

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Steve Bannon
Dan Bailly
Ed Abrahams
Bill Cooke
Sean Stanton- Absent

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board.

- Ed Abrahams informed the Selectboard that the Community Preservation Committee is in the process of reviewing the priorities for the upcoming year. Mr. Abrahams invited the rest of the Selectboard to give feedback or provide comments at a later meeting date.
- Steve Bannon read a statement from Fairview Hospital regarding the cleaning wipes that was sent out to all staff members.

3. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates.

- Mass DOT announced there is an overnight closure of the Rt. 183 Park Street bridge in Housatonic. The overnight closure is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 29 from 6:00PM to 6:00AM on Friday, June 30, 2017. The closure is needed for the installation of new concrete beams.
- A "congratulations" to Police Officer Andres Huertas on his completion of the Police Academy.
- A "thank you" to the Police and Fire Department on their performance at Muddy Brook's School Safety Day.
- Ellyn Dupont will start in July as an assistant in the Treasurer's and Collector's office as a replacement to Rebecca Lilley.

B. Project Updates.

- Housatonic School RFP

The deadline for the Housatonic RFP was extended until the end of August.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. McDonald's Corporation for a special permit to modify the conditions of special permit 567-98, in order to remodel and modernize the existing restaurant at 302 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, in accordance with Section 10.4 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw. (Discussion/Vote)

The applicants requested to table the Public Hearing until all Selectboard members are present.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to postpone the Public Hearing until Monday, July 10th at 6:30PM.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- a. Open Public Hearing
- 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

- B. The Well Restaurant and Bar LLC d/b/a The Well, Hilary Drucker, Manager to alter premises for the Common Victualler All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License to extend service of alcohol outside for two (2) tables with three (3) chairs at 312 Main Street, Suite 1, 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
- 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
Dan Bailly moved to approve the Findings as submitted.
Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table
Dan Bailly moved to approve the Findings of Fact to alter premises on the application of The Well Restaurant and Bar LLC d/b/a The Well, Hilary Drucker, Manager to extend service of alcohol outside for two (2) tables with three (3) chairs at 312 Main Street, Suite 1, Great Barrington, MA 01230.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

- C. To modify the Fire Department's permit and inspection fees. (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

Chief Burger explained the intended modification of fees to the Selectboard. Chief Burger said the permit fee is \$10.00 and the inspection fee is \$40.00 across the board. The Plan Review fees were previously not charged for and are based on the cost of the project. The Plan Review fees will be collected through the Building Department. Chief Burger requested that the new permit application does not take effect until August 1, 2017.

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

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. Brian Mead/Great Barrington Firefighters Association for permission to conduct the Fill the Boot Campaign on Saturday, July 22, 2017 between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Main Street between Gas House Lane and the entrance of John B. Hull (100 Main Street). (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the use of Main Street on July 22, 2017

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

B. Terry Chamberland/Great Barrington Firefighters Association for permission to hold the 9th Annual Car Show on August 3, 2017 (rain date August 10, 2017) from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm from Main Street/Castle Street intersection to Cottage Street for the show as well as Castle Street, Railroad Street and Elm Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Ed Abrahams requested the new Main Street plantings to be roped off from pedestrians.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the use of Main Street on August 3, 2017 with the rain date of August 10, 2017.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

C. Terry Chamberland/Great Barrington Firefighters Association for One Day Weekday Entertainment License for August 3, 2017 (rain date August 10, 2017) from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Main Street from Cottage Street to Bridge Street including Castle Street and Railroad Street. *Fee Waiver Requested.* (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Weekday Entertainment License and approved the request to waive the application fees.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

D. John Benedict/Great Barrington Rotary Club for permission to hold the 5th Annual Bike-N-Fly cycling event on August 19th, 2017 starting and ending at the Great Barrington Airport beginning at 9:00 am as per course map attached. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the event location with a rain date of August 20, 2017.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

E. Mark DeCelle/Great Barrington Rotary Club for One Day Weekday Entertainment License for August 19, 2017 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Walter Koladza Airport, 70 Egremont Plain Road. (Discussion/Vote). Steve Bannon disclosed that he is a member of the Rotary Club but does not gain financially from any Rotary Club events.

