

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

**PRESENT:** WALTER ATWOOD  
ALAN INGLIS  
DEB PHILLIPS  
SEAN STANTON  
KEVIN O'DONNELL, TOWN MANAGER

MARGARET BECKWITH – ABSENT

**6:00 CLOSED SESSION: CHAPTER 39, SECTION 23B (6)  
-SEARLES/BRYANT AND OLD FIRE STATION**

**7:00 P.M. – PUBLIC SESSION – BOARD ROOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Alan Inglis: To accept the minutes from Feb 8, 2010 – Regular Meeting

**SECOND:** Deb Phillips

**VOTE:** 4-0

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

None

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

Kevin O'Donnell stated that this is a 'historic first' for the Town of Great Barrington. After an extensive review process, two high quality candidates have been chosen to take over the position of Sergeant. This will be the first time that the Town will have this position. He asked Chairman, Bud Atwood to present the badge and stripes to these individuals.

Mr. Atwood presented Paul Storti with his badge and stripes.

Ed Finnigan, former Chief of Police of Lee and Margaret Beckwith's brother, presented Bill Bartini with his badge and stripes. Mr. Finnigan stated that, "Lee has lost a great person and Great Barrington has gained a great person."

Margaret Beckwith called in with her well wishes and congratulations.

Chief of Police Walsh is looking forward to having the help, as well as, working with them.

## **5. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

Bob Magee – 57 Castle Street – representing St. James Church

Frank Garrison – Sheffield - Member of St. James Church

Mr. Magee stated that there has been discussion among the Church committee members as to the future of the St. James Church. The majority believes that demolition of the Church is the way to go. Many members are very upset by this proposal. They have been polling the community to see what the overall feeling would be regarding the demolition of the Church and would like the feeling of the Selectman as well.

Mr. Atwood asked what the cost would be to re-furbish the Church?

Mr. Garrison answered that all options, from demolition of the Church and rebuilding to restoration and re-use of the current building would essentially cost the same. He also clarified that they are not looking for money from the Town but are looking to get the feeling of the Town and Selectman on the demolition of the building.

The Board members all felt that the building should not be taken down and Town funds are not available.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Lori A. Weller D/B/A Gypsy Joynt, Lori A. Weller, Manager for a common victualler wine and malt restaurant liquor license at 389 Stockbridge Rd. Suite 3 (left side), Great Barrington, Ma.

**MOTION:** Alan Inglis to open public hearing

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sean Stanton

**Vote:** 4-0

### **Explanation of project**

Keith Weller – Gypsy Joynt stated that they are looking for a liquor license. During the winter, the restaurant closes at 9 on weekdays and 10 on weekends. In the summer, they will look to close by 12 on weekends.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the project

**MOTION:** Deb Phillips to close public hearings

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sean Stanton

**Vote:** 4-0

Motion of Findings: Alan Inglis moved that the Board of Selectman shall make a determination that the premises licensed/ to be licensed are not detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of the abutting school or church.

**SECOND:** Deb Phillips

**Vote:** 4-0

Motion made by Alan Inglis to approve the findings.

**SECOND:** Sean Stanton

**Vote:** 4-0

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT RE: PURCHASE AND SALE OF SEARLES/BRYANT.**

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Town has reached a tentative agreement with Riverschool Development outlining various terms and conditions. He is requesting authorization to sign the principals and terms of agreement towards the purchase/sale agreement at which point he will bring back a definitive purchase/sale agreement.

Alan Inglis moved to open discussion.

Second: Deb Phillips

Vote: 4-0

Derek Gentile: What are the terms?

Mr. Atwood: \$800,000 in a 36 month period. There will not be a 120% bond as originally discussed.

Alan Inglis moved to authorize the signing of the principals and terms of agreement.

Second: Deb Phillips

Vote: 4-0

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. BOS- Referral to the Planning Board of the Zoning Recodification Bylaw.**

Alan Inglis moved to refer to the Planning Board as discussed

Second: Deb Phillips

**Vote:** 4-0

**9. SELECTMEN TIME:**

All members of the Board wish Margaret Beckwith a speedy recovery and hope to see her back soon.

**10. MEDIA TIME:**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Deb Phillips, seconded by Alan Inglis, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Becker

Recording Secretary



