

Selectboard's Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 23, 2018

6:00 PM - Executive Session

Town Hall, 334 Main Street

I. Executive Session called to order at 6 PM

Burke: absent

Cooke: present

Bailly: present

Abrahams: present

Bannon: present

Town Manager Tabakin: remote participation

Also Present:

Ed May - Building Inspector

Ilana Quirk, Town Counsel - via phone

II. The Selectboard continued its discussion regarding purchase of the property at 11 Roger Road as a way of settling the litigation of GJO, LLC v. Great Barrington ZBA and Town of Great Barrington. Members expressed concern about the environmental state of the property. There are evident environmental risks and concerns already existing on the property. An environmental clean-up may be necessary. If the cost of the environmental clean-up is too expensive, the Selectboard is aware that this would be grounds for walking away from a deal altogether.

III. Members agreed that GJO should leave the property quietly and not have any part in the future use of the property. The Selectboard wants this issue resolved as quickly as possible.

IV. The Selectboard discussed the authorization of the purchase and subsequent sale of the property at 11 Roger Road.

V. Motion by Abrahams to authorize the Board Chair, Steve Bannon, to act on the Board's behalf in pursuing the 11 Roger Road property.

Second: Bailly

VI. Roll Call Vote:

Burke: absent

Cooke: yes

Bailly: yes:

Abrahams: yes

Bannon: yes

Motion carried: 4-0

IV. Motion by Abrahams to authorize Board Chair Bannon and Town Manager Tabakin to release the information and details of the proposed purchase once the offer agreement has been signed by both parties (GJO, LLC and the Town of Great Barrington).

Second: Bailly

V. Vote

Burke: absent

Cooke: yes

Bailly: yes

Abrahams: yes

Bannon: yes

Motion carried: 4-0

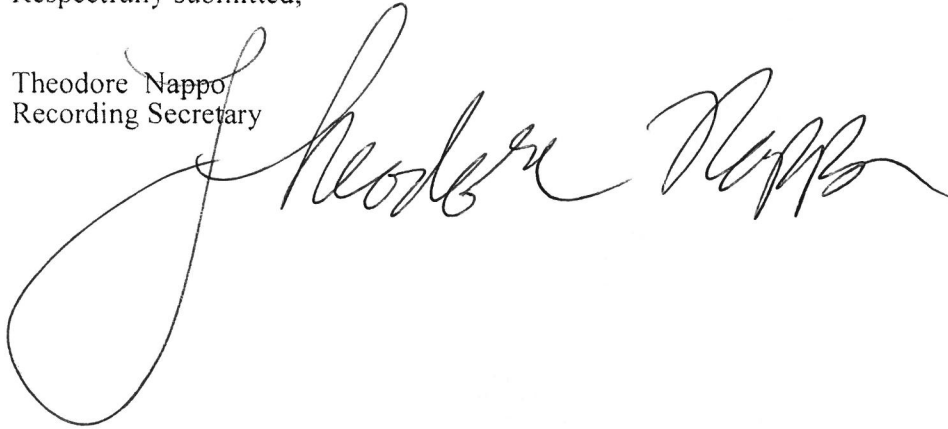
VI. If necessary, the Selectboard will meet in an Executive Session on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 to further discuss the issue of 11 Roger Road.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Abrahams moved to adjourn and return to the regular board meeting, Mr. Bailly seconded and the vote was Mr. Bailly, Mr. Abrahams, Mr. Cooke, Ms. Burke and Mr. Bannon saying yes. It was 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Nappo
Recording Secretary

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Theodore Nappo". The signature is written over the printed name and title.