

## SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

### PRESENT:

SEAN STANTON- absent  
STEVE BANNON  
DAN BAILLY  
ED ABRAHAMS  
BILL COOKE

### 7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 27, 2017 Regular Meeting.

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the Minutes from February 27, 2017.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote:** 4-0

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

A. General Comments by the Board.

None.

B. SB – Signing of Bond Anticipation Notes for Previously Approved Borrowing.  
(Discussion/Vote)

Karen Fink, Treasurer informed the Board that the Town intends to renew these bonds, totaling 2million dollars until October. After October these bonds will transition to permanent borrowing. Karen also discussed a loan for a sewer capital project awarded by the Mass Clean Water Trust. She asked the Board to sign bonds that will permanently finance the debt for this project. The Town Manager added that the interest rates for this borrowing are low. The Selectboard signed the approved borrowing bond notes.

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

##### A. Department Updates.

The Finance Committee hearing will take place Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Peter Dillion will present the BHR School District budget. The Proposed FY 2018 Budget has been posted on the Town website. Senior Center repairs are going smoothly; it is expected to reopen by the end of the week. The Town Manager thanked Berkshire South Regional Community Center for hosting lunches and providing day passes to the seniors. Ms. Tabakin also thanked Sean VanDeusen, Polly Salenovich, and Jennifer Bailly for facilitating the repairs. The Town Manager addressed the great work the Department of Public Works did with the recent storm. The extra hours spent plowing and removing snow from the sidewalks were greatly appreciated. Ms. Tabakin explained that we are over budget for snow and ice removal. However, this is a line item that permits spending into the deficit. We have had more ice this year than snow and many of the winter storms occurred beyond regular work day hours.

##### B. Project Updates.

#### 5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

##### A. Renewal of 2017 Wyantenuck Country Club Seasonal All Alcoholic Club Liquor License. (Discussion/Vote)

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the renewal of Wyantenuck Country Club All Alcoholic Liquor License.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

##### B. Robin M. Vickery/Great Barrington Fish and Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for April 23, 2017 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Great Barrington Fish and Game Clubhouse, 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the Great Barrington Fish and Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for April 23, 2017.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

##### C. Robin M. Vickery/Great Barrington Fish and Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for May 6, 2017 from 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm at the Great Barrington Fish and Game Clubhouse, 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the Great Barrington Fish and Game One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for May 6, 2017.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

##### D. Kenneth Krentsa/Berkshire Aviation for One Day Temporary Weekday Entertainment License for May 20, 2017 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm at 70 Egremont Plain Road. (Discussion/Vote)

Ken Krentsa, Airport Manager of Great Barrington Airport. The Town of Lee dedicated a flag pole to the airport. The flag pole dedication ceremony will now double as a fundraising event for the airport. There will be a band in the evening inside the hangar, a pig roast, overnight camping, and a pancake breakfast the following morning.

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve Berkshire Aviation for a One Day Temporary Weekday Entertainment License for May 20, 2017 with the understanding that they will comply with the DRT recommendations; food be permitted and coordinated as necessary through the Health Department, enough portable bathrooms be provided to accommodate the expected attendance, and temporary event signs will need permits from the building inspector.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

Ed Abrahams asked if this event is permissible in a residential neighborhood. The Town Manager said this question had been addressed with the legal counsel and it was determined to be allowable. The Town Manager compared this event to what the Rotary Club does annually at this location.

- E. Kenneth Krentsa/Berkshire Aviation for Two (2) One Day Common Victualler Licenses  
May 20 and 21, 2017 from Noon - 11:00 pm at 70 Egremont Plain Road.  
(Discussion/Vote)

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve Berkshire Aviation for Two (2) One Day Common Victualler Licenses May 20 & May 21, 2017 from noon- 11:00 PM with no activity other than camping between 9PM on May 20 and 7AM on May 21, 2017.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

- F. Kenneth Krentsa/Berkshire Aviation for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for  
May 20, 2017 from Noon - 11:00 pm at 70 Egremont Plain Road.  
(Discussion/Vote)

License was Withdrawn, no vote was taken.

- G. Lauren Clark/Board of Library Trustees for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for  
May 5, 2017 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Mason Library, 231 Main Street. (*Fee Waiver Requested*). (Discussion/Vote)

Ed Abrahams filed a conflict of interest form in the Town Clerks office, he is participating in the event.

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the Board of Library Trustees One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License on May 5, 2017 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm and to waive the fee.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. SB – Appointment of member to the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF).  
(Discussion/Vote)

Town Planner Chris Remold spoke on behalf of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force. Mr. Rembold said that the task force is now eleven years old and it is overdue for some re-organizing. This re-organization would remove the DPW superintendent as a voting member, allow the members to appoint alternates as needed, and include the Town Manager as an ex officio member.

Two members of the public have responded to the citizen at large application. Peter Franck and Kathleen Triem. Mr. Remold specifically thanked Christine Ward, Nina Evans, and Deb Phillips for their dedication and hard work over the last ten years.

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to re organize the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force in accordance with the revised charge of duties as written.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to appoint Kathleen Triem to serve as the citizen at large to the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force and Peter Franck as the alternate citizen at large.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-0**

- B. SB – Approve Alarm Abatements. (Discussion/Vote)

The Town Manager explained that billing for fire alarms is now handled through Munis program.

**Motion:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the listed approved alarm abatements.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote:** 4-0

Dan Bailly asked for further clarification because he noticed that some of these alarm bills were billed in error. Karen Fink responded that there was a spreadsheet that had not been properly updated. However, now that this has been inputted into Munis and billing will be more efficient and trackable. Karen added that the billing for alarm fees is sent out quarterly.

**7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

None.

**8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:**

Dan Bailly asked about the Housatonic RFP. The Town Manager said the packet will be presented to the Board in April.

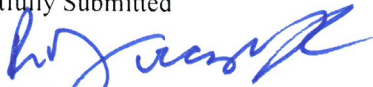
**9. MEDIA TIME:**

Colin Demarest, The Berkshire Record asked if the Town's insurance covered all expenses and whether or not the Senior Center was re-opened quicker than expected. The Town Manager said that the insurance did cover all expenses and is expected to re-open 2-3 days ahead of schedule.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion made by Dan Bailly, seconded by Ed Abrahams with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Recording Secretary  
Rebecca M Jurczyk