

**GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
& SELECTBOARD JOINT MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET
MAY 2, 2018, 5:00PM**

PRESENT

Sean Stanton
Steve Bannon
Dan Bailly
Ed Abrahams
Bill Cooke

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter Atwood
Tom Blauvelt
Janet Lee
Anne O'Dwyer – arrived at 5:15PM.

Town Accountant- Sue Carmel

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Sean Stanton called the meeting to order at 5:00PM
Tom Blauvelt called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 5:00PM

II. Finance Committee: Approval of Budget Transfers.

Town Accountant, Sue Carmel gave an overview of each Department's Budget Transfer.

MOTION: Walter Atwood motioned to approve the transfer of \$15,000 for the Town Accountant budget

SECOND: Janet Lee

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Walter Atwood motioned to approve the transfer of \$15,000 for the Town Treasurer budget

SECOND: Janet Lee

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Walter Atwood motioned to approve the transfer \$10,000 into the Police Department budget.

SECOND: Janet Lee

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Walter Atwood motioned to approve the transfer of \$4,000 into the Selectboard and Town Manager's budget.

SECOND: Janet Lee

VOTE: 3-0

- III. SB- Shannon Post/ Wandering Star Brewing for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for May 19, 2018 from 12:00- 5:00PM at 50 Castle Street, Great Barrington. (Discussion/ vote)**

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

- IV. SB- To Reconsider the I-2 Zone Regulations in the SB's proposed Amendment to Article 19 (Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (Discussion/ Vote).**

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to change the proposed amendment to Article 19 to reflect the I-2 Zone as No Marijuana Establishment, retail and medical marijuana treatment center, marijuana establishment cultivation and no marijuana establishment manufacturing.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

Sean Stanton asked for additional time to complete the Town Manager's evaluation. Mr. Stanton said he would like to finish this process soon after the Town Meeting.

- V. SB- Susan Smith/ Great Barrington Rotary Club for One Day Sunday Entertainment License for May 20, 2018 from 10:00am- 3:00PM at Butternut Ski Area, State Road. (Discussion/ Vote)**

Steve Bannon clarified that he is a member of the Rotary Club but does not have a financial interest or gain from this event.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

VOTE: 5-0

- VI. Citizen Speak Time**

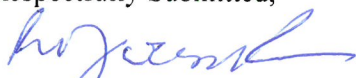
Mark Dufault 33 West Sheffield Road. Mr. Dufault said that he is concerned with how high property taxes are in Great Barrington and how fast they are increasing. He said a few years ago he paid about \$6,000-\$7,000 in taxes and now he is paying \$12,000 a year.

Sean Stanton said the Annual Town meeting is the following Monday and he encouraged Mr. Dufault to attend. Mr. Stanton mentioned that historically the School Annual budget drives the increase in taxes rather than the municipal budget.

- VII. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, with a unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 5:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk

Recording Secretary