

**SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017**

**7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION**

**TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET**

**7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Ed Abrahams to approve the regular meeting minutes with the additional questions included.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 5-0**

April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the April 3, 2017 meeting minutes with the amended terms for the Affordable Housing Board.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

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

- A. Recognition of Ed "Buddy" McCormick as Deputy Chief and member of the Great Barrington Fire Department.

The Selectboard and Fire Chief congratulated Mr. McCormick on his 54 years of service to the Town of Great Barrington.

- B. General Comments by the Board.

Ed Abrahams announced a retirement party for Pastor Van of the First Congregational Church this Saturday, April 29 from 1:00PM- 3:00PM.

Dan Bailly asked to schedule the Town Manager Review on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Bailly suggested that a more prompt informing process when there is a change in meeting time or date. Mr. Bailly commented on the reporting of the Park Street Bridge closure, he recommended a better notification system for these situations.

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

##### A. Department Updates.

Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> the Great Barrington Libraries will begin new hours of operation.

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM- 2PM the Great Barrington Land Conservancy is facilitating a clean-up day at Lake Mansfield.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the council on aging is hosting an open house at the Senior Center to celebrate the reopening and renovations after the recent construction. The time is TBA.

Cornell Williams Brooks, president and CEO of NACP will deliver the W.E.B DuBois lecture at Simon's Rock Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

##### B. Housatonic School RFP. (Discussion/Vote)

The Town Manager asked for the Selectboard to consider being the Selection Committee.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the Selectboard as the Selection Committee for the Housatonic School RFP.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

The RFP will be posted in the Central Register Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be advertised in the newspaper May 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be an optional site visit June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00PM. The deadline to request a copy of the RFP is Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline to submit questions is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to issue RFP amendments is Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and responses are due Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. The Town reserves the right to change any of the dates and times noted in this tentative schedule.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the RFP schedule.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

Ms. Tabakin asked the Selectboard to consider authorizing the Town Manager to release the RFP to Town Counsel for review by Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to schedule a meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30PM to discuss the draft RFP prior to review by Town Counsel.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

##### C. Fire Chief Burger – Berkshire County Regional Shelter Plan/Addendum to the Western Mass Intergovernmental Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement. (Discussion/Vote)

The Agreement identifies Great Barrington as the host community in times of emergency. Simon's Rock athletic center was chosen as the shelter location. The host community is responsible for paying for the resources (electric, heat, food etc.) up front. Great Barrington will be reimbursed based on the number of out of town citizens who attended the shelter. The average cost per day to operate the emergency shelter would be \$25.00 per person.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the Berkshire County Regional Shelter Plan/ Addendum to the Western Mass Intergovernmental Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

##### D. Farmer's Market- Update and Request for Street Closure. (Discussion/Vote)

The seasonal Farmer's Market will occur every Saturday from May 13<sup>th</sup>- October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM- 1PM. The Farmer's Market is requesting to close Church Street between Main and School Street and to waive parking restrictions.

Sean Stanton recuses himself from the vote because he is a regular vendor at the Market.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly to approve the closing of Church and School Street and waive the parking restrictions on the north end of Church Street during Market hours.

**SECOND:** Steve Bannon

**VOTE: 4-0**

#### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Blackwater Realty Trust Special Permit Application for work in Zone II of the Water Quality Protection Overlay District in accordance with Sections 9.2 and 10.4 of the Great Barrington

Zoning Bylaw. The project involves construction of a new commercial office and retail building with associated parking lot. The site is a vacant parcel of land on Maple Avenue (Route 23) located immediately east of the railroad tracks and identified as Parcel 41A on Assessor's Map 22. (Discussion/Vote)

a. Open Public Hearing

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to open the Public Hearing

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

The applicant requested a continuation of the hearing.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to continue the Public Hearing until Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

b. Explanation of Project

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

e. Motion re: Findings

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

## **6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

A. Adam J. Carlotto - Driveway Permit Application to relocate the driveway from 90 Lake Buel Road to Berkshire Circle. (Discussion/Vote)

Mr. Carlotto informed the Board that the current driveway is dangerous and they would like to create a new one. He does not intend to have two driveways.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve the driveway permit.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

B. Michael Murphy/Housatonic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8183 for permission to hold Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017 starting at 9:00 am in Housatonic and 11:00 am in Great Barrington. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

C. Angel J. Espinoza/Tangier Café for 2017 Annual Weekday Entertainment License from 6:00 pm – 12:00 am (Midnight) at 286 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

D. Seth Keyes/Artistic License, LLC for four (4) One Day Temporary Weekday Entertainment Licenses, as follows:

Seth Keyes the event organizer said this event is specifically designed for all ages. It is their goal to have it remain a safe environment for everyone.

- for July 20, 2017 from 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm at Monument Mountain Regional High School presenting The Glenn Miller orchestra. (Discussion/Vote)
- for July 8, 2017 from 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Ski Butternut, 380 State Road for Berkshire Beatles Bash. (Discussion/Vote)
- for July 29, 2017 from 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Ski Butternut, 380 State Road for Berkshire Blues Bash. (Discussion/Vote)
- for August 26, 2017 from 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Ski Butternut, 380 State Road for

Berkshire Bash – Hot Summer Swing. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve Artistic License, LLC for four One Day Temporary Weekday Entertainment Licenses for July 8, July 20, July 29, and August 26 as listed.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- E. Kelley Vickery/Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) for permission to install Twelve (12) banners along Railroad Street and Main Street (between Elm and Castle) from April 28, 2017 to June 6, 2017. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- F. Kerry MacRonald/Relay for Life – American Cancer Society for Two (2) One Day Temporary Weekday Entertainment Licenses for June 23 - June 24, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Monument Mountain Regional High School Track and Field. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- G. Stephen Pearlman/Aston Magna Foundation for the Arts and Humanities, as follows:  
Aston Magna is the longest running summer music festival in America devoted to music performed on period instruments.

- for permission to install a temporary banner over Railroad Street from May 15, 2017 to July 24, 2017. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- for Six (6) One Day Temporary Weekday Entertainment Licenses for June 17 and 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at St. James Place, 352 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- for Six (6) One Day Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses for June 17 and 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at St. James Place, 352 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- H. Ellen House/Louisa Ellis/Jane Iredale for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for May 19, 2017 from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm 294 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- I. Nicole Blume/Carr's Ciderhouse for a Farmer Winery License to sell Hard Cider at the Great Barrington Farmers' Market on Saturdays from May 13 to October 28, 2017 from 9:00 - 1:00 pm at 13 Church Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Sean Stanton recused himself from the vote because he is also a vendor at the Great Barrington Farmer's Market.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Cellarbration, Inc., d/b/a Cellarbration, Joseph P. Smegal, Manager, 700 Main Street to pledge its All Alcoholic Package Store Liquor License to Big Y Foods, Inc. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve Cellarbration, Inc. to pledge its All Alcoholic Package Store Liquor License to Big Y Foods, Inc.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- B. SB - Appointment of member to the Board of Trustees for the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust. (Discussion/Vote)

This item has been moved to the agenda for Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

- C. SB – Designate members of the GB Affordable Housing Trust as Municipal Employees as per MGL Ch. 268, sec. 17. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to designate the members of the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust as Special Municipal Employees as per MGL Ch. 268, sec. 17.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

- D. SB - Windy Hill Farm Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR).

- Notice/Announcement of the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an APR on a Portion of the property owned by Dennis Mareb and Judy Mareb, also known as "Windy Hill Farm". (Discussion/Vote)

- To reduce the notification period required by MGL Ch. 7C, sec. 37 from 120 days to 60 days. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to reduce the notification period from 120 days to 60 days.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

**None.**

**9. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:**

**None.**

**10. MEDIA TIME:**

Berkshire Record, "How do you feel about the complaints that Ramsdell is being neglected with the change of hours?" Steve Bannon responded that there has been no discussion to close Ramsdell and there are specific funds dedicated to the operation of both libraries.

Berkshire Eagle, "Did Chief Walsh weigh in on the discussion of the Trust Policy that is now on the Town Meeting Warrant?" The Town Manager said that Chief Walsh did participate in the Trust Policy discussions.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Steve Bannon mentioned to adjourn the Regular Session and to Convene into Executive Session.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

**Vote:** 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.


**12. Convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION – Town Manager’s Conference Room**

**Motion:** Steve Bannon to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) (2) (3) and not to Reconvene into Open Session:

**Second: Dan Bailly**

**Roll Call Vote:** Bill Cooke: Yes, Ed Abrahams: Yes, Dan Bailly: Yes, Steve Bannon: Yes, Sean Stanton: Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary