

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015  
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR SESSION  
TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** ED ABRAHAMS  
DANIEL BAILLY  
STEPHEN BANNON  
BILL COOKE  
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:**

June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the June 8, 2015 minutes

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

**3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:**

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD – none

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

The calendar was presented for the Selectboard's review.

**4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

A. JIM MERCER/HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

- DONATION OF HISTORIC CLOCK TO BE INSTALLED ON THE CORNER OF RAILROAD AND MAIN STREETS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jennifer Tabakin introduced Jim Mercer whose family is donating a clock to the town.

Mr. Mercer explained that there has been a clock on the corner of Railroad St. and Main St. from 1890 forward. Pictures of the clock were found, which inspired the idea. The clock design would have to be approved by the Historic District Commission. The Mercer family agreed to pay for the installation of the clock and for any maintenance and electricity.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to accept the generous offer of the donation and installation of the clock on Main Street.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

**5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

A. NATIONAL GRID FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL NEW SOLELY OWNED ELECTRIC POLE #12-1 APPROXIMATELY 100' NORTH OF EXISTING POLE #12, IN ORDER TO FEED BUILDING AT 1 NOLAN DRIVE WITH NEW 3PH ELECTRIC SERVICE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Sean Stanton asked if this could go underground.

The National Grid representative said that this would be very expensive for the customer.

There was discussion about this possibility.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to grant permission.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 4-1 Sean Stanton against

B. ANDREW BELCHER/MASS BLISS, LLC FOR TWO (2) ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 7/10/15 – 7/11/15 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AT SKI BUTTERNUT, 380 STATE ROAD FOR MASS BLISS 2015 ARTS & AWARENESS EXPERIENCE.(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

Jennifer Tabakin expressed her concern that there was no insurance in place for the event yet.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve subject to proof of insurance and a meeting with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Town Manager.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

C. ADAM MEAD/GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD 2015 MAIN STREET CAR SHOW ON AUGUST 6, 2015 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 13, 2015) FROM 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to grant permission.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

D. PATRICK BUCKLEY/AMY RUDNICK/SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY - REQUEST TO RESERVE PARKING SPACES AROUND TOWN HALL FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 FROM 4:30 PM – 9:30 PM FOR SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY BENEFIT EVENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve reserving parking spaces.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

E. AMY RUDNICK/SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY FOR ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 FROM 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL GREEN/BANDSTAND FOR SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY BENEFIT EVENT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve license.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

F. NICHOLAS HERNANDEZ/SOCO CREAMERY FOR A TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015 FROM 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM AT THE TOWN BANDSTAND/GREEN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve license.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE:** 5-0

G. JENISE LUCEY/BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015 FROM 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM AT 15 CRISSEY ROAD FOR BUBS/SINGS CONCERT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve license.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

H. TIM SCHROEPFER/MAHAIWE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – REQUEST TO RESERVE 2-3 PARKING SPACES ON CASTLE STREET NEAR THE TUNNEL FOR MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 FROM 6:00 AM-11:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve reserving parking spaces.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

I. PHILIP JACQUIER/JACQUIER AUCTIONS FOR ONE DAY AUCTIONEERS LICENSE FOR JULY 25, 2015 AT 5 SEEKONK ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve license.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

J. MICHAEL WAINWRIGHT/MICHAEL WAINWRIGHT USA FOR A TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 FROM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM AT 964 MAIN STREET FOR POTTERY DEMONSTRATION AND DECORATING. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve license.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

K. CATHY INGRAM/BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON’S ROCK FOR A ONE DAY BEER & WINE LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM- 9:00 PM AT BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON’S ROCK (DINING HALL & TRI-DORM LAWN), 84 ALFORD ROAD FOR THEIR REUNION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve license.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. SB - CONTINUATION - PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION BY-LAW PROCESS. (DISCUSSION)  
**No discussion.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. SB - FY 16 RE-APPOINTMENTS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Luke Pryjma and Hilda Banks Shapiro to the Agricultural Commission.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Ellen Smith to the Board of Registrars.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Ellen Shanahan and Sherry Steiner to the Cultural Council.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Lisa Bozzuto and Jessica Dezieck to the Conservation Commission.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Stephen Dietemann to the Design Advisory Committee.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Brandee Nelson to the Energy Committee.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Kurt Barbieri and Bernard Drew as Fence Viewers.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Donald Howe and Holly Troiano to the Historic District Commission.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Marilyn Bisiewicz, Gary Leveille and Malcolm Fick to the Historical Commission.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Jeremy Higa as the Planning Board Associate Member.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint John Katz as the ZBA Associate Member.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

Dan Bailly said that the Selectboard had discussed in the past that there should be more discussion around re-appointing that same people multiple times.

