

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
SELECTBOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014
6:30 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: ED ABRAHAMS
DANIEL BAILLY
STEPHEN BANNON
DEB PHILLIPS
SEAN STANTON - Absent

JENNIFER TABAKIN, TOWN MANAGER

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Deb Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

II. SELECTBOARD'S UPDATE:

None

III. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Jennifer announced that she has a radio talk show on WSBS. It airs every 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 9:05 a.m. On her first show, Fire Chief Charles Burger was her guest.

Jennifer advised the Board that Net Metering Credit Agreement with Housatonic Solar LLC/Kirt Mayland has been drafted by Town Counsel to provide metering credits to the Town for the solar project at 295 Park Street in Housatonic. She asked the SB to authorize the Town Manager to sign the net metering agreement. She explained that electricity will not be consumed by the Town, but the Town will get credits, which will be used to discount the Town's electric bill. The term of the agreement is 20 years with start date of December 31, 2015. The Town expects to receive a discount of approximately \$35,000 annually on the Town's electric costs as a result of the net metering credits. However, final estimated savings will be more formally reported at a subsequent meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Net Metering Credit Agreement.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

IV. REVIEW OF 2015 LICENSES RENEWALS: Jennifer explained to the Board that at their December 8, 2014 meeting, the SB voted to renew the 2015 Common Victualler licenses subject to the terms and hours as they were in 2014. In recent years, the SB asked that applicants specify the hours and days that they are open for food service for informational purposes only. Reviewing the 2015 renewals, a few restaurant license holders changed their hours of operation to differ slightly from their hours of operation in 2014. Some listed fewer hours while others listed later hours on certain days of the week. Jennifer said that she compared the 2014 hours and the stated 2015 for all the applications and found no significant changes and no public safety concerns. Therefore for consistency in the Town's records and to avoid what might be a technical conflict between planned business operations and the renewal voted by the Board at the Dec. 8th, 2014 meeting, Jennifer is recommending that the Board take a clarifying vote, to specify that renewals of the common victualler for the year 2015 is for the hours indicated on the renewal applications.

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the 2015 Common Victualler (Food) as changed by business owners and on the list.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the 2015 Weekday Entertainment licenses as changed by business owners and on the list.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Steve Bannon to approve the 2015 Sunday Entertainment licenses as changed by business owners and on the list.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0

V. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

None


VI. MEDIA TIME:

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen V. Kuziemko
Recording Secretary