

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Sean Stanton
Steve Bannon
Ed Abrahams
Bill Cooke
Dan Bailly

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the February 26, 2018 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 4-0 - Ed Abrahams abstained.

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board

Ed Abrahams announced that the Board of Library Trustees was moving through an evaluation of the future of the Ramsdell Library and there will be informational sessions regarding the process. One of the informational sessions will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 3:00PM.

Ed also said the Town Manager's evaluation worksheet is complete and he will distribute them to the Selectboard members.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates.

Event announcements:

- A transportation planning forum, April 25th at 6:00PM at the Senior Center.
- A Heat Smart task force informational meeting, May 8, 2018.
- Railroad Street and Main Street improvements open house in May, date TBA

B. Project Updates.

Division Street paving projection to begin next week, a two month project. Two way traffic will continue throughout the paving.

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. American Legion Murphy-Leary Post 298 for permission to hold a Poppy Boot Drive on Main Street (between Gas House Lane and the entrance to JB Hull Oil) on Saturday, May 19, 2018 (Rain date May 26) from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

B. American Legion Murphy-Leary Post 298 for permission to hand out Poppies for donations in Great Barrington and in the Village of Housatonic during the month of May. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve
SECOND: Dan Bailly
VOTE: 5-0

C. JT Glover/Wrenegade Sports for permission to utilize town roads for the Farm to Fork Fondo - Berkshires Event on Sunday, September 30, 2018 as per map and route attached. (Discussion/Vote)

Bill Cooke requested that the Town accept the organizations offer to include the portion of the event taking place in GB on their private liability insurance.

MOTION: Ed Abrahams motioned to pass a positive recommendation with accepting the offer for liability insurance coverage.
SECOND: Dan Bailly
VOTE: 4-0 Steve Bannon abstained.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SB - Continuation of Review and Comment to the Building Inspector, per Sec. 9.3.11 of the Zoning Bylaw, regarding Notice from SBA Communications to add Sprint equipment to the existing wireless telecommunications tower at 425 Stockbridge Road (WSBS Cell Site). (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Ed Abrahams motioned to pass a positive recommendation to the Building Inspector.
SECOND: Dan Bailly
VOTE: 5-0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB – Waiver of Option of First Refusal on the 9.22 Acres of Ch. 61A property of Robert Coons, Trustee of the West Plain Road Farm Nominee Trust as shown on the Assessors Map 31, Lot 23-C. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to waive the right to first refusal option for the property currently assessed to West Plain Road Farm Nominee Trust, Robert A. Coons and Vicki J. Coons, Trustees; said agricultural lien pertaining to Assessor’s Map 31 Lot 23-C.
SECOND: Dan Bailly
VOTE: 5-0

B. Andrew Hare/Shopper’s Guide – Request to place Outdoor Newspaper Distribution Box on Main Street outside the Great Barrington Post Office on the sidewalk, just South of the entrance (near the other newspaper vending boxes). (Discussion/Vote)

Ed Abrahams highlighted the other requirements of the bylaw stating that no advertisements on the exterior of the vending boxes.

C. SB – 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. (Discussion/Vote)
Brandy Nelson, Planning Board Chair asked the Selectboard for specific concerns regarding the marijuana zoning bylaw. Steve Bannon suggested a joint meeting between the Selectboard and Planning Board to address the concerns of each board.
Dan Bailly said that he would like the Selectboard to be the Special Permit granting authority because there is much more to these businesses than zoning concerns. Sean Stanton said he was concerned

with allowing marijuana production by right in residential zones and would like to see those facilities go through a special permit process.

Brandy Nelson said that marijuana production is not a by right operation, businesses will first need an approved application from the State and a host agreement from the Selectboard. Ms. Nelson said that there are parallel processes and the Selectboard would be involved in the permitting of these businesses.

The Selectboard suggested adding a table of use into the warrant article.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to positively recommend for the Town Meeting Warrant Article 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, and 22

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to include Article 20 without Selectboard recommendation.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

D. Kate Burke and Bridgette Stone/Great Barrington Farmers Market to request permission to close Church Street to through traffic from Main Street to School Street and to Wave the parking enforcement on the north side of Church Street during market set-up and operational hours (7:00 am - 1:00 pm) on Saturdays during market season May 12 – October 27, 2018. (Discussion/Vote

Sean Stanton recuses himself. Mr. Stanton is a participating vendor in the GB Farmer's Market.

MOTION: Dan Bailly motioned to approve.

SECOND: Ed Abrahams

VOTE: 4-0 Sean Stanton recused.

8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

9. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

The Selectboard requested that Jennifer Tabakin set up a meeting with the Town Clerk and the Town Meeting Moderator to organize the flow of the meeting warrant articles.

10. MEDIA TIME:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, with a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary