

**SELECTBOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Sean Stanton  
Steve Bannon  
Ed Abrahams  
Bill Cooke  
Dan Bailly

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin

I. Call to Order

Chairman, Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

II. **Continuation** - Colonial Power Group Inc. re: Town's Municipal Aggregation.  
(Discussion/Vote)

The Department of Energy Resources reports that the average household uses 600kW of energy per month. The National Wind supplier of 100% green energy would likely cost residents about 60cents more per month than the standard National Grid non green energy product. Steve Bannon asked what the lowest 100% green option would be. It depends on the market but currently it would cost residents an additional 1cent per Kw per month, \$6.00, to switch to the 100% green energy supplier. Ed Abrahams clarified that this energy is not locally sourced. The renewable energy that is generated locally goes into the grid and Great Barrington would just buy into that renewable energy grid. Sean Stanton asked if signing on to this contract would help create more opportunities for renewable energy development. The Colonial Power Group representative answered that it does not necessarily create more opportunities for green energy development but it does help foster new job growth. Residents can always opt in or opt out of the green energy or the standard energy product.

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to sign a 24 month contract.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to choose the least expensive 100% green product assuming that it is lower than the National Grid standard product.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote: 4-1** Dan Bailly opposed

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract that was agreed upon in the previous motion.

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote:** 4-1 Dan Bailly opposed

- II. SB – Vote on Town Manager’s salary increase as per Sec. 4A and Sec. 5B of the-  
Employment Agreement.

Dan Bailly recused himself from the vote.

The Town Manager refused the 2% raise that is specified in her contract and will also be refusing the family medical insurance package.

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to accept the Town Manager’s request as per her Memorandum to the Selectboard

**Second:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote:** 4-0

- IV. Citizen Speak Time.

- V. Adjournment.

On a motion made by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, with a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary

