

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 28, 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. SB - AUTHORIZATION OF INTERIM LOAN FOR FAZE I OF THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (VOTE)

Lauren Sartori stated that this is for construction only.

MOTION: Sean Stanton stated:

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held July 28, 2014, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the board in my custody:

- VOTED:
- (1) That the Town shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,930,130 (the "Bonds") pursuant to Chapters 29C and 44 of the General Laws and a vote of the Town passed May 7, 2012 (Article 9), which authorized a total borrowing of \$4,500,000 for the construction of sewers and other water pollution control facilities identified in such votes (the "Project");
 - (2) that in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds the Treasurer is authorized to issue an interim loan note or notes (the "Notes") from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,930,130;
 - (3) that each Bond or Note shall be issued as a single registered security, and sold to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust") at a price determined pursuant to the Financing Agreement;
 - (4) that the Treasurer is authorized to determine the date, the form, the maximum interest rate and the principal maturities of each Bond and Note, and to execute a Financing Agreement (or Agreements) with the Trust with respect to the sale of the Bonds and Notes, such date, form and maturities and the specific interest rate or rates of the Bonds and Notes to be approved by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer and evidenced by their execution of the Bonds or Notes;

- (5) that all action taken to date by the Town and its officers and agents to carry out the Project and its financing, including the execution of any loan commitment or agreement by the Treasurer, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and
- (6) that the Treasurer and the other appropriate Town officials are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including execution and delivery of the Financing Agreement(s) and the Project Regulatory Agreement(s) relating to the Project.

I further certify that the vote was adopted at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date, time and agenda of the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above vote) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance

with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decisions in connection with the sale of the Bonds or Notes were taken in executive session, and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with G.L c.30A, §§18-25, as amended. I further certify that the vote has not been amended, supplemented or revoked and remains in effect on this date.

Dated: July 28, 2014

Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

Selectboard signed loan documents at the end of the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

4. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Steve Bannon thanked Jennifer Tabakin and Joe Sokul for their response to an issue with Time Warner trucks being loud during the night.

Steve stated that he and Michelle Loubert have spoken about unleashed dogs and he would like to see increased signage and patrol by the police or animal control officers. He said this becomes a problem in some areas.

Sean Stanton wished Ed Abrahams a Happy Birthday.

Deb Phillips said that the Town participated in an Appalachian Trail celebration day where there were through hikers and others from the community celebrating. She said this event will continue each year.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.

The Selectboard discussed the upcoming meeting calendar.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Jennifer Tabakin announced the appointment of Talia Leodari as the Assistant Library Director for the Great Barrington Libraries.

Mark Pruhenski was appointed as special project manager in the office of the Town Manager and Selectboard.

Jenn Bailly has been appointed as the Great Barrington film liaison; being the point person between the town and the Mass. office of tourism, film and sports marketing. Jenn will be taking a training course for this position.

The Governor visited Housatonic recently and announced a grant award in the amount of \$803,100 for the Housing Rehabilitation Block Grant. This grant addresses the need to maintain affordable housing and good repair and the need to design a modern drainage structure on Front Street.

The Main Street Reconstruction has begun. Jennifer will be attending weekly meetings with the construction crew, the police chief and the Chamber of Commerce. There will be minimal impact on traffic.

Jennifer spoke about dog walking in cemeteries. She said that the DPW has put dog waste bags in the cemeteries and signs are in place. She said that bigger signs can be ordered if needed.

Jennifer introduced representatives, Vin Ronghi and Kirk, from BRTA.

The representatives spoke about the survey that they are conducting to determine what the priorities are for transportation needs. They have gathered information from communities, identifying where employees and employers reside and where people need to go. BRTA is looking at a short term solution; they will be adding another early shuttle and would like to add 1 or 2 at a later time in the day where there is none.

Betsy Andrus stressed that the same problem exists for those coming to the area; not just for those going to Pittsfield.

Kirk responded that they are working on adding 2 rides in the AM and PM going both ways,

Jennifer Tabakin explained that the Master Plan has done much of this investigative work that the BRTA is looking for.

Deb Phillips suggested an intercommunity shuttle.

Kirk said that they need to know:

Where do people want to start and end their trips?

How many people need rides in each area?

What towns would be part of the inter-community shuttle?

Sean Stanton stated that it would be beneficial to increase ridership so the Town can keep more Chapter 90 money.

Vin agreed to get the questions to Jennifer Tabakin by the end of the week.

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. BETSY ANDRUS/SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE:

- ONE SOUTH BOUND LANE ON MAIN STREET FROM CARR HARDWARE TO MAIN STREET CLOTHING
 - RAILROAD STREET TO ANY MOVING TRAFFIC
 - EAST SIDE OF PARKING LOT BETWEEN TRIPLEX AND RUBI'S
 - TOWN HALL PARKING IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING
- FROM 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM ON AUGUST 23, 2014 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 24, 2014) FOR

SUMMERFEST OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to grant permission

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0-1 Sean Stanton recused

- B. BETSY ANDRUS/SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR AUGUST 23, 2014 FROM 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM FOR SUMMERFEST OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0-1 Sean Stanton recused

- C. BETSY ANDRUS/SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TEMPORARY SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR AUGUST 24, 2014 (RAIN DATE) FROM 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM FOR SUMMERFEST OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the license

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0-1 Sean Stanton recused

- D. ROBIN M. VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR 8/2/14 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- E. ROBIN M. VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR 8/23/14 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- F. STEFFEN ROOT/ALAN RIVENSON/BERKSHIRE CYCLING ASSOCIATION FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM AT SKI BUTTERNUT, 380 STATE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- G. THERESA E. SONSINI/MSCGB, INC. D/B/A THE 528 CAFÉ FOR 2014 AMENDED COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE (TO INCLUDE OUTDOOR SEATING UP TO 24 SEATS) AT 240 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the amended license

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **CONTINUATION** - SB - RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZBA ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF HOUSATONIC SOLAR 1 LLC TO INSTALL A SOLAR PANEL ARRAY IN THE FORMER GRAVEL BED AT 49 VAN DEUSENVILLE ROAD IN AN R2 1-ACRE RESIDENTIAL ZONE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to continue until the next Selectboard meeting.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. NATIONAL GRID – DONATION OF WEATHER STATION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Mark Pruhenski explained that National Grid would like to donate and maintain the unit. It will be placed on the roof of the Fire Station, 37 State Road. The information can be provided to National Grid in 'real time.' This information could be used for quicker storm clean-up. The town, schools and hospital administration can have access to the information and put it on a link on their webpage.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to accept the donation

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

Michelle Loubert spoke about dogs in the cemetery. She said that there are no new signs in the cemeteries. She stated that people with unleashed dogs are breaking the law and should be fined. Michelle requested a copy of the letter to Jennifer Tabakin from the Cemetery Commissioners. She asked what the next step will be if signs don't work.

Mary Ellen Satinowa said that these sites are sacred. She feels this is taking advantage of the dead. The rules and signs are not working. She feels that dog waste bags are encouragement. She feels that dogs should be banned from the cemeteries.

James Harris spoke recapped the transfer station changes. He suggested that the "recycling sticker" verbiage on the signs in the Town Hall lobby be deleted.

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

Dan Bailly asked for an update on the Housatonic RFP.

Jennifer Tabakin responded that the RFP is not drafted yet. She is working on getting pricing for running a water line to the school for a sprinkler system. Jennifer acknowledged that this is a priority.

11. MEDIA TIME:

12. 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