

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014
7:00 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 7:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

3. SELECBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Ed Abrahams apologized for not being able to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Ed said that the bridge railing has been nicely repaired and added that the rest of the railing now looks bad.

Dan Bailly reminded all that there will be a re-vote on the school renovation project in November. He urged all to get the facts as to what is being presented, what is being cut and how it affects you; whether you are for or against this project.

Steve Bannon said that the date has not yet been determined.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.

The calendar was distributed to the Selectboard for their review.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Jennifer Tabakin reported that the milling and paving job on Rte 7 from Brown Bridge to Belcher Square will be completed by the Mass. DOT since it is a state road. It will take 2 weeks to complete and work will begin tomorrow. Jennifer said that she is awaiting a response regarding whether a bike lane will be included in the painting of the road. The Brown bridge is owned by the state and is in their forecast for future repair work.

Jennifer Tabakin gave an update on Searles Bryant School. She said that the town did not receive payment of \$640,000 from River School on May 1st as promised. A letter of default was sent.

- ALFORD ROAD CONDITIONS – Jennifer reported that there has been a large amount of e-mail traffic regarding Alford Road and its condition. As a result, the Department of Public Works filled a large hole near Alford Bridge. A full mill and repave is scheduled for FY16.

Sean Stanton said that he was on the road and feels that it is dangerous. He said that this is a bigger-picture issue regarding Chapter 90 money. Sean feels that these e-mails should be shared with our representatives.

Joe Sokul reported that the town did receive extra money to fill pot holes. Selected areas will be filled. Chapter 90 money was applied for and they are awaiting approval. Alford Road may take more work than originally anticipated. A pavement management program will be created this year and the list will show which roads should be the priority and decisions will be made appropriately.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she would like to draft a letter to point out the need for regional contribution for road repairs given that the quality of our roads impacts people in the surrounding areas. The chapter 90 money does not cover even half the work that needs to be done.

Deb Phillips said that we are the 'hub' for the surrounding areas and the roads get wear based on such.

- FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE

Jennifer Tabakin reported that there are weekly coordination meetings between the police department, Fairgrounds, the Farmers Market, Guido's, Big Y and Barrington Bagel to ensure that the success of the farmers market works for the area. The farmer's market police detail was paid for by Guido's and the farmers market.

She said that pedestrian safety is the priority.

Jennifer Tabakin requested that the Selectboard make a motion to consider members of the Community Preservation Committee special municipal employees.

Chris Rembold suggested that some other committees should be considered for this as well.

Jennifer will come back to the Selectboard with more information regarding this.

LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. **CONTINUATION** - SASA ARMOR/WALKER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, INC. FOR TWO TEMPORARY WEEKDAY OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014 FROM 5:30 PM -- 9:00 PM AND SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014 FROM 3:00 PM -- 7:00 PM AT BOGIE'S RESTAURANT & PUB, 935 SOUTH MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the licenses

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. STEPHEN BENNETT FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AT 317 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the driveway permit

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- C. JENISE LUCEY/BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JUNE 13, 2014 FROM 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM AT BERKSHIRE SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER, 15 CRISSEY ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to table this item until the 6/9/14 meeting

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- D. PIERRE CUM/MEG JAKE INC. D/B/A THE NEIGHBORHOOD DINER FOR 2014 ANNUAL WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE (MONDAY --SATURDAY) FROM 4:00 PM -- 11:59PM AT 282 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

E. BERKSHIRE CYCLING CLASSIC/JOHN D. EUSTICE FOR PERMISSION TO USE TOWN ROADS ON JUNE 14, 2014 (PER TIME TABLE ATTACHED). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

John Eustice spoke about the future of the event. He feels that this has the structure of a bigger event; possibly an international event. He asked that Great Barrington step forward and considers this possibility. All agree to continue this conversation.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to grant permission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

F. JOHN BENEDICT/GREAT BARRINGTON ROTARY CLUB FOR PERMISSION TO USE TOWN ROADS FOR BIKE N FLY EVENT ON AUGUST 16TH, 2014 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 17TH, 2014) FROM 9:00 AM, STARTING AND ENDING AT THE GREAT BARRINGTON AIRPORT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to grant permission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Steve Bannon disclosed that he is a member of Rotary

G. ROBIN M. VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH & GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JUNE 15, 2014 FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD, HOUSATONIC, MA 01236. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB – RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZBA ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF L & S LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND THE ACCESSORY USE AT THE LIPTON MART/MOBILE SERVICE STATION AT 246 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD AND ADD A SUBWAY FRANCHISE WITH SEATING FOR 23. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Mike Lipton presented the plan for an addition to the building. The same entrance will be used and no additional parking will be added.

Resident, Jenny Clark expressed her concern with the possibility of a lighted sign.

Mr. Lipton responded that the sign will not be illuminated.

MOTION: Dan Bailly to send a positive recommendation to the ZBA including a recommendation to include screening in the rear of the building.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

B. SB – RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN MANAGER ON THE APPOINTMENT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

This item was tabled until the 6/9/2014 meeting

C. PROPOSAL FOR OUTDOOR ART SCULPTURE PROJECT AT WILLIAM STANLEY PARK. (DISCUSSION)

Susan Jennings presented the proposal. This sculpture project will be a 'grass drawing' which will require no extra maintenance. She requested that a sandwich board sign be allowed to announce picnics that will be held at this location.

Jennifer Tabakin said that this project came out of conversations about how to draw people to under-utilized areas.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to send a positive recommendation to the parks and recreation committee.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

D. PROPOSAL FOR RIDE SHARING INITIATIVE. (DISCUSSION)

Chip Elitzer explained the concept of ride-share.

He explained that this 'spontaneous carpooling' will help decrease air pollution, traffic congestion, and gas consumption. The person looking for the ride will pay .50 for ever 5 miles. Fingers in the shape of a 'V' will indicate that you are part of this movement and are looking for a ride.

Mr. Elitzer asked the Selectboard to endorse the program. He presented a draft resolution.

Deb Phillips asked the town manager if this endorsement means anything in regards to liability.

Jennifer Tabakin is awaiting a response from Town Counsel.

All agree to await the response from Town Counsel and to create a more formal resolution by the next meeting.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to continue the discussion at the 6/9/2014 meeting

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

8. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

Jenny Clark, Parking Task Force Chair, requested a meeting about the parking availability in town during the reconstruction.

Ed Abrahams, Sean Stanton and Jennifer Tabakin agreed to meet with her.

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


10. **MEDIA TIME:** Eileen Mooney asked why there is a moratorium on certain sections of the reconstruction project.

Deb Phillips responded that it was agreed upon that there would not be construction in the major commercial part of downtown during July and August, since it is the busiest time.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Sean Stanton, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary