

## **SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017**

**7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION**

**TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET**

### **PRESENT:**

Sean Stanton  
Steve Bannon  
Dan Bailly  
Ed Abrahams  
Bill Cooke

Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

### **7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

September 18, 2017 Special Meeting

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

#### **3. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS: Sewer Abatements**

(January 1 – June 30, 2017). (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon motioned to convene as the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

**SECOND:** Dan Bailly

**VOTE: 5-0**

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the temporary and permanent sewer abatements.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

**Vote: 5-0**

**4. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:**

A. General Comments by the Board.

**5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

A. Department Updates.

- Thank you to the Police Department for participating in the First Responder meeting at the Norman Rockwell Museum this past weekend.
- A re-routing detour on Rt. 183 will need to go up while the temporary bridge is removed. The detour will be needed for two consecutive days that have not yet been determined. The detour schedule will be weather dependent.

B. Project Updates.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. To consider the removal of a 10-inch maple tree, which is located about 35 feet north of the intersection of Pleasant Street and Main Street in front of the Mason Library, 231 Main Street on Town owned property shown on the Assessor's Map 13, Lot 237 in Great Barrington. (Discussion/Vote)

Ed Abrahams recused himself because he is an abutter of the Mason Library.

a. Open Public Hearing

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to open the public hearing.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

**Vote: 4-0**

b. Explanation of Project

Mike Peretti, Town Tree Warden. Mr. Peretti explained that the existing tree is not a healthy tree and needs to be replaced. Mr. Peretti said that Tom Ingersol has agreed to donate a similar tree as well as donate the time and labor to install it.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition

d. Motion to Close Public Hearing

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to close the public hearing.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

**Vote: 4-0**

e. Motion re: Findings

f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the removal and replacement of the 10-inch maple tree, located at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Main Street in front of the Mason Library.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

**Vote: 4-0**

B. GMK, Inc. d/b/a Risingdale Café, Gloria J. Hadsell, Manager for a Transfer of Common Victualler All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License to Angie's Place LLC d/b/a Risingdale Café, Angela Barbieri, Manager at 290 Park Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. (Discussion/Vote)

a. Open Public Hearing

**Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to open the public hearing.

**Second:** Dan Bailly

**Vote: 5-0**

b. Explanation of Project

Ms. Barbieri said that she would like to keep the Risingdale Café the same as it is now.

- c. Speak in Favor/Opposition
- d. Motion to Close Public Hearing
  - Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to close the public hearing.
  - Second:** Dan Bailly
  - Vote: 5-0**
- e. Motion re: Findings
- f. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table
  - Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the transfer of the Common Victualler All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License to Angie's Place, LLC.
  - Second:** Dan Bailly
  - Vote: 5-0**

## 7. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. Martha Brown/Green River Restaurant LLC d/b/a Marty and Jim Sandwiches and more for an Amended 2017 Common Victualler Licenses at Cove Bowling Lanes, 109 Stockbridge Road. (Discussion/Vote)
  - Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve the amendment.
  - Second:** Dan Bailly
  - Vote: 5-0**
- B. Rev. William P. Murphy/St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish/Corpus Christi Church for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for November 3, 2017 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at St. Peter's Center, 16 Russell Street. (Discussion/Vote)
  - Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to approve.
  - Second:** Dan Bailly
  - Vote: 5-0**

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SB and GB Housing Authority – Joint Appointment of member(s) to the GB Housing Authority. (Discussion/Vote)

Vera Cartier, the new director of the Great Barrington Housing Authority. Ms. Cartier recommends that the Selectboard nominate Jackie Sinico, Jim Mercer, and Karen Smith to the vacant Housing Authority Board positions.

Jackie Sinico, a three year resident of the Great Barrington Housing Authority Flagg Rock Village. Ms. Sinico said she would be honored to be on the Housing Authority Board.

Heidi Grunwald, a resident of Flagg Rock Village. Heidi would like to bring positive change and be more involved in the advancement of the Flagg Rock community.

Karen Smith, 5 Monument Valley Road. Ms. Smith said that this is a board that is need of strong guidance and leadership. Ms. Smith said that she believes she can be of assistance in getting the Housing Authority on a more productive path.

Robin Mathiesen, Bridge Street. Ms. Mathiesen said that she is a new resident of Great Barrington and would like to get more involved in the community.

Veronica Cunningham, Housatonic, MA. Ms. Cunningham said that she would like to rescind her letter of resignation. Ms. Cunningham said that she believes it is important for the Board to have a level of continuity, with a whole new board she would be the only one that would be able to do so.

Jim Mercer, Housatonic, MA. Mr. Mercer said that he is invested in the betterment of the Housatonic community.

Michelle Gilligan, 320 State Road. Ms. Gilligan endorsed the recommendation made by Vera Cartier that Jackie Sinico be nominated as a Great Barrington Housing Authority Board member.

  - Motion:** Steve Bannon motioned to appoint Karen Smith, Jackie Sinico and Jim Mercer to the Great Barrington Housing Authority Board to serve until the next Annual election in May 2018.

**Second: Dan Bailly**

**Vote: 5-0**

**9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

Karen Smith, Monument Valley Road. Ms. Smith encouraged all residents to go online and sign up for the Town's CODE RED notification system.

**10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:**

**11. MEDIA TIME:**

Eileen Mooney, asked if there could be a light installed in the Town Hall parking lot.

**12. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Town Manager's Conference**

MGL c.30A sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss legal strategy pertaining to wipes

Roll Call Vote

Reconvene into Open Session

SB Vote – to appoint the firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

The Selectboard did not convene into executive session; this agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion made by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, with a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary