

## SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

### PRESENT

Sean Stanton  
Dan Bailly  
Ed Abrahams  
Bill Cooke  
Steve Bannon- Absent

Town Manager- Jennifer Tabakin

### 7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly moved to approve the January 22, 2018 meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote:** 4-0

#### 3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board

Dan Bailly asked where the Board is with the process of the Town Manager's annual review. Ed Abrahams said there isn't an established timeline but he is working on the forms used in the review. Dan Bailly asked that the review is completed before Sean Stanton's term is up.

#### 4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates.

The Town Manager announced that the Fire Department has received several responses from the RFP for the Department Study. Chief Burger and the Town Manager are working to establish an advisory group to assist in selecting the consultant.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to appoint Ed Abrahams to the special advisory group.

**SECOND:** Bill Cooke

**Vote:** 4-0

The Town Manager announced that the law firm hired by the Town to assist with the union negotiations has reorganized to Valerio Dominello & Hillman, LLC. The Town Manager asked the Selectboard to approve the change in Attorneys.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly moves to approve Valerio, Dominello, & Hillman, LLC as the law firm used for union negotiations and laborer issues.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**Vote:** 4-0

The Finance Committee FY19 budget public hearing has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Ms. Tabakin gave an update on a possible "Flushable" wipes bylaw. Ms. Tabakin suggested the verbiage, "All current and future users of the Great Barrington are restricted from discharging any product other than toilet paper into the public sewer system." Sean Stanton said his position on the

matter is that there should be a bylaw banning the sale of “flushable” wipes or not passing a bylaw at all. Mr. Stanton said a ban of sale is enforceable whereas banning what people flush is not.

**B. Project Updates.**

**5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

- A. Berkshire Restaurant Group III, Inc./Vern M. Kennedy, 10 Castle Street for Change of DBA from **Castle Street Café** to **Number Ten**.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to approve the DBA change to Number Ten, Berkshire Restaurant Group III, Inc. on

**- 2018 All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License**

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

**- 2018 Common Victualler (Food) License**

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to approve the Common Victualler License

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

**- 2018 Annual Weekday Entertainment License**

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to approve the Annual Weekday Entertainment License.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

- B. Butternut Basin, Inc./Dave Ryel for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor License for March 17, 2018 from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 pm at 380 State Road, Great Barrington. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to approve

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

- C. Berkshire South Regional Community Center/Steven Leonard for permission to utilize the Walter J. Kolodza Airport (Great Barrington Airport), and sections of the roads for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk on April 8, 2018 from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to approve.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. SB – to approve the Resolution of the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District to apply to the Mass Cultural Council for designation of a Cultural District and to participate in the District. (Discussion/Vote)

Bill Cooke asked if there would be subsidies available to local artists once we have this designation. Mr. Rembold said grant funds do not come with this official designation but the Cultural District Council will have the option to pursue grant funding in the future.

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly moves to support the resolution.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

- B. SB – to Accept Preservation Restriction for St. James Place, Inc. (Discussion/Vote)

**MOTION:** Dan Bailly motioned to approve the restriction.

**SECOND:** Ed Abrahams

**VOTE: 4-0**

**7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

**8. SELECTBOARD’S TIME:**

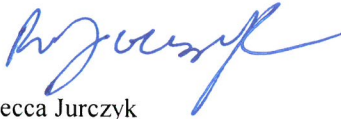
**9. MEDIA TIME:**

Heather Bellow from the Berkshire Eagle, asked for clarification on the RFP for the Fire Department. Ms. Tabakin said the RFP is to hire a consultant to assess what kind of staffing, resources, and materials are necessary to run the Fire Department. The consultant will also look into different avenues of management and suggestions on how to operate more efficiently.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk  
Recording Secretary