Steve Bannon agreed and said that the Selectboard is appointing people without knowing their attendance history.

All agree to discuss this at a future time.

B. SB – **CONTINUATION** - DESIGNATION OF TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BRTA) ADVISORY BOARD.  
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate Bill Cooke as the representative to the BRTA Advisory Board.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Bill Cooke abstained**

C. SB – APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN AT LARGE TO LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE (LMITF). (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to appoint Deb Phillips to the LMITF.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 4-0-1 Bill Cooke abstained**

D. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY COMPACT INITIATIVE APPLICATION.  
(DISCUSSION)

There was discussion about the areas that the Selectboard wanted to focus and submit on the Lieutenant Governor's Community Compact Initiative application.

Jennifer Tabakin explained that the Town may receive grant funds and/or technical assistance for the items that were chosen.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to focus on Housing, Job Creation/ Retention and Regionalization.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

#### E. POLICY ON BOARD PACKETS AND DISTRIBUTION. (DISCUSSION)

Steve Bannon spoke about the policy in which the agenda packet is sent to the Selectboard and some revisions are sent to the public. He said that everyone should get the same packet which encourages transparency.

There was concern expressed about stories being published before the meeting.

Steve Bannon said that this is not to be a policy change but a firm suggestion that the distribution is the same. The final decision should be up to the office of the Town Manager.

Sean Stanton asked the Town Manager to find out if the requirement can be changed so that Special Permit documents are required to be sent in print with a PDF of Special Permit Applications submitted with maps.

#### 8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

David Logan, representing residents who are concerned about speeding on the hill, spoke about this issue and options to alleviate the problem. He said that Main Street has been designed to accept all methods of transportation and feels that this 'complete street' concept should extend to all areas of the Town. He asked for time at the next meeting to present options for a 'complete street' plan.

Jennifer Tabakin said that she would hate to halt a project when there are several options. She said that she does not want to lose Chapter 90 money.

Steve Bannon said that he is not in favor of stopping the bidding process and suggested that the Town Manager meet with Joe Sokul to talk about other traffic calming measures.

Steve also suggested solar powered signs that will read speed to be installed permanently.

Sean Stanton suggested further conversations about this. He feels that Chapter 90 money will not go away and suggested looking at the area to see if it can be redesigned. Sean suggested that the Town Manager find out if the Chapter 90 money will go away if the full project is changed.

Dan Bailly said that this is not only a problem on 'the hill'. He said if extra money is spent in this particular area, the same should be done town-wide.

Ed Abrahams suggested that paving in the town should not continue until each area is looked at closely. He said that the priority is safety, not to get a road paved quickly.

The Selectboard asked to hear: the proposal of the community, what the risk is to holding off on the bidding process and to see the contract for the roadwork.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to continue to put the project out to bid while talking about traffic calming measures.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 2-3 Sean Stanton, Ed Abrahams and Bill Cooke against**

**MOTION:** Ed Abrahams to delay putting the project out to bid until the next meeting; find out the cost of the delay and/or separating the project as well as getting details about traffic calming and what can be added.

**SECOND:** Bill Cooke

**VOTE: 3-2 Dan Bailly and Steve Bannon against**

**9. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:**

Dan Bailly said that the Governor came to Town recently and it would have been nice to meet. He suggested sending a note saying that the Selectboard would have loved to meet.

**10. MEDIA TIME:** Eileen Mooney asked if the Department of Revenue workshop date has been set yet. The Town Manager replied that the date has not been set.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Becker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cara Becker  
Recording Secretary