

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015  
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.**

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. REORGANIZATION:**

**A. WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED SELECTBOARD**

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin congratulated the newly elected Selectboard. She welcomed back Sean Stanton and welcomed newly elected Bill Cooke.

**B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to elect Sean Stanton as Chair

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE 4-0-1 Sean Stanton abstains**

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly to elect Steve Bannon as vice-chair

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Steve Bannon abstains**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 25, 2015 SB and Fin Com Joint Meeting.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the March 25, 2015 joint meeting minutes

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Bill Cooke abstained**

April 27, 2015 SB Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Bill Cooke abstained**

**4. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS: SEWER ABATEMENTS**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to convene as Sewer Commissioners

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

Joe Sokul explained that the abatement list is similar to last year. There are some permanent abatements this year and only a few new requests.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the temporary and permanent sewer abatements as recommended by the DPW Superintendent, Joe Sokul.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to reconvene as Selectboard

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

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

**A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD**

Ed Abrahams said that there is now pavement on Main St. and asked all to go shopping to support our merchants.

Dan Bailly congratulated Bill Cooke and Sean Stanton on being elected to the Selectboard.

Steve Bannon extended congratulations to Bill Cooke and Sean Stanton and said that he is looking forward to working with them.

**6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin said that there are monthly meetings for the Chairs of various Boards. The meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month at 8:30 AM. Jennifer suggested kicking off the season with a meeting for the newly elected members. She said that only the Chair or Vice Chair should participate so that there is not a quorum. It was agreed that Bill Cooke and Sean Stanton would participate with Ed Abrahams as the substitute.

Jennifer Tabakin presented a policy regarding communication about the votes from the Selectboard meetings. The policy asks that the secretary of each Board/Committee mark the agenda with any motions and their results and give it to the Town Manager and Town Clerk for posting. This information does not supersede the final minutes.

The posting will only show the vote results.

Steve Bannon suggested that the post should include a note on the bottom that says "final minutes to be approved."

Sean Stanton said that this can be strongly suggested but not mandated.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the recommendation by the Town Manager to ask those taking minutes to make notes on their agendas and submit appropriately.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

**7. PUBLIC HEARING:**

PATISSERIE LENOX INC. D/B/A PATISSERIE LENOX, YULIA BOUGOUIN, MANAGER FOR A NEW COMMON VICTUALLER RESTAURANT BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SEASONAL OUTDOOR SEATING UP TO 12 SEATS AT 313 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA.

a. Open Public Hearing

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to open the public hearing

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

b. Explanation of Project

Yulia Bougouin explained that they would like to serve beer and wine with the meals that they serve.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition- None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to close the public hearing

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

e. Motion re: Findings

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the Findings of Fact for a new Common Victualler Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License for Patisserie Lenox Inc. d/b/a Patisserie Lenox, Yulia Bougouin, Manager, and with the findings that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any possible detrimental impacts.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**8. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

A. HOUSATONIC SOLAR 1 LLC FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AT ROUTE 183, PARK STREET.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the permit with the conditions attached.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

B. THE ADAMS-BUDZ VFW POST #8183 ALONG WITH AMERICAN LEGION POST 127 AND  
JAMES A. MODOLO VFW POST #8348 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015 IN HOUSATONIC AT 9:00 AM  
AND IN GREAT BARRINGTON AT 11:00 AM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to grant permission

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

C. SANDRA PRESTON/SANDRA PRESTON REAL ESTATE FOR 2015 REAL ESTATE SIGN  
LICENSE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

D. NANCY K. KALODNER/BENCHMARK REAL ESTATE FOR 2015 REAL ESTATE SIGN  
LICENSE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

E. DYAN WILEY/TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS FOR THREE (3) ONE DAY BEER AND  
WINE LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 6/28/15; 7/26/15 AND 8/30/15 FROM 10:00 AM TO NOON ON  
ROUTE 7 AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

F. GEORGE LAYE/THE GUTHRIE CENTER FOR THIRTY (30) ONE DAY BEER AND WINE  
LIQUOR LICENSES (AS PER LIST) FROM 6:00 PM TO 12:00 PM AT THE GUTHRIE  
CENTER, 2 VAN DEUSENVILLE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

G. ROBIN M. VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MAY 30, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

H. PATRICIA COWEN/RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT (RSYP) FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR MAY 15TH, 2015 FROM 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT, 60 BRIDGE STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

I. JOCELYN VASSOS/RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT (RSYP) FOR ONE DAY SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR MAY 31ST, 2015 FROM 11:00AM – 6:00 PM ON BASKETBALL COURT AT MEMORIAL FIELD, 60 BRIDGE STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

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

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

J. JOHN BENEDICT/GREAT BARRINGTON ROTARY CLUB FOR PERMISSION TO USE TOWN ROADS FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL BIKE-N-FLY EVENT ON AUGUST 15, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM AND TO RETURN WITHIN 2 TO 3 HOURS, STARTING AND ENDING AT THE GREAT BARRINGTON AIRPORT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly to grant permission

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE:** 4-0-1 Steve Bannon recused

## 9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **FOLLOW UP** – FARMERS' MARKET PARKING PLAN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Sean Stanton recused himself and sat with the audience.

Howard Lefenfeld submitted, in writing, what has been done to address Selectboard concerns. Mr. Lefenfeld said that he has spoken to all abutters and encouraged them to get in touch with him if they have any concerns. Fire Chief Burger said that the current plan is safe. Mr. Lefenfeld spoke to Pastor Van about the plan. Pastor Van hired a management company to help manage the parking area. Lee Bank posted an attendant in front of their parking spaces. Pete Soules provided barricades and cones for the Farmers' Market use. Mr. Lefenfeld said that parking did not seem to be a problem. Handicapped spots were reserved.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she was there and the parking options did work out. She said there was no back-up to Main St.

Ed Abrahams asked how many people are expected to attend going forward.

Mr. Lefenfeld responded that there were over 1,000 people last year; there were between 400 and 500 last week and he believes that it will go up to 1,000 in July and August.

Police Chief Walsh said that the police department received no calls with complaints. The Chief agreed with the decision to keep the top of Cottage St. open to keep the traffic from backing up on Main St. Chief Walsh said there is nothing to be changed at this point.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly to approve continuing the parking plan set forth at the last meeting and including the street closure at Church St.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE:** 4-0-1 Sean Stanton recused

10. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:** None

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

12. **MEDIA TIME:** Eileen Mooney asked how many children were entered into childcare at the town meeting. Jennifer Tabakin responded that Town Clerk, Marie Ryan, would have this answer.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Becker".

Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary