

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

SEAN STANTON- Absent
STEPHEN BANNON
DAN BAILLY
ED ABRAHAMS
BILL COOKE

TOWN MANAGER, JENNIFER TABAKIN

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Steve Bannon called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion: Steve Bannon moved to approve the October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 4-0

November 21, 2016 JT Meeting w/Fin Com and SB's Strategic Planning Priorities Meeting.

Motion: Steve Bannon moved to approve the November 21, 2016 Fin Com and Strategic Planning Priorities Meeting Minutes.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 4-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board.

- Bill Cooke wanted to extend thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and The Rotary Club on decorating downtown for the holidays.

B. SB – Set Special Town Meeting Date, Time and Place. (Discussion/Vote)

Date: January 26, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Monument Mountain Regional High School Auditorium

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to set the Special Town Meeting for January 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Monument Mountain Regional High School Auditorium.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

C. SB – Recommended Date to Open and Close Special Town Meeting Warrant. (Discussion/Vote)

(December 20, 2016, 8:30 am - January 6, 2017, 4:00 pm)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to recommend opening the Special Town Meeting Warrant on December 20, 2016 at 8:30 AM and closing on January 6, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- Date to Print the Warrant - January 9, 2017

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to print the warrant on January 9, 2017

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- Date to Post the Warrant - 14 days before the Special Town Meeting (January 11, 2017)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to post the warrant 14 days before the Special Town Meeting

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- Last Date to Register to Vote - January 13, 2017

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to set the last day to register to vote at a Special Town Meeting is January 13, 2017

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

D. SB – Proposed Warrant Article(s) for Special Town Meeting. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the Amendments to the Regional Agreement to be placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to place a second item on the warrant for Special Town Meeting as submitted by Chip Allister with the caveat that it is sent to Town Counsel for review.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

The Selectboard does not officially endorse this article, but they voted in favor of it going to Special Town Meeting.

E. Open Meeting Law Complaint – Acknowledge receipt of December 2, 2016 complaint from Eileen Mooney alleging an item was not listed on the SB's November 28, 2016 meeting agenda. (Discussion/Vote)

Steve Bannon suggested placing the statement of police and community relations onto tonight's agenda for a formal discussion and vote as a remedy to the Open Meeting Law complaint.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to place the statement on police/ community relations regarding immigration on the agenda tonight.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

8 (A.) SB – Statement on Community Relations. (Discussion/Vote)

Town Counsel's recommendation for moving forward is to list general categories such as, department updates, project updates, general news, and ongoing issues under the Town Manager's report. The Selectboard decided to address this agenda item next so that the public will have a chance to comment on the statement.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to place the statement on police/ community relations regarding immigration on the agenda tonight.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to join other Police Departments in the Commonwealth and our state police in making a statement on community relations.

We want our immigrant population to know that local Police will continue to be committed to building and maintaining positive relationships within the community. We will continue and always be there to serve everyone in our community and have zero tolerance for bullying or harassment. The Great Barrington Police Department does not investigate civil immigration laws, as this role falls to the federal government. All of our residents should be completely confident that their local police department is here to assist them in a crisis situation.

Municipal police exist to ensure public safety and security, and the Town of Great Barrington has worked hard to ensure that there are strong, positive relationships among all groups in this community. We will continue in this manner moving forward.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Steve Bannon stated that this is the same motion that was voted on at the previous meeting and this is a policy that is already practiced in the community.

Dan Klein, Division Street, "I want to express gratitude for Great Barrington, this has made me really proud to be a resident of this Town, thank you."

Patrick Fennell of 154 Main Street asked if Great Barrington is now a "sanctuary town?" The Selectboard responded that this statement does not qualify Great Barrington as a "sanctuary town."

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates and Town News

Dan Bailly asked how the newly adopted snow parking policy was received. The Town Manager is still gathering input and will report back at another meeting.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. TangierGB LLC, Toni Bergins, Manager for a new Common Victualler Wine and Malt Restaurant Liquor License at 284 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

(Discussion/Vote)

a. Open Public Hearing

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to open the public hearing.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

b. Explanation of Project

Charles Farris representing Toni Bergins and Angel Espinoza. TangierGB is intending to offer lunch and dinner with a full bar. Toni will be the Manager on the Liquor License and Angel will manage the new establishment.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to close the public hearing.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

e. Motion re: Findings

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Completed application was submitted to the Selectboard on November 16, 2016.

Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Berkshire Record for two (2) consecutive weeks on November 25 and December 2, 2016.

Public Hearing is scheduled for December 19, 2016 @ 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

No impediments were disclosed as to the approval or denial for a new Common Victualler Wine and Malt Restaurant Liquor License at 284 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

Dan Bailly moved to approve the Findings of Fact on the application of TangierGB LLC, Toni Bergins, Manager for a new Common Victualler Wine and Malt Restaurant Liquor License at 284 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230, and with the findings that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any possible detrimental impacts.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

B. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant, Inc, Toni Bergins, Manager for a change of beneficial interest or transfer/issuance of stock, new officers, directors, stockholders on All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License at 50 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

(Discussion/Vote)

a. Open Public Hearing

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to open the public hearing.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

b. Explanation of Project

Toni Bergins and Angel Espinoza are intending to share responsibilities of the Xicohtencatl restaurant, but Toni will be the sole investor.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to close the public hearing.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

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No impediments were disclosed as to the approval or denial on the All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License for a change of beneficial interest.

e. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

Dan Bailly moved to approve the Findings of Fact on the application of Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant, Inc, Toni Bergins, Manager for a change of beneficial interest or transfer/issuance of stock, new officers, directors, stockholders on All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License at 50 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230 01230 and with the findings that the benefits of the proposal outweigh any possible detrimental impacts.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. Lauren Clark/Board of Library Trustees for four (4) One Day Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses for January 7, 2017; February 4, 2017; March 4, 2017 and April 1, 2017 from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Mason Library, 231 Main Street.
Fee Waiver Requested. (Discussion/Vote)

Ed Abrahams, as a member of the Friends of the Library has filed a notice of possible conflict with the Attorney General's Office, therefore he is not recusing himself from the vote.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the (4) One Day Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses. The Selectboard will also waive the fee because it is customary for the Town to do so.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- B. 2017 ANNUAL LICENSE **RENEWALS:** (Discussion/Vote)

Common Victualler Restaurant All Alcoholic

1. The East
2. Thornewood Inn
3. Risingdale Café
4. Cove Bowling and Entertainment Inc.
5. Bogie's
6. Crissey Farm Catering Inc.
7. The Well
8. Aegean Breeze
9. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant, Inc.
10. i.e. Inc.
11. Rubiner's Cheesemonger's & Grocers, LLC

12. Allium
13. Café Adam
14. Castle Street Café
15. Bizen
16. Koi Chinese Restaurant
17. Four Brothers Pizza Inn
18. Egremont Country Club
19. Aroma Bar & Grill
20. 20 Railroad Public House
21. Shiro Restaurant, Inc.
22. The Brickhouse Pub
23. Haven Café & Bakery
24. Fiesta Bar & Grill
25. Prairie Whale
26. The Meat Market LLC
27. Triplex Cinema
28. Fuel
29. GB Eats

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Common Victualler Restaurant All Alcoholic Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Common Victualler Restaurant-Wine and Malt

1. Barrington Brewery & Restaurant
2. Great Barrington Pizza House, Inc.
3. Baba Louie's Organic Sourdough Pizza, Co.
4. Siam Square Fine Thai Cuisine
5. Bizalion's Fine Food, Ltd
6. Naji's
7. The Manhattan Pizza Company
8. Houssie Market
9. Patisserie Lenox

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Common Victualler Restaurant- Wine and Malt Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Common Victualler Wine and Malt Without Food

1. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center Inc.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Common Victualler Wine and Malt without Food Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Package Store-All Alcoholic

1. Trotta's Fine Wine & Spirits
2. Guido's Quality Fruit and Produce, Inc.
3. Plaza Package
4. Domaney's Liquor
5. Cellarbration
6. Aberdale's, Inc.
7. Gorham and Norton, Inc.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Package Store-All Alcoholic Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

Package Store-Wine and Malt

1. Locke, Stock and Barrel

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all package Store-Wine and Malt Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Club-All Alcoholic

1. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Club-All Alcoholic Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Common Victualler

1. The East *CHANGE

2. Thornewood Inn

3. Taft Farms Inc.

4. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc.

5. Risingdale Café

6. Bogie's

7. Barrington Brewery & Restaurant

8. Crissey Farm Catering, Inc. *CHANGE

9. Aegean Breeze

10. O'Connell's Convenience Plus #10

11. Cumberland Farms

12. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant

13. i.e. Inc. (Butternut)

14. Great Barrington Pizza House

15. Lipton Mart #606

16. Rubiner's Cheesemonger's & Grocers, LLC

17. GB Eats

Great Wall Chinese Restaurant days a week,

18. Allium

19. Baba Louie's Pizza

20. Aberdale's, Inc.

21. Siam Square Fine Thai Cuisine

22. Great Barrington Bagel Company*CHANGE

23. Café Adam*CHANGE

24. Guido's Fresh Marketplace

25. Castle Street Café*CHANGE

26. Bizalion's Fine Food

Days & Hours of Operation:

FROM: Mon-Sat 11 AM-10:30 PM; Sun Noon-9:30 PM

TO: Mon-Thu 11AM-10PM; Fri & Sat 11AM-11PM; Sun 12PM-10PM

7 days a week, 7AM-12AM

7 days a week, 8 AM-6 PM

Mon-Fri 2:30 PM- 12 AM, Sat & Sun 12 PM- 12 AM

Mon- Sun 11 AM- 1 AM

7 days a week, 8 AM-2 AM

7 days a week, 11:30 AM-2 AM

FROM: 7 days a week, 11 AM- 12 AM

TO: 7 days a week, 7AM-12AM

7 days a week, 11 AM- 10 PM

Sun 6 AM-11 PM, Mon-Sat 5 AM-11 PM

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Mon-Sun Winter: 5 PM-10 PM; Summer: 12 PM-PM

7 days a week, 8 AM-8 PM

7 days a week, 10 AM-10 PM

7 days a week, 6 AM-11 PM

7 days a week, 7 AM- 11 PM

7 days a week, 7 AM- 9 PM w/ outside seating for 4

11 AM- 10:30 PM

7 days a week, 5 PM-2 AM

Sun-Sat 11:30 AM- 3 PM; Fri & Sat 5 PM- 10 PM;

Sun- Th 5 PM-9:30 PM

7 days a week, 6 AM-11 PM

Mon-Th 11:30AM- 10PM, Fri & Sat 11:30AM- 11PM,

Sun 12 PM- 10 PM

FROM: Mon-Fri 7AM-4PM; Sat 7AM-4:30PM; Sun 7:30AM-4PM

TO: Mon-Sun 6:30AM-4:00PM

FROM: Tues-Sun, 11:30 AM-9 PM

TO: Wed-Sun, 5PM-9PM

Mon-Sat 9 AM-7 PM, Sun 10 AM-6 PM

FROM: 7 days a week, 12 PM- 11 PM w/ outside seating for 14

TO: 7 days a week, 12PM to 12PM, w/outside seating for 14

Tues- Sun, 9 AM- 5 PM

27. Bizen	Mon-Sun 12 PM-2:30 PM/5 PM- 9:30 PM
28. Koi Chinese Restaurant*CHANGE	<u>FROM: 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-11:30 PM</u> <u>TO: 7 days a week, 11AM-9:30PM</u>
29. Naji's*CHANGE	<u>FROM: 7 days a week, 11 AM-11 PM</u> <u>TO: 7 days a week, 9AM-11PM</u>
30. Four Brothers Pizza*CHANGE	<u>FROM: 7 days a week, 10:30 AM- 10 PM</u> <u>TO: 7 days a week, 11:00AM-10PM</u>
31. Houssie Market Cafe	7 days a week, 6:30 AM- 10 PM w/ outside seasonal seating for 8
32. Egremont Country Club	7 days a week, 11 AM-11 PM
33. Great Barrington Sunoco	7 days a week, 6 AM-10 PM
34. Xtra Mart	7 days a week, 24 hours a day
35. Aroma Bar & Grill	Tues-Sun 11:30 AM- 3 PM, Mon-Sun 4:30 PM-11 PM
36. 20 Railroad Public House	7 days a week, 6 AM-1 AM
37. Subway	7 days a week, 8 AM-9 PM
38. Wyantenuck Country Club	7 days a week, 10 AM-10 PM
39. McDonald's #2809	7 days a week, 5 AM- 11 PM
40. Gorham and Norton	Mon- Sat, 8 AM-6 PM
41. Fuel Coffee Shop	7 days a week, 7 AM-7 PM
42. Shiro*CHANGE	<u>FROM: 7 days a week, 11:30 AM-9:30 PM</u> <u>TO: Sun-Mon 11AM-9:30PM; Fri-Sat: 11AM-10:30PM</u>
43. Home Sweet Home Doughnut Shoppe	Mon- Fri 6:30AM- 3PM, Sat & Sun 7AM- 3PM w/ outside seating
44. The Brickhouse Pub Inc.	Mon-Wed 4 PM- 12 AM; Thurs-Sun 11:30 AM- 12:00 AM
45. The Meat Market/Camp Fire	Wed-Sun, 11 AM-10 PM w/ outside seating for 36
46. Cove Bowling and Entertainment Inc.	7 days a week, 9 AM- 1 AM
47. Patisserie Lenox	7 days a week, 8 AM- 8 PM w/ outside seating for 12
48. Haven Café & Bakery	7 days a week, 7:30 AM- 12 AM w/ outside seating for 12
49. Fiesta Bar & Grill	7 days a week, 11 AM- 10 PM
50. Prairie Whale	Mon-Sun 7 AM-2 AM
51. The Bistro Box	7 days a week, 11 AM- 8 PM
52. Pleasant & Main	Tues- Sun, 7 AM- 9 PM
53. The Triplex Cinema	7 days a week, 8 AM- 12:00 AM
54. Ena at the Cove	7 days a week, 9AM-11PM
55. Fairview Hospital	7 days a week, 6:30AM-7:00PM
56. Berkshire Co-op Market	Mon-Sat 8 AM – 8 PM
57. Dunkin Donuts	Mon-Sun 6 AM – 10 PM
58. Extra Special Teas*CHANGE	<u>FROM: Mon-Fri 10AM-4PM</u> <u>TO: Mon-Thu 10AM-4PM; Fri-Sun 11AM-5PM</u>

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Common Victualler Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Innholder's

1. Monument Mountain Motel
2. Windflower Inn Inc.
3. Days Inn
4. Briarcliff Motel
5. Mountain View Motel
6. The Barrington

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Innholder's Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Lodging House

1. Wainwright Inn LLC

2. Sanderson House
3. Thornewood Inn
4. English Hideaway

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Lodging House Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Amusement

1. James A. Modolo Post #8348
2. Risingdale Café
3. Cove Bowling and Entertainment, Inc.
4. Bogie's
5. Barrington Brewery & Restaurant

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Amusement Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Bowling Alley

1. Cove Bowling and Entertainment, Inc.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Bowling Alley Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Motion Picture

1. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
2. Triplex Cinema

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Motion Picture Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Class II Auto

1. J.W. Auto
2. Johnny's Garage
3. Formel Motor Company, Inc.
4. D.A. Dempsey Auto Sales
5. J.D. Automotive Inc.
6. 7 & 23 Motor Sales
7. Decker's Auto Body Inc.
8. Larkin Ltd Enterprises, LLC

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Class II Auto Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Class III Auto

1. Formel Motor Company Inc.
2. John's Auto Body
3. Decker's Auto Body, Inc.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Class III Auto Licenses as listed.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

Entertainment License Renewals

Weekday Licenses:

1. Berkshire Co-Op Market Mon-Sat: 8AM-8PM
2. Berkshire South Regional Comm. Center Mon-Sat: 4 PM-11 PM
3. Bogie's Mon-Fri: 12 PM-1:30 AM, Sat: 12 PM- 11:59 PM
4. Castle Street Café Fri & Sat: 7:30 PM-11:30 PM
5. Egremont Country Club Mon-Fri: 6 PM-12 AM, Sat: 6 PM- 11:59 PM
(For private parties with attendance limits where a meal is the primary attraction & must be controlled by an onsite manager)
6. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc. Mon- Fri: 2:30 PM- 12 AM, Sat: 12 PM- 11:59 PM
(For private functions with attendance limits where a meal is the primary attraction & must be controlled by an on-site manager)
7. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc. Mon-Sat: 10 AM-11 PM
8. Naji's Mon-Fri: 6 PM-1 AM, Sat: 6 PM- 11:59 PM
9. Risingdale Café Mon-Fri: 8 PM-Midnight; Sat: 8 PM-11:59 PM
(For private functions with attendance limits where a meal is the primary attraction & must be controlled by an on-site manager)
10. Bard College at Simon's Rock Mon-Sat: 1 PM-12 AM
11. The Guthrie Center Mon-Fri: 9 AM-12 AM, Sat: 9 AM- 11:59 PM
(For private functions with attendance limits where a meal is the primary attraction & must be controlled by an on-site manager)
12. The Triplex Cinema Mon-Sat: 8 AM-11:59 PM
13. Wyantenuck Country Club Mon-Sat: 5 PM- 11 PM
(For social events- Restricted to private functions with attendance limits where a meal is the primary attraction & must be controlled an on-site manager)
14. Xicohtencatl Mexican Restaurant Inc. Tues, Fri, Sat: 6 PM-11 PM
15. Crissey Farm Catering, Inc. Mon-Sat: 12 PM-11 PM
16. 20 Railroad Public House Mon-Fri: 5 PM-1 AM, Sat: 5 PM- 11:59 PM
17. Fiesta Bar & Grill Mon-Sat: 8 PM-2 AM
18. The Brickhouse Pub Mon-Fri: 9 PM-1 AM; Sat: 9 PM-11:59 PM
19. Haven Café & Bakery Mon-Sat: 11 AM-11:30 PM
20. Fuel Mon-Sat: 10AM-12PM
21. Unitarian Universalist Mon-Fri: 10AM-10PM

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Weekday Entertainment Licenses as listed.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

Sunday Licenses:

1. Berkshire South Regional Community Center	1:00 PM-11:59 PM
2. Bogie's	1:00 PM-11:59 PM
3. James A. Modolo VFW Post #8348, Inc.	1:00 PM-11:59 PM
4. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center	1:00 PM-11:00 PM
5. Bard College at Simon's Rock	1:00 PM-11:59 PM
6. The Guthrie Center	1:00 PM-11:59 PM
7. Thornewood Inn	1:00 PM-11:59 PM
8. Triplex Movie Theater	9:00 AM-11:59 PM
9. Fiesta Bar & Grill LLC	12:00 PM-11:59 PM
10. 20 Railroad Public House	9:00 AM-11:59 PM
11. Fuel	1:00 PM-11:59 PM

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve all Sunday Entertainment Licenses as listed.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB - Appointment of member to the Cultural Council. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to appoint Charlsie Niemiec to the Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

B. SB – Appointment of member to the Tree Committee. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to appoint Nan Wile to the Tree Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SB – Statement on Community Relations. (Discussion/Vote)

Addressed under Selectboard Announcements/ Statements.

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

Michelle Loubert, 386 Park Street, requested that a tarp be placed on the porch of the Housatonic School so that the building doesn't continue to deteriorate. Steve Bannon said that they would follow up with this request.

Patrick Fennell, 154 Main Street, asked the Selectboard why the Pledge of Allegiance is not said at the start of Selectboard meetings. Steve Bannon said that they will put this on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Mark Cohen, wanted clarification on what it means to be a Sanctuary Town. Steve Bannon replied that only cities can technically be "Sanctuaries" for immigrants and their families, we are not a city therefore we do not fall under this classification. Bannon reiterated that the statement read earlier was just to re-endorse a policy that has already been practiced in our community.

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

Bill Cooke would like to see the Affordable Housing Trust be placed on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on January 26th.

11. MEDIA TIME:

The Berkshire Edge, "How long has this community relations immigrant policy been in effect in Great Barrington?" Bannon replied that he is not sure of the exact duration and will have to get back to the Edge.

The Berkshire Eagle, "How often are you showing the Housatonic School property?" Tabakin answered that she can't say how often, but they are continuing to show the property to potential buyers.

The Berkshire Edge, "Is this statement part of standard community policing?" Jennifer Tabakin responded that she cannot speak for other communities, but it is what Great Barrington considers standard community policing.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Dan Bailly, seconded by Ed Abrahams, with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Recording Secretary

Rebecca M Jurczyk

 1/23/17