

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Sean Stanton
Steve Bannon
Ed Abrahams
Bill Cooke
Dan Bailly

Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 25, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the September 25, 2017 Minutes.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates.

- 2017 Town Census forms have gone out in the mail, please return them to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible.
- The chimney at Ramsdell Library is in need of repairs that were unforeseen. The work is moving forward and pending approval from the Historic Commission.
- The Pole Barn contract has been awarded.
- Benchmark will submit a statement clarifying the date they will begin the demo work on Bridge Street. The work is expected to start in November, 2017.
- The Town Manager was invited to give a presentation on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the High School during the For Freedoms Conference. The topic the Town Manager will present is how to get involved in local government.

- The Town Manager will be attending the EPA Brownsfield Conference in December. Attendance is a requirement for recipients of the Brownsfield remediation grant from which the town received \$300,000 this Spring.

- Introduction of new Police Officers

Chief Walsh introduced the new members of the Great Barrington Police Department.

Andres Huertas who graduated from the Massachusetts State Municipal Police Academy in June 2017. Mr. Huertas is the soccer coach for the boys JV team.

Olivia Cobb, the newest full time member of the department but has been working part time for about a year. Ms. Cobb will be attending the Massachusetts Police Training Academy in February. Ms. Cobb has represented the Great Barrington Police Department in the Pittsfield Special Olympics.

Elias Casey and Bradley Lupiani are in the training program and are currently reserve police officers. Mr. Lupiani owns a landscaping business in town and is currently pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Mr. Casey works for Cintas in Lee and is also a volunteer on the GB Fire Department.

Titan, the new police canine who was hired in March, just completed a four week narcotics detection program. Titan is a two year old Shepard from Hungary. Chief Walsh added that the canine program in Great Barrington is completely funded through donations. Ed Abrahams added there is a chance to meet the new police dog at the Mason Library on November 25, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Chief Walsh said he was glad to have all these new members on the team. Chief Walsh presented the Police Department Accreditation plaque to the Selectboard.

B. Project Updates.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. To act on the application of 4S Realty LLC/James E. Kimball, Jr. Inc. to amend the existing license for keeping, storage of crude petroleum or any of its products or explosive or inflammable fluids or compounds in accordance with Chapter 148, Sections 9 and 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws at 168 Main 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

Nick Arienti represented the applicants. The applicants are seeking to update the terms of the special permit issued in 2010 which allowed Kimball Oil to store 164 thousand gallons of number 2 fuel oil (home heating oil) on the premises. Ed Abrahams asked if a safety assessment has been as a part of the Special Permit application. Atty. Arienti said that assessment had been conducted during the special permit application, however the current Fire Chief is aware of the intended expansions and is reviewing the process as well as the Building Inspection.

c. Speak in Favor/Opposition

David Magadini, 334 Main Street. Mr. Magadini requested that if the applicant is allowed to store more fuel on the premises, the Selectboard should condition the license to require Kimball Oil to donate a portion of fuel to those homes in need of assistance, especially in the winter months.

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 application of 4S Realty LLC/ James E. Kimball, Jr. Inc. to amend the existing license for keeping storage of crude petroleum or any of its products or explosive or inflammable fluids or compounds in accordance with Chapter 148, Section 9 and 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws at 168 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

- A. Pascual Francisco/Donaji Mexican Restaurant LLC dba Donaji Mexican Restaurant for 2017 Common Victualler Licenses at 389 Stockbridge Road. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the 2017 Common Victualler License.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

- B. George Laye/The Guthrie Center for Four (4) One Day Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses for December 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 12:00 pm at the Guthrie Center, 2 Van Deusenville Road. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the Four (4) One Day Beer and Wine Licenses.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Continuation re: Housatonic School RFP – Memorandum of Agreement between Town and Grayhouse Partners, Inc. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to authorize the Town manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Selectboard and to report back to the Selectboard if there are any substantial changes made to the agreement.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Housatonic School Parking Site Plan.

Chris Rembold, Town Planner. Mr. Rembold briefed the Board on the assessments submitted by Foresight Engineering. Foresight focused on how to increase parking on the school premises without impacting the park, which Foresight confirmed can be done. Mr. Rembold also mentioned that a portion of the \$300,000 awarded by the EPA can be used to help assess the remediation needed for the redevelopment of the Housatonic School.

Mr. Stanton asked to have a meeting or future presentation to identify all of the potential properties and locations that could be recipients of the EPA grant money.

- B. SB – Appointment of two (2) members to the GB Agricultural Commission. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to appoint Krysia Kurzyca to the Agricultural Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to appoint Hilda Banks Shapiro to the Agricultural Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

- C. SB – Appointment of member to the GB Cultural Council. (Discussion/Vote)

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to appoint Michael Andelman to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

Bill Cooke said the traffic light on Taconic Avenue is flashing even if you are driving under the speed limit and said this may need to be addressed.

Sean Stanton requested that a meeting to discuss the strategic planning objectives should be scheduled for an upcoming meeting. The Board would like to offer opinions on what projects should be prioritized over others. The Board requested that the Town Manager give an update on the list of ongoing projects at the next meeting, November 27, 2017.

Sean Stanton offered his condolences to Derrick Gentile's family and friends. Derrick was a local reporter for the Berkshire Eagle who attended many of the Selectboard's meetings and was also a Great Barrington resident.

11. MEDIA TIME:

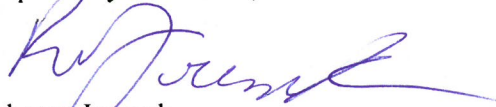
Joel Williams is the new Berkshire Record reporter. Mr. Williams replaced the former reporter Colin Demerest.

Eileen Mooney, The Newsletter. Ms. Mooney asked for an update on the BRTA signs and kiosks. Mr. Cooke said the BRTA is going to meet Thursday, November 16, 2017 and he will know more after that meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, with a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk
Recording Secretary