

**SELECTBOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2018, 4:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Selectboard:

Stephen Bannon
Dan Bailly
Ed Abrahams
William Cooke
Kate Burke

Town Manager – Jennifer Tabakin

4:30 PM – Open Meeting

I. Call to Order.

Jennifer Tabakin called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

II. REORGANIZATION:

- Welcome and Congratulations to Newly Elected Selectboard

Town Manager congratulated everyone who ran on the successful election.

Dan Bailly also congratulated everyone who ran and welcomed the new Board member Kate Burke.

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: Mr. Bailly moved to nominate Steve Bannon as Chair and Ed Abrahams as Vice Chair.

Second: Mr. Bannon

Discussion ensued – Mr. Abraham said it was a mistake for Mr. Bannon to be the Chair since he is also the Chairman of the School Committee of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District. Mr. Abrahams felt that it might be a conflict to serve on both boards and being a Chair of two bodies might be too much.

Mr. Cooke concurred with Mr. Abrahams.

Mr. Bannon advised that he checked with the appropriate offices and was informed that there was no conflict in him serving on both the School Committee and the Selectboard.

Mr. Bailley pointed out that Mr. Bannon has more experience. The Selectboard chair has no additional powers, he sets the agendas and runs the meetings.

Mr. Bannon said he would be happy to work with whomever the Board elects.

Motion: Mr. Cooke moved to nominate Ed Abrahams as Chair.

Second: Mr. Abrahams

Discussion: Ms. Burke stated she felt that it might be a good thing for Mr. Bannon to be the Chair, it would mean that the two boards can work together, and she did not see it as a conflict of interest.

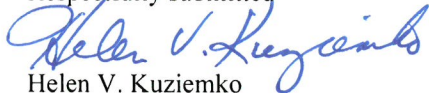
Vote: Mr. Bailly, Mr. Bannon and Ms. Burke for Mr. Bannon as Chair

Vote: Mr. Cooke for Mr. Abrahams as Chair

Vote Carried: 3-2 in favor of Mr. Bannon as Chair

- III. Michael Junkins/Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School for One Day Weekday Entertainment License for Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 11:30 pm at 70 Egremont Plain Road.
(Discussion/Vote)
Motion: Mr. Abrahams moved to approve.
Mr. Abrahams asked the Board to consider discussing the events at the airport at future meetings separately from any specific requests for events since the airport is not zoned to be an event venue.
Second: Mr. Bailly. He asked to keep the noise down out of respect for neighbors.
Vote: 5-0
- IV. Jeff Novick/Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School for One Day All Alcoholic License for Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 6:00 PM - 11:30 PM at 70 Egremont Plain Road.
(Discussion/Vote)
Motion: Mr. Abrahams moved to approve.
Second: Mr. Bailly. .
Vote: 5-0
- V. Jill Cancellieri for a Driveway Permit at 107 Christian Hill Road. (Discussion/Vote)
Motion: Mr. Abrahams moved to grant the Driveway Permit as per DPW Superintendent's requirements.
Second: Mr. Bailly.
Vote: 5-0
- VI. Citizen Speak Time.
Attorney Ira Kaplan asked the Board to allocate a handicapped parking spot at 47 Railroad Street by the former Martin's Restaurant. He mother will be living in one of the new apartments in the building and a handicapped parking space would be benefit all the residents.
- VII. Selectboard's Speak Time;
Mr. Cooke asked to add the Lake Mansfield Road paving to one of its agendas.
Mr. Bannon wants to hold a goal setting meeting for the Selectboard and the Town Manager in June.
- VIII. Eileen Mooney asked on the status of the bus routes.
- IX. Adjournment.
Mr. Abrahams moved to adjourn, Dan Bailly seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Helen V. Kuziemko
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