

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

Ed Abrahams spoke with Police Chief Walsh about his desire to have the police department landscaped. Ed put the word out and found a volunteer, Jasmine Stine, who was willing to do the work. (For free)
Ed reminded the public that there are plenty of volunteer opportunities.

3 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jennifer Tabakin thanked the Fire Department for the car show which was a success. She also congratulated the fire department on the arrival of their new ladder truck.
Jennifer announced that she had a meeting with engineers regarding Phase 2 of the Waste Water Treatment Plant work. More information will follow.
CPA applications are due between 9/1 and 10/1. Information about how to apply is on the town website.
Jennifer said that she has received the transportation survey from BRTA, which has been reformatted and is posted on survey monkey.

A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Jennifer Tabakin said that there are 2 ways in which we work with Hampshire Council of Governments:

1. Offers competitive electrical rates for residents and small businesses.
2. Offers competitive electrical rates for municipal buildings.

Jenny Clark asked if this would affect our current contract with National Grid for pedestrian lighting.
Jennifer said that she will look into this but does not believe so.

Jennifer said that information about the Housatonic remediation plan is available on the EPA website. She asked that the Selectboard make comments about the plan. She suggested a joint meeting for this topic. There will be an EPA meeting on 9/23. Jennifer suggested that the Selectboard discuss this before that meeting so they can go to the meeting with comments or ideas.

- BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

Jennifer announced the current vacancies. Anyone who is interested should contact the office of the Town Manager.

4. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. PATTY SPECTOR/JOSH BILLINGS RUNAGROUND FOR PERMISSION TO UTILIZE TOWN ROADS FOR THE 38TH ANNUAL GREAT JOSH BILLINGS RUNAGROUND ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Sean Stanton spoke about the road conditions of those that will be used.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she will do a 'run through' to ensure a safe course.

Michele Loubert expressed concerns about the roads. She showed a picture of a pothole on the bridge at Division Street.

Sean Stanton suggested that a tab be added to the website where people can 'report a pothole.'

MOTION: Sean Stanton to grant permission

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. VICKI COONS/FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL'S RECREATION ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD ANNUAL MONSTER DASH 5K RUNNING RACE/WALK AND 1 MILE WALK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014 AT 9:30 AM STARTING AND FINISHING AT FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICE (THE OLD CONDOR CHEVROLET SITE). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

MOTION: Sean Stanton to grant permission

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0-1 Steve Bannon recused

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SB –APPOINTMENT OF FY 2015 ELECTION OFFICERS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Marie Ryan said that the last day to register to vote is 8/20/14. The office will be open until 8:00 PM on that day.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to appoint the recommended list of election officers.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- B. PARKING TASK FORCE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jenny Clark, representing the Parking Task Force, handed out a summary of their work.

She presented the logo that was created for the concept of 'spot saver' and a map of such spots. She asked for help 'selling' it to the businesses so that they will participate.

Jennifer Tabakin said that it is important that all of the information goes out under one bulletin; therefore, the Chamber of Commerce should get this information out in their weekly updates and radio spots.

Jennifer said that related signs will be taken care of by the DPW.

Deb Phillips suggested giving the parking map to lodging businesses to hand out to those staying.

The parking task force, who was a planning entity, submitted their plan which is now in the implementation phase. It is important to have more flexibility as topics come up. Therefore, it was recommended that the parking task force disband.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to disband the Parking Task Force

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- C. SB – LEGAL SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

The ZBA voted to request that the Town Manager ask the Selectboard for special counsel regarding the Hutchinson/Schwab case.

MOTION: Sean Stanton to approve the appointment

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

- D. SUMMERFEST – TOWN BOOTH.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she would like the Selectboard to participate. She is also looking for creative and fun ideas for prizes.

E. PROPOSED CEMETERY DOG CLEAN UP POLICY.

Jennifer Tabakin suggested a more significant fine for violators. The fine is currently \$25. She said that more enforcement is not possible as it would be too expensive.

Steve Bannon replied that raising the fine will not work if not enforced.

Michele Loubert said that the unleashed dogs are also a hazard.

Mary Ella Bowers recommended that the dogs be banned from cemeteries. The rules in place are not being followed.

Sean Stanton said that he finds it abhorrent that someone would allow their dog to do this. He added that this is a public space, subsidized by taxpayers therefore he feels that dogs should not be banned.

Steve Bannon said that the signs are not in place and need to be put up. He suggested random patrol. He said that anyone getting a dog license needs to read the rules.

MOTION: Steve Bannon that upon issuance of an annual dog license, the Town Clerk provide an informational sheet, which states that the Town bylaws require clean-up after ones dog, the leash law and identifies the fines for not adhering to the rules and regulations, annually.

SECOND: Deb Phillips

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Steve Bannon that the Cemetery Commission considers setting a significant fine for not cleaning up after their dog in the town cemetery. The fine should be substantial enough to discourage disrespectful behavior.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

**F. SB – RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLANNING BOARD ON THE COMMON DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION OF JOSEPH DOMANEY AT 6 ABBEY HILL ROAD.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)**

MOTION: Sean Stanton to send a positive recommendation to the Planning Board.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Sean Stanton that the design assures adequate safety and access for emergency vehicles.

SECOND: Steve Bannon

VOTE: 5-0

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME: None

9. MEDIA TIME: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Sean Stanton, seconded by Steve Bannon, the Board adjourned its meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cara Becker
Recording Secretary