

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ED ABRAHAMS
DANIEL BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
BILL COOKE – not present
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 26, 2015 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the May 26, 2015 minutes

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

Ed Abrahams said that the Selectboard voted at a past meeting to have the Town Manager meet with them to get parameters about negotiations regarding Sunday hours at the library. He asked for a follow-up to this.

Steve Bannon suggested that the library create a plan before negotiations with the Union begin.

Ed responded that the library was told not to make any plans until after negotiations.

The Town Manager agreed saying that she was to have a conversation first before details are ironed out at the library.

Sean Stanton suggested that this conversation be put on a future agenda in order to determine parameters. All agree that this item will be put on the July 27th agenda.

Dan Bailly pointed out that there are no crosswalks signs in Housatonic and cars are not stopping.

Sean Stanton said that crosswalks should also be looked at on Main Street with signs being put up in the middle of the road for better visibility.

Joe Sokul said that he will look at both of these issues.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. EUNICE AGAR – PRESENTATION OF HER PAINTING TITLED “146 BARRINGTON FAIR – 1988”.

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin introduced Eunice Agar and unveiled her painting “146 BARRINGTON FAIR – 1988”.

Ms. Agar introduced her painting.

Sean Stanton, on behalf of the Selectboard, presented Ms. Agar a certificate of recognition and appreciation.

B. UPDATE ON SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RATE STUDY.

Joe Sokul spoke about the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. Phase 1 cost \$3.8 million and new presses were just installed making the project 80% complete. Phase 1 is anticipated to be complete by the end of October 2015.

Phase 2 plans will go to the DEP at the end of October 2015 for review and comments. The project will go out to bid in January with a contract signed by the end of April.

There was an initial work meeting for the sewer rate study, in May. Information has been gathered by the water companies. The consultant is still working on his analysis. There will another meeting in July.

Sergeant Storti spoke about the Taconic Ave traffic study.

Sargent said that the police department is using a three-pronged approach for enforcement in this area.

- 1) There are 3 hours per shift of random patrol in the area.
- 2) There is a compilation of the speed spy radar data.
- 3) A speed trailer is being used to post drivers speed.

Jennifer Tabakin said that equal attention will be paid to speeding on East St.

Joe Sokul said that Taconic Ave. and Alford Rd. are scheduled to be paved by October 30th.

Sargent Storti said that the new blacktop will increase speed. He is aware of this and will keep on top of it. Joe added that there will also be speed signs posted on poles flashing the speed of vehicles.

An audience member said that no one speeds in Egremont and suggested that more tickets are issued.

Jennifer Tabakin said that there is a balance between enforcing speed and ticketing. She asked the Selectboard to consider a policy direction on this balance.

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin said that appointment to committees should be the focus for the new fiscal year.

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin recommended that she hold 2 workshops explaining how we set our taxes. She said that there are revenue consultants that can be present, as well, to provide information. Sean Stanton said that the workshop should be scheduled far enough ahead so that people can informatively decide.

The next community conversation meetings are scheduled for 10/6/15 and 1/6/16 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center meeting room.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. SB TO CONVENE AS SEWER COMMISSIONERS – TO SET SEWER RATES FOR FY 2016

a. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Steve Bannon to open the public meeting convening as Sewer Commissioners.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

ROLL CALL VOTE: ED ABRAHAMS – yes
DANIEL BAILLY – yes
STEPHEN BANNON – yes
SEAN STANTON – yes

VOTE: 4-0

b. Explanation of Project

(Joe Sokul explained that there will not be sewer rate increase.)

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition – None

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Steve Bannon to close the public hearing.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

ROLL CALL VOTE: ED ABRAHAMS – yes
DANIEL BAILLY – yes
STEPHEN BANNON – yes
SEAN STANTON – yes

VOTE: 4-0

e. Motion re: Findings

MOTION: Steve Bannon that Selectboard, acting as Sewer Commissioners, set the sewer rate at \$460 per EDU and approve the allocation of indirect costs at the amount of \$78,500 for the year of 2016 to fund the enterprise find cost.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

MOTION: Steve Bannon to set the sewer rate at \$460 per EDU.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

g. Reconvening as Selectboard

MOTION: Steve Bannon to reconvene as the Selectboard.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

ROLL CALL VOTE: ED ABRAHAMS – yes
DANIEL BAILLY – yes
STEPHEN BANNON – yes
SEAN STANTON – yes

VOTE: 4-0

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. ROBIN VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JUNE 21, 2015 FROM 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

B. RICHARD ROTHBARD/AMERICAN ART MARKETING D/B/A BERKSHIRE ARTS FESTIVAL FOR TWO (2) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR JULY 3 AND 4, 2015 FROM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM AT SKI BUTTERNUT, 380 STATE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the licenses.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

C. RICHARD ROTHBARD/AMERICAN ART MARKETING D/B/A BERKSHIRE ARTS FESTIVAL FOR TEMPORARY SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JULY 5, 2015 FROM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM AT SKI BUTTERNUT, 380 STATE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

D. KERRY MACRONALD, STEPHANIE BOSLEY/AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/RELAY FOR LIFE FOR TWO (2) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FROM JUNE 19 -20, 2015 STARTING AT 6:00 PM ON THE 19TH AND ENDING AT 3:00 PM ON THE 20TH AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK FIELD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the licenses.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SB – EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH CET FOR HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Joe Sokul recommended that the Town participate in the annual collection.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve participation.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

B. HOUSATONIC SCHOOL – HISTORIC REPORT. (DISCUSSION)

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin reported that consultant Noreen Roberts has completed the report, which was submitted to the Selectboard. This report can be part of the RFP package.

C. PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION BY-LAW PROCESS. (DISCUSSION)

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DESIGNATION OF TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BRTA) ADVISORY BOARD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

B. SB – REVIEW OF TOWN CODE. (DISCUSSION)

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME: None

11. MEDIA TIME: Eileen Mooney asked for the update on Lake Mansfield Rd.

Jennifer Tabakin responded that the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force has been meeting regarding this topic. The RFP will go out to seek engineering expertise for conceptual ideas for the road.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary