

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING *Minutes*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Sean Stanton
Steve Bannon
Ed Abrahams
Bill Cooke
Dan Bailly

ABSENT:

Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Selectboard Chair, Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

August 28, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the August 28, 2017 meeting minutes.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board.

Bill Cooke informed the Selectboard that the BRTA has bus stop shelters available if we have locations that would benefit having a shelter. Mr. Cooke said that the BRTA will install the shelters.

Ed Abrahams asked the Selectboard to vote and sign off on a conflict of interest waiver so he can take a job with the Berkshire Hills Regional School District. Mr. Abrahams clarified that his salary would come out of state funding and not town funding.

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the conflict of interest waiver after a municipal employee disclosed that he will be taking a position that involves another agency that receives municipal funding.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 4-0 –Ed Abrahams recused himself.

B. Update on GB Affordable Housing Trust Funding.

Bill Cooke is the Selectboard representative on the Affordable Housing Trust Committee. He said that the Housing Trust will apply for CPA funding for housing rehabilitation work. The Housing Trust will also look into organizing a down payment program for qualified applicants. Mr. Cooke requested, on behalf of the Housing Trust Committee, that when a property is taken by the Town for owed tax payments, the Housing Trust has an opportunity to consider the property before it goes up for auction.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates

The Town Manager said that in the near future share the road signs will be installed, these signs will help automobiles be mindful of cyclists.

- Required FEMA Classes

Chief Burger briefed the board on some emergency preparedness courses offered through FEMA that the Selectboard are required to take.

- Senior Center Updates on Programs

Polly Mann-Salenovich, Senior Center Director and guests spoke about the variety of amenities and programs offered at the Senior Center. All are welcome at the Center and you do not have to be a Great Barrington resident to participate in the activities offered there. Transportation to and from the Senior Center is available through SBETC and the BRTA.

- Grant for Heat Pumps

Michael Feldstein, a participant of the recently formed Energy Conservation Committee spoke about funding options for energy efficient heat pumps. Grants for these heat pumps prioritize low income applicants.

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to pursue the grant for heat pumps

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to appoint Michael Feldstein as the Heat Smart Coach

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

- Municipal Actions on Marijuana Legalization

Local governments can impose a local tax sur charge, restrictions on facility locations, and the number of facilities. Host Agreements could be negotiated on recreational facilities, but would have a cap of a 3% of sales tax. Mr. Stanton said the main questions and issues to address are questions regarding zoning. The Cannabis Coalition regulations will be released at the end of May 2018.

B. Project Updates.

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. Vicki Coons/Fairview Hospital for permission to use Town roads for the Annual Monster Dash 5K running race/walk on Saturday, October 28, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, start and

finish at Fairview Hospital's Out-Patient Rehabilitation Services (the old Condor Chevrolet site). (Discussion/Vote)

Steve Bannon disclosed that he, as an employee of Fairview Commons will not gain financially from this fundraiser event.

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the use of town roads for the Annual Monster Dash on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

B. Michelle Kaplan/Berkshire Ferments for Temporary Sunday Entertainment License for September 17, 2017 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Great Barrington Fairgrounds, 659 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the Temporary Sunday Entertainment License.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB – To Vote that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment be financed with the proceeds of a portion of the \$3,010,000 borrowing that was authorized at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4.

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the borrowing that was authorized at the Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2017, as follows:

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
VOTE OF THE SELECT BOARD**

I, the Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was unanimously passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of a portion of the \$3,010,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 1, 2017, Article 4, are hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Dump Truck	\$190,000	<u>7</u> years
Police Cruiser	100,000	<u>7</u> years
Communication Antennae	70,000	<u>7</u> years
Cemetery Truck	63,000	<u>7</u> years
Highway Skid Steer	55,000	<u>7</u> years

I further certify that the vote was taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in the office of the Town Clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of the town at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the vote were taken in executive session, and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dated: _____, 2017

Clerk of the Select Board

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

Tate Coleman, 142 Taconic Avenue, voiced his support of the BRTA bus shelters and signs. Mr. Coleman asked if there could be a bus stop sign posted at the Railroad Avenue and Main Street intersection.

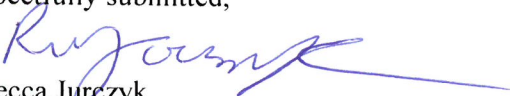
8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

9. MEDIA TIME:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca Jurezyk
Recording Secretary