there will be a Sewer Rate study meeting with the hired consultant on April 16th at 4:30.

Construction on the retaining wall on Route 41 will begin in the next 2 weeks.

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

**A. KRZYSZTOF & BARBARA KULAGA/WAINWRIGHT INN LLC FOR 2015 LODGING HOUSE
LICENSE AT 518 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

B. ANDY MORO/AMERICAN LEGION MURPHY - LEARY POST 298 FOR PERMISSION TO HAND OUT POPPIES FOR DONATIONS IN GREAT BARRINGTON AND THE VILLAGE OF HOUSATONIC DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to grant permission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

C. ANDY MORO/AMERICAN LEGION MURPHY- LEARY POST 298 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A POPPY BOOT DRIVE ON MAIN STREET (BETWEEN GASHOUSE LANE AND THE ENTRANCE TO JOHN B. HULL OIL INC.) ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015) FROM 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Mr. Moro said that Police Chief Walsh and DPW Superintendent Joe Sokul approved the location.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to grant permission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A **SB - CONTINUATION**- REVIEW AND APPROVE 2015 WARRANT ARTICLES.

(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Article 18 -Amend Ch.168. WETLANDS of the Town Code: Wetlands Protection

Conservation Agent, Shep Evans, explained that the Great Barrington Wetlands By-Law needed revisions and clarity. He explained the NOI (Notice of Intent) process and the need for change.

Shep spoke about the regulations regarding agriculture use and said that they are too strict, therefore need to be removed. He said that the State regulations are strict enough.

Some mis-information was removed.

Jennifer Tabakin said that this is the first revision since the by-law was passed in 1987.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to recommend

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Article 19: Zoning: Add New Section 9.9 Housatonic Village Center (HVC) Zone;

Add New Section 9.10 Housatonic Village Overlay District (HVOD);

and Amend the Zoning Map

Article 20: Zoning: Amend Zoning Map by Changing R1B Zone in Housatonic to R3 Zone

and Amend the Zoning Map

Article 21: Zoning: Amend the B1 Regulations and Revise the Zoning Map to Re-zone the Housatonic

North Plain Road B2 Area to B1 and enlarge the Risingdale B1 Area

and Amend the Zoning Map

Article 22 Zoning: Re-zone 2 Parcels on Pothul Drive from R2 Zone to R1 Zone

Article 23: Zoning: Amend Accessory Use and Accessory Structure Regulations and Definitions

MOTION: Sean Stanton to recommend with changes to Article 22 as recommended by Town Counsel

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Article 24: Solar Tax Agreement

Jennifer Tabakin explained that this is to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a tax agreement with Housatonic Solar. This project will bring \$67,593 in taxes to the town.

Sean Stanton asked for a current tax cost on the property.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she will get this information.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to recommend

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Article 25: Resolution in Support of Fossil Fuel Divestment and to address Climate Crisis

MOTION: Sean Stanton to recommend
SECOND: Steve Bannon
VOTE: 5-0

The Selectboard decided not to recommend any Citizen Petitions.

7. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:** None

8. **SELECTBOARD'S TIME:** None

9. **MEDIA TIME:** Heather Bellow asked about the trees that were not completely cut down in front of Town Hall.

Jennifer Tabakin acknowledged that the cutting of these trees was not complete. She said that there may be an invasive issue but she will research this.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:30 P.M.

11. **CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** and not to return to public session.

Roll Call Vote

Library Union Negotiations (M.G.L. c.30A, sec.21 #3)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to adjourn into Executive Session, not to return into public session.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

Roll Call Vote:

	ED ABRAHAMMS - yes
	DANIEL BAILLY – yes
	STEPHEN BANNON - yes
	DEB PHILLIPS - yes
	SEAN STANTON – yes

VOTE: 5-0

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary