



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

July 26, 2021 Regular Selectboard Meeting via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Bannon opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, those “present” via zoom: Ed Abrahams, Leigh Davis, Eric Gabriel, Garfield Reed, and Town Manager, Mark Pruhenski.

2. SELECTBOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

- a. Garfield Reed reminded that a Relay for Life event will be taking place September 17th and 18th in Pittsfield, MA. Relay for Life benefits the American Cancer Society and is an important program.
- b. Ed Abrahams attended the most recent Berkshire Busk and stated that it was a wonderful event to attend for community members. E. Abrahams also shared his condolences to the Great Barrington Police Department and the community for the loss of Office Beko, the police departments emotional support K9.

3. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Housatonic Water Works
 - i. Second presentation from DPC scheduled for August 9th
- b. Zoning Enforcement Updates
 - i. 2 cease-and-desist orders have been issued to residential properties that hosted commercial events (250 Long Pond Road and 145 Hurlburt Road).
- c. State Road/Main Street Bridge (update)
 - i. Waiting for contractors to complete painting
- d. Housatonic Neighborhood Meeting
 - i. Separate meeting from the regular neighborhood meeting will be held regarding Housatonic Water Works
- e. Housatonic School
 - i. Tarping of the school will be done by Winter
- f. Trust Policy Committee update
 - i. Advertisement was posted on Facebook and town website dated February 2, March 18, and June 14
 - ii. One resident from Stockbridge and one resident from Alford are interested
 - iii. L. Davis suggests sending the advertisement directly to MultiCultural Bridge
- g. Library reopening update
 - i. Both Mason and Ramsdell Libraries are operating at pre-Covid hours again
- h. Code Red Alerts
 - i. Citizens should sign up for this alert (using name and phone number) to received email, text, and phone call notifications regarding town info. Those that need assistance can call town hall to sign up as well.

- ii. Dagan Diaz stated that Code Red was bought by Onsolve.com. As a result, alert messages are now going to spam.

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. George Laye/The Guthrie Center for One Day Beer and Wine License for The Guthrie Family Show at 2 Van Deusenville Road, Great Barrington on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 8:00 PM to 10 PM.

L. Davis made a motion to approve the One Day Beer and Wine License for The Guthrie Family Show; E. Abrahams seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; E. Gabriel, “aye”; L. Davis, “aye”; and G. Reed, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- b. Jake Samascott/Nine Pin Ciderworks LLC for a Farmer Winery to sell at Great Barrington Farmer’s Market at 18 Church Street, Great Barrington from July 31, 2021 through October 30, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

L. Davis made a motion to approve the One Day Beer and Wine License for the Farmer Winery to sell at Great Barrington Farmer’s Market; E. Abrahams seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; E. Gabriel, “aye”; L. Davis, “aye”; and G. Reed, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- c. Abigail Rollins/Berkshire Opera Festival for One Day Beer and Wine License for the Falstaff Cast Party at 352 Main Street, Great Barrington on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the One Day Beer and Wine License for the Falstaff Cast Party; E. Gabriel seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; E. Gabriel, “aye”; and G. Reed, “aye”; All in Favor, 4-0 (L. Davis recused herself from the vote).

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Berkshire Health Group – Appointment

L. Davis made a motion to appoint Alicia Dulin to the Berkshire Health Group board of directors; E. Abrahams seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; L. Davis, “aye”; E. Gabriel, “aye”; and G. Reed, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- b. Proclamation to Celebrate National Disability Independence Day

L. Davis made a motion to approve the Proclamation to Celebrate National Disability Independence Day; E. Abrahams seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; L. Davis, “aye”; E. Gabriel, “aye”; and G. Reed, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- c. Request to subordinate a Real Property lien from CDBG FY14 Housing Rehabilitation program and for Mark to sign the subordination

L. Davis made a motion to subordinate a Real Property lien from CDBG FY14 Housing Rehabilitation program and to approve Mark Pruhenski signing the subordination; E.

Abrahams seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; L. Davis, “aye”; E. Gabriel, “aye”; and G. Reed, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

6. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

7. SELECTBOARD’S TIME

- a. 20 participants (15 attendees and 5 panelists) are present at this meeting.

8. MEDIA TIME

9. ADJOURNMENT Chairman Bannon adjourned meeting by unanimous consent at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke M. Morehouse

Recording Clerk