Ed Abrahams suggested limiting the helicopter rides at this year's event. Mr. Abrahams said we should allow the Rotary club to come back and appeal this condition if the helicopter rides are a significant contributor to the fundraiser.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Weekday Entertainment License with the condition that no helicopter rides are given.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- One Day Sunday Entertainment License for August 20, 2017 (Rain Date) from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Walter Koladza Airport, 70 Egremont Plain Road (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the rain date of August 20, 2017.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

F. Amy Rudnick/Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for

- One Day Sunday Entertainment License for July 30, 2017 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Great Barrington Train Station, 14 Castle Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Sunday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- One Day All Alcoholic Liquor License for July 30, 2017 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Great Barrington Train Station, 14 Castle Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Sunday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

G. Fidel Moreno/Susan Jameson/Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow for

- One Day Weekday Entertainment License for August 12th, 2017 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at Great Barrington Fairgrounds, 659 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Bill Cooke suggested getting a traffic control officer to assist with traffic going to and from the event.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Weekday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- One Day Sunday Entertainment License for August 13th, 2017 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at Great Barrington Fairgrounds, 659 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Sunday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

H. Katherine Miller/Gerard (Jerry) Farrington/Xtreme Wrestling Alliance Inc. for One Day Weekday Entertainment License for July 22, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

at Berkshire South Regional Community Center, 15 Crissey Road. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

I. Tim Commerford/RW Commerford & Sons Inc. for

- Three (3) One Day Weekday Entertainment Licenses for July 20, 21 and 22, 2017 from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Great Barrington Fairgrounds, 659 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the Three One Day Weekday Entertainment Licenses.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- One Day Sunday Entertainment License for July 23, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Great Barrington Fairgrounds, 659 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Sunday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

J. Michael Wainwright/Bette Demeri/Michael Wainwright USA for

- One Day Weekday Entertainment License for July 1, 2017 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at 964 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Weekday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- One Day Sunday Entertainment License for July 2, 2017 (Rain Date) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at 964 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the rain date.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

K. Joanna Rothbard/American Art Marketing d/b/a Berkshires Art Festival for

- Two (2) One Day Weekday Entertainment Licenses for July 1, 2017 and July 3, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Ski Butternut, 380 State Road. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Weekday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

- One Day Sunday Entertainment License for July 2, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Ski Butternut, 380 State Road. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Weekday Entertainment License.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

L. Robin Vickery/Gt. Barrington Fish & Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License

for July 16, 2017 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)
Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

M. Cathy Ingram/Bard College at Simon's Rock for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for July 8, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm at 84 Alford Road. (Discussion/Vote)
Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

N. Jeffrey Palfini/Boondocks Film Society for One Day All Alcoholic Liquor License for July 21, 2017 from 8:30 pm – 11:00 pm at GB Airport, 70 Egremont Plain Road. (Discussion/Vote)
Motion: Dan Bailly moved to approve the One Day All Alcoholic Liquor License.
Second: Bill Cooke
Vote: 3-1 Ed Abrahams

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SB - Vote to ratify Union Contracts AFSCME, Locals 204 (DPW) and (Library). (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to continue the union contract until a future meeting.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

B. SB - **Continuation** of Town Manager's Performance Evaluation. (Discussion/Vote)
Dan Bailly said the Town Manager is doing a good job overall. Ed Abrahams said that Jennifer's strong point is in the hiring process. Abrahams commented on the number of department heads that were replaced in the last year, all of whom seem to be succeeding. Steve Bannon said communication has been improving in the last few weeks.
Motion: Dan Bailly moved to recommend the Town Manager's Performance Evaluation as submitted.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Vote: 4-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB and GB Housing Authority – Joint Appointment of member to the GB Housing Authority until the May 2018 Town election. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to appoint Josh Risen to the GB Housing Authority.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Roll Call Vote: Steve Bannon; Yes, Dan Bailly; Yes, Ed Abrahams; yes, Bill Cooke; yes.

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to instruct the Town Manager to draft a letter to the Governor's Office recommending Jim Mercer as the State Appointee.
Second: Ed Abrahams
Roll Call Vote: Steve Bannon; Yes, Dan Bailly; Yes, Ed Abrahams; yes, Bill Cooke; yes.

B. SB - Recommendation to the Planning Board on Kearsarge Solar, LLC, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA on the special permit application to construct a commercial scale ground mounted solar array in an R-4 zone at 0 West Plain Road, Great Barrington (also

identified as Assessor's Map 31, Lot 23C) in accordance with Sections 9.12 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Dan Bailly moved to pass a positive recommendation to the Planning Board.

Second: Ed Abrahams

Vote: 4-0

8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

None

9. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

None.

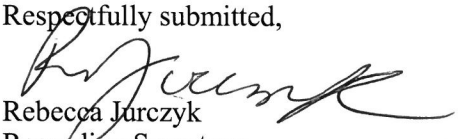
10. MEDIA TIME:

Berkshire Record, "Why was the Housatonic RFP deadline pushed back until the end of August?"
Steve Bannon said that one of the applicants requested the extension.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Dan Bailly, seconded by Ed Abrahams, with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary