



## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

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### April 12, 2021 Regular Selectboard Meeting via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGUALR MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. December 7, 2020
    - i. Update item 5 from “Convene as Sewer Commissioners” to “Convene as Sewage Commissioners”.
  - b. December 21, 2020
  - c. January 11, 2020

E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, December 21, and January 11, 2021 meetings as amended; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.
3. SELECTBOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
4. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT
  - a. Housatonic Water Works
    - i. March 26, Cover Letter and Water Treatment Feasibility Study can be found on the town’s website.
    - ii. Thursday 4/22 at 6 PM – Next HWW meeting
  - b. Cultural Competency Training
    - i. M. Pruhenski expressed his thanks to committees for hosting and staff for attending.
  - c. St. James Place–Bus shelter/bench
    - i. There is a bus shelter/bench now located by the Town Hall/around the corner from St. James Place.
  - d. New Principal Assessor
    - i. Ross Vivori has been named as the new Principal Assessor.
  - e. Transportation Program
    - i. Transportation has been provided to Great Barrington and Housatonic, but now regionally as well (Alford, New Marlborough, Monterey, Stockbridge).
  - f. Fairgrounds
    - i. Fairgrounds board received an offer from Shulvert Enterprises to purchase and donate 15-20 acres of property to town.
    - ii. Shulvert Enterprises would clean up property and turn into mixed-use property.
  - g. Winter Parking Ban was lifted March 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. Mark Amstead for a Driveway Permit at 131 Lake Buel Road  
E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Driveway Permit for 131 Lake Buel Road; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

b. Thomas Flynn for a Driveway Permit at 7 Forrest Street  
E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Driveway Permit at 7 Forrest Street; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Big Y-Change of Beneficial interest in the All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses at 700 Main Street  
i. Mike Gold presented on behalf of Big Y/Table and Vine  
E. Abrahams made a motion to open the public hearing; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the change in beneficial interest of the All Alcohol Liquor License at 700 Main Street; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

b. DepartWine MA Retail LLC for a new Wine and Malt Package Store License at 28 Railroad Street  
E. Abrahams made a motion to open the public hearing; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

E. Abrahams made a motion to continue the public hearing to the April 26, 2021 meeting; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

c. The Coffee Bar LLC for a new All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 34 Railroad Street  
E. Abrahams made a motion to open the public hearing; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

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## 7. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONVENE AS SEWER COMMISSIONERS–FY22 Sewer Rate/Presentation by DPC Engineering (Discussion/Vote)  
E. Abrahams made a motion to convene as Sewer Commissioners; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- i. Dave Prickett and James Rivers of DPC presented the power point that was made available in the meeting agenda.
      - 1. D. Prickett explained that grants may ease increases to rates.
      - 2. L. Davis asked if there is a way to differentiate low-income seniors from the rest of the population. D. Prickett said that is a possibility.
    - ii. Town Staff will prepare summary and recommendation regarding senior discount and low-income discount.
- 8. E. Abrahams made a motion to open approve Option 1 to increase rates of year one; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- a. Division Street Bridge Updates–Tighe & Bond
  - i. Andrea Lacasse of Tighe & Bond presented the power point that was made available in the meeting agenda.
  - ii. This project will go to bid in September of 2021.
  - iii. Michelle Loubert, Division Street, stated that she is pleased with the sidewalk on the bridge. M. Loubert would like to town to consider a lighter weight-load for less truck traffic.
- b. Chief Storti- Vision for Future of GBPD
  - i. Working on community outreach
  - ii. Planning an open house
  - iii. Working on a police officer one-on-one program, that puts a face with the name
  - iv. Working with the schools
  - v. Program with senior center – personal information magnet for refrigerators
  - vi. Crisis Intervention Team Training – over 50% of the department
- c. CDC–2-acre parcel on Bridge Street
- d. Trust Policy and Police Oversight Committee Charter
  - i. Erica Mielke requested that the committee be made up of diverse selection of members.

E. Abrahams made a motion to form a trust committee, asking staff to report back with details on reporting and post committee; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- e. Cultural Council Appointment
    - i. Cultural Council Appointment will be revisited during April 26, 2021 meeting.
  - f. Southern Berkshire Ambulance- Appointment of town representative
- E. Abrahams made a motion to appoint Chief Charles Burger as town representative of Southern Berkshire Ambulance for a 6-month period; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; L. Davis, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; E. Abrahams, “aye”; and S. Bannon, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- g. Town Manager Annual Performance Evaluation
  - i. An updated copy was sent to board members on April 13, 2021. The evaluation is due back by April 26, 2021.

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME

- a. 22 participants (13 attendees and 9 panelists) are present at this meeting.
- b. K. Burke requested that there be a Trust Committee posting on social media, and town attendance for meeting in which committee members are appointed.

11. MEDIA TIME

12. ADJOURNMENT Chairman Bannon adjourned meeting by unanimous consent at 7:53 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Brooke M. Morehouse*  
*Recording Clerk*