

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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.

Chairman, Sean Stanton, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

Bill Cooke thanked the Mahaiwe Theater for the sound system that was used for the parade.

Ed Abrahams announced that the Historical Society is having a program Wednesday night at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. More information can be found on the Historical Society webpage.

Sean Stanton thanked the Adams Budz VFW Post, American Legion, and the James A. Modolo VFW Post for the putting on a great Memorial Day Parade.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

Jennifer Tabakin said that the date for the 'Chair Meeting' is not on the calendar yet, but will be set and invitation will be sent out.

Jennifer said that the Community Conversation Meeting follow up will also be scheduled.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin introduced Tim Geller from the CDC.

Tim Geller spoke about a meeting that is taking place Friday with local delegates who are interested in rural policy and will focus on Housing and Economic Development. Tim listed some of the guests who will be coming. The meeting will take place in Great Barrington. The delegates are also interested in the 100 Bridge Street project since it hits all the marks on the housing, economic and community development front. This will be a great endorsement. Tim Geller asked Jennifer to be present at the meeting.

Jennifer presented a "get involved" sheet to the Selectboard which shows the current vacancies and explained the process of those not continuing their term.

Steve Bannon pointed out that the Cemetery Commission is not on the list.

Jennifer will add it to the list. She invited anyone interested to contact her office for information.

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. DAVID ISBY/WSBS RADIO FOR EIGHT (8) TEMPORARY OUTDOOR WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR JULY 7, 14, 21, 28 and AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015 FROM 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM AT VFW, 800 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the licenses.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SB – TAX AGREEMENT WITH RP MA SOLAR, LLC RE: PARK STREET SOLAR PROJECT.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jennifer Tabakin presented the Tax Agreement to the Selectboard.

This agreement does not address the power purchase agreement.

The agreement sets fixed payments for the personal property taxes owed by the solar developer to the town for 20 years; which will be approximate \$67,000 a year, totaling approximately \$1.4 million over 20 years. A portion of the land will go to permanent conservation.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the Tax Agreement with the amendment that anywhere in which the document says Board of Selectman should be changed to Selectboard.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

- B. SB – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Devan Arnold introduced himself and expressed his interest in being a member of the Commission.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to appoint Devan Arnold to the Agricultural Commission.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

- C. SB – APPOINTMENT OF SELECTBOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE (LMITF). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to appoint Bill Cooke as representative to the LMITF.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0-1 Bill Cooke abstained

- D. SB – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER(S) TO THE CDBG CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to appoint Gaetan Lachance, Patrick Hollenbeck and Chris Rembold to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

Sean Stanton spoke about the structure of meetings and plans for talking about things that need to be worked on, for example, review of the by-laws. He suggested either scheduling an extra meeting as a 'work meeting' or putting all licenses/ permits on the agenda of one meeting, leaving the other meeting of the month as a working meeting.

There was discussion about the options.

Steve Bannon also suggested ensuring that the Selectboard regularly decide what the Town Manager's efforts should be.

Steve Bannon said that these "work meetings" would be a sort of 'quarterly review' of what has been happening.

Sean Stanton spoke about the possibility of a quarterly report so that the annual report at the end of the year is not so packed.

Jennifer Tabakin said that the annual report will be distributed at the end of the calendar year going forward.

Sean Stanton asked the Town Manager to find out if there are any regulations regarding when the Annual Report is distributed. He asked that she also find out how this is done in other towns.

It was agreed upon that the first meeting of the month will remain clear for future planning and other topics.

The 2nd meeting of the month will include permits, licenses and housekeeping.

9. MEDIA TIME: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Cara Becker
Recording Secretary