

Selectboard Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2020

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\*\*\*\*\*ALL VOTES ARE ROLL CALL\*\*\*\*\*

6:30 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER: Town Manager, M. Pruhenski opened the meeting at 6:30 pm by reading opening and he then congratulated E. Abrahams on his Selectboard election win.
2. RE-ORGANIZATION:
  - A. Welcome and congratulations to newly elected Selectboard: B. Cooke made motion to appoint S. Bannon as Chairman and E. Abrahams as Vice Chair, K. Burke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, "aye"; K. Burke, "aye"; B. Cooke, "aye"; E. Abrahams, "aye"; S. Bannon, "aye"; All in Favor. 5-0.
3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:
  - A. General Comments by the Board.
    - E. Abrahams, he let the Board know the sign on the Foster's Lot stating, no parking Weekends or Evening.
    - He remind everyone about the Special Town Meeting deadline coming up..
4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:
  - A. Mr Pruhenski said there was not anything he needed to comment on tonight.
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
  - A. Continuation of Special Permit Application from MRI Investments, LLC for a medically supervised substance abuse detoxification facility at 438-446 Monterey Road, Great Barrington per Sections 3.1.4 B (10) and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. (Discussion/Vote)
    - Nick Areinti was on line, did not have anything new to add. C. Rembold spoke of the memo from Great Barrington Town Council about definition for the application. He continued by saying is a reasonable definition for the application.
      - Open Public Hearing
      - Explanation of Project
      - Speak in Favor/Opposition: No one spoke at this time.
      - Motion to Close or Continue Public Hearing: E. Abrahams made motion to close the public hearing at this time, B. Cooke, seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, "aye"; K. Burke, "aye"; B. Cooke, "aye"; E. Abrahams, "aye"; and S. Bannon, "aye"; All in Favor, 5-0.
      - Motion re: Findings: S. Bannon asked if there was any questions. E. Abrahams made mention, he referred to the page 2, C, that we did seek Town Council, opinion, he thought it would be good idea to ad: Board guided by the opinion of Town Counsel finds

- Abrahams made notice of a typo in sentence, last paragraph, finding: take out “not”....( Benefits do outweigh the....) .
- Abrahams made motion to approve the findings and fact of Special Permit number 907.20, as amended as referenced a Exhibit A; B. Cooke, seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.
- f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table: E. Abrahams motion to approved findings and facts to approve the Special Permit,B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “ aye”; All in Favor, 5-0. Special Permit is approved. Mr. Arienti thanked the Board.

#### 6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

##### A. Approval of Outdoor Dining for the following Restaurants: (Discussion/Vote)

- The Well Restaurant, Hilary Drucker, Manager, 312 Main Street
- Millers Pub, Christopher Brooks, Manager, 280 Main Street
- Tangier Café, Toni Bergins, Manager, 286 Main Street
- Cafe Adam, 420 Stockbridge Road,
- E. Abrahams made motion to approve the outdoor Liquor License for the above Restaurants, B. Cooke, seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams,”aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

##### B. 2020 May License Renewals, as per list attached. (Discussion/Vote)

- Real Estate Signs: E. Abrahams made motion to the approve the following Real Estate signs; Alden County Real Estate, Barn brook Reality, Berkshire Properties Agents, Brockman Real Estate, Cohen and White Associates, Friday and Co. Real Estate, Great Barrington Owner LLC., Helen Mullany Real Estate, Kinder Group Real Estate, Lance Vermullion Real Estate, Mc Cara Real Estate, Roberts and Associates Real Estate, Sandra Preston Real Estate, Stone House Real Estate, Wheeler and Taylor Real Estate, and William Pitt and Southbys Real Estate, B. Cooke, seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “ aye”; B. Cooke, “ aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon,”aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.
- Coin Operated Soft Drink and Food Machines, E. Abrahams made motion to accept the following coin operated drink and food machines at Simon’s Rock of Bard College, Fairview Hospital,Berkshire South Community Center, Cove Bowling, and Wind in the Pines; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke,”aye”; E. Abrahams,”aye”; and S. Bannon, recused ; 4-0-1. Passes.

#### 7. 7. NEW BUSINESS:

##### A. SB – Appointment of Selectboard representative or their designee to the Berkshire Regional Transit Advisory Board (BRTA). (Discussion/Vote) B. Cooke made recommendations for Tate Colman to become the BRTA Representative; E. Abrahams seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “ aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

##### B. David Gasser, Program Manager//Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) Request for a Waiver of Right of First Refusal for property owned by

Kimberly Cavanaugh, 4 Rose Court East (part of Blue Hill Commons Chapter 40B/Affordable Housing). (Discussion/Vote):

- Abrahams made motion to to waive Right of First Refusal, B. Cooke seconded, Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams,”aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

C. C. SB – Recommendation to the Planning Board on the Special Permit Application from Terrance Coughlin for permission to erect a freestanding sign in a residential zone at 98 Division Street for permitted bed and breakfast establishment.

(Discussion/Vote):

- E. Abrahams send a positive recommendation to the Planning Board, B. Cooke, seconded, Roll Call Vote, L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke,”aye”; E. Abrahams,”aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

D. SB – Proclamation – Systemic racism/Trust Policy and Establishment of Oversight Committee. (Discussion/Vote) K. Burke read the Proclamation.

- L. Davis thanked K. Burke for initiating this conversation. K. Burke, said that the proclamation came from the NAACP Demands of Process, it is things that are not necessarily that we are doing wrong, rather we are trying to make steps and promises as a Town. Not voting tonight, going to revise it. Kate Burke will talk over with Chief Walsh, about the Trust Policy. S. Bannon, recommended that the Board members to send recommendations to Kate, continued at July 13, 2020 meeting.

E. Set Date and Time for SB Goal Setting Meeting. (Discussion/Vote) S. Bannon, made suggestion for Monday, August 3, 2020.

8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

- A. Mae Rosè, supports K. Burke proclamation fully. She continued by saying that the Great Barrington as the opportunity to make a difference and to be a leader. Police Department Budget is oversized and overpaid for the population and crime rate. She said crime is usually out of desperation not malice.

9. SELECTBOARD’S TIME:

- A. E. Abrahams made mention of the Staff has been working hard and been responsive.

10. MEDIA TIME: None at this meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT: E. Abrahams made motion to leave meeting, to go to Executive Session for reasons described by Chairmen, and not return to the public meeting, B. Cooke seconded, Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0. Public Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jamie M. Minacci Recording secretary*