

## **SELECTBOARD'S MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

**7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION**

**TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET**

### **ORDER OF AGENDA**

#### **PRESENT**

##### **Selectboard Members**

Ed Abrahams  
Daniel Bailly  
Kate Burke  
Bill Cooke

##### **Town Manager**

Jennifer Tabakin

##### **Absent**

Steve Bannon

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** E. Abrahams called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 9, 2018 Special Meeting.

E. Abrahams specified the following edits prior to approval:

#2 Selectboard announcements

“methadone training” should be “mental illness interaction training.”

#5D Selectboard Policies and Procedures

Existing: “Members agreed it was appropriate for Selectboard members to answer straightforward questions from the public...”

Replace with: (changes in bold)

“Members agreed it was appropriate for **the clerk to respond directly to emails** to answer straightforward questions from the public...”

**MOTION:** D. Bailly

**SECOND:** B. Cooke

**VOTE:** 4-0, passed

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

#### **A. General Comments by the Board.**

- K. Burke gave information on Election Day and early voting.
- K. Burke noted that the last Farmer's Market was closed. SNAP and Fresh Market can be used in November, or held until next year.
- E. Abrahams: The Housatonic Library has been open on Sundays, and has been very popular. Over 120 attended the Halloween Event. The Movie *This is Home* will screen on November 3 at 7:00PM.
- E. Abrahams is seeking a space for a possible dog park or run. Volunteers to work on this are welcome and wanted.

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

#### **A. Department Updates**

- The Selectboard needs to schedule a meeting with DEP regarding Housatonic Water Works. Options are 11/15 or 11/19 during the day, or later hours are possible on 11/16 or 11/20.
- MASS DOT has issued an announcement of Public Hearing on Tuesday 11/20 at 7:00PM regarding the intersection/signal improvements on Route 7.
- We have received a 100K grant toward Downtown Improvements.

### **5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:**

#### **A. Robin Vickery/Great Barrington Fish and Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses for November 10, 2018 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)**

**MOTION:** D. Bailly

**SECOND:** B. Cooke

**VOTE:** 4-0, passed

#### **B. Robin Vickery/Great Barrington Fish and Game for One Day Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses for November 25, 2018 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at 338 Long Pond Road. (Discussion/Vote)**

**MOTION:** D. Bailly

**SECOND:** B. Cooke

**VOTE:** 4-0, passed

#### **C. Cynthia Joyner and David Pullaro/Fiddleheads Grille Inc. d/b/a Fiddleheads Grille for 2018 Common Victualler License at 999 Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)**

**MOTION:** D. Bailly

**SECOND:** B. Cooke

**VOTE:** 4-0, passed

### **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Michael Feldstein/Heat Smart Grant Report.**

Great Barrington was the only town outside of the Greater Boston Area to receive this grant. The fact that we are already "green" was likely in our favor. We received 76 sign-ups, but only one contract ended up being signed. Factors for this include the types of electrical boxes, insulation, sizes of homes, and assistance in obtaining for low to moderate income households was a very confusing process, even for those who are "experts".

- D. Bailly inquired if the low contract number would hurt future our chances of being invited to participate in future pilot programs. Mr. Feldstein does not believe so. The communication between parties was excellent, and they worked very well together.

- Cost was definitely a factor, and the banks working to finance were difficult to make contact with.
- Constructing more long-term outreach to retail and low income establishments and being able to assist is crucial. Administrators of these facilities have their plates full and cannot dedicate time to chasing and researching.
- SolarizePlus is another opportunity coming up soon, as are more rounds of the HeatSmart Grant. Great Barrington is in a good position to maintain leadership in the Western part of the state in regard to these programs.
- J. Tabakin inquired if we were able to approach new construction.
  - Yes, MF Construct was approached, but the timing was wrong.
- Natalie Narotzky (Citizen, Great Barrington) suggested the Board give incentives to install the heat pumps.
- An ongoing committee will be appointed by J. Tabakin as an expansion of the Green Committee. Public Education of these efforts is important, and Community Funding an important consideration.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. SB – Recommendation to the Planning Board on the application from Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire for a proposed multifamily housing project located at 910 Main Street (Route 7). The proposed project consists of 49 new apartments within five new buildings to be built on approximately two acres of the 8.7 acre property. The proposal is submitted in accordance with Section 9.13 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw, the Smart Growth Overlay District. (Discussion/Vote)

Not Present, Item skipped.

- B. SB – Recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals on the application of Jeff and Samantha Homeyer, 20 Lake Avenue, for a Variance from Section 3.2.2, item 4, of the Zoning Bylaw, in order to allow an accessory structure to be constructed less than 10 feet from the existing principal structure, on the property at 20 Lake Avenue. (Discussion/Vote)

- Jeff Homeyer explained his wish to construct a 1-car garage 6 feet from the side entry porch, rather than the required 10 feet.

**MOTION:** D. Bailly

**SECOND:** B. Cooke

**VOTE:** 4-0, passed

## **8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

- Walter Atwood, Great Barrington Fire District
 

Around November 1<sup>st</sup>, they will begin digging under the railroad tracks on Maple Avenue. This work will be in progress 24/7 until complete. It will result in the road being 1-way. There will be two police officers and one railroad person present at all times. Maple Avenue residents will be notified via CodeRED. No exact dates are available yet, but the contract held ends on 12/15, so the work will be completed by then.
- David Magadini, Great Barrington
 

Requesting permission to leave his cart at the Town Hall in storage when he needs to take the bus, as he is not allowed to bring it on the bus. He has also asked the Berkshire Housing Authority and TD Bank, both denied his request. This will be added to a future agenda for discussion.

**9. SELECTBOARD'S TIME: None**

**10. MEDIA TIME:**

- What is the date for the Fire Department Report to be presented? November 13, 2018
- When is the DOT Meeting? 11/20, 7PM

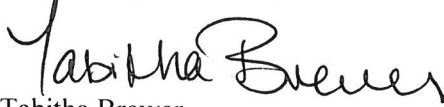
**11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:50PM**

**MOTION:** D. Bailly

**SECOND:** B. Cooke

**VOTE:** 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tabitha Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tabitha Brewer  
Recording Secretary