

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

PRESENT

Sean Stanton
Steve Bannon
Dan Bailly
Ed Abrahams
Bill Cooke

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:

November 27, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Dan Bailly was not present for the discussion/ vote.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the November 27, 2017 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 4-0

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. General Comments by the Board.

Ed Abrahams commented that the airport still has yet to come forward with an application for a special permit for the removal and replacement of the underground storage tanks. Mr. Abrahams said that the temporary fueling trucks are in violation of our bylaw. Steve Bannon said we need to figure out what the Airport means by temporary. Abrahams said that his objective in bringing this up again is that he is still concerned about the fuel tank activity within the water quality district.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Department Updates.

Tim Drumm, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Super Intendent will retire in February 2018. Bill Ingram will replace Tim Drumm as the Super Intendent.

Susan Carmel has been appointed as the new Town Accountant. Ms. Carmel was the former accountant for the City of Pittsfield. She has over twenty years in accounting both in the private and public sector.

The Town Manager thanked the Department of Public Works for the excellent job plowing the streets and sidewalks over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

B. Project Updates

- Revised FY 19 Budget Meetings Schedule. (Discussion/Vote)

Monday, January 29, 2018 @ 6:00PM

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 @ 6:00PM

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 @ 6:00PM

Tentative February 21, 2018 @ 6:00PM

Public Hearing- March 7, 2018

Motion: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the revised budget meeting schedule as proposed.

Second: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. W.E.Du Bois 150th Anniversary Group - to update the Selectboard on program plans and seek permission to locate banners on Main Street. (Discussion/Vote)

Gwendalyn Van Sant of the Multi-Cultural Bridge organization gave an overview of all the celebratory activities throughout 2018, the 150th birth year of W. E. B. Du Bois. Ms. Van Sant asked for the Selectboard to sign off on placing poster style banners on the electrical poles downtown. Jennifer Tabakin said she has prepared a Press Release, still in draft form, that could go out to help announce the different events.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to approve the pole banners as outlined.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SB – to Accept Covenant on the “Rubin Mill” property for Berkshire Pulse, 420 Park Street, Housatonic. (Discussion/Vote)

Jennifer Tabakin said this project was awarded CPA funding but needs an official sign off from the Selectboard.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to accept the Covenant on the Rubin Mill property for Berkshire Pulse, 420 Park Street, Housatonic, MA

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

B. SB Approval to apply to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for 2018 District Local Technical Assistance Grant. (Discussion/Vote)

Town Planner, Chris Rembold said this is critical funding for the assistance on important grants.

MOTION: Steve Bannon motioned to authorize the chair to sign the District Local Technical Assistance Grant.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

Vote: 5-0

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

Roger Bellanger, 43 Fairview Terrace, “what is the update on the Gary O’Brien Trucking?” Sean Stanton said that the Town Manager is in the process of finding council for the Selectboard to appoint. Mr. Bellanger asked if the neighborhood residents can be represented by the council appointed by the Selectboard. Sean Stanton said the neighborhood cannot be represented by the same council as an individual group. Mr. Stanton said that the Town shares many of the same interests as the neighbors so in a sense the concerns of the neighbors will be represented.

Ari Cameron, an employee of Multi-Cultural Bridge. Ms. Cameron wrote and read a letter expressing gratitude for the Town on the support of the 150th celebration and honoring W.E.B Du Bois’s life and accomplishments.

8. SELECTBOARD’S TIME:

9. MEDIA TIME:

Chris McDermont introduced himself as the new reporter for the Berkshire Record.

Eileen Mooney asked if updates from the 5 town cable advisory committee will be on an upcoming agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Steve Bannon, seconded by Dan Bailly, with a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca J. Frost
Recording Secretary