

Selectboard Regular Meeting via Zoom
Monday, September 12, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

- a. Roll Call - Chairman Bannon opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Roll call: Ed Abrahams, “aye,” Steve Bannon, “aye,” Leigh Davis, “aye,” Eric Gabriel, “aye.”
Absent: Garfield Reed
Additional attendees: Town Manager Mark Pruhenski

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 3, 2022
- b. May 23, 2022
- c. July 20, 2022
- d. July 25, 2022
- e. August 22, 2022

L. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, May 23, July 20, July 25, and August 22, 2022: E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – E. Abrahams stated he did not attend the August 22 meeting, but has watched the video recording and will be voting. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor 4-0.

3. SELECTBOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

- a. E. Gabriel thanked the Housatonic Water Works protest organizers and peaceful protesters at Town Hall. He also stated Housatonic Party in the Park is planned for October 1st 11:00-3:00pm with live music, performances, food and family fun.
- b. L. Davis also thanked the peaceful protestors and stated a meeting of the Selectboard-Planning Board Housing Subcommittee will be held next Tuesday at 1:00pm and the agenda is posted.

4. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Housatonic Water Works – M. Pruhenski acknowledged it is a challenging time for Housatonic residents and the Town has been copied on multiple requests to the DEP for site-specific water testing as was the Board of Health. He stated the Selectboard was in executive session last on August 22 and that a public statement is being drafted with Town Counsel and will be released soon. He also noted the bottle ban was lifted for village merchants and a press release went out last month – he clarified it is only for the five merchants in Housatonic. He expressed hope that this small gesture will bring some relief to Housatonic residents while other remedies are being considered.
 - i. L. Davis asked about providing water trucks for Housatonic residents – M. Pruhenski stated discussion can be continued at the next executive session, but there is a need to identify funding.
- b. Add on item: Short-term Rental Bylaw – M. Pruhenski provided an update on next steps for the Short-term Rental Bylaw compliance and enforcement measures - live demos of compliance software which are in process to be followed by pricing proposals and the procurement process - which should be finished this week and a request for funds from the Finance Committee should occur next week with the goal of launching on January 1.

5. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Janis Martinson of the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for a Country Music Concert – Temporary Weekday Entertainment License for Monday October 10, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Gazebo 334 Main Street

- i. J. Martinson stated this is a reprise of last year's free concert and has been approved by the Parks Commission.

L. Davis made a motion to grant a Temporary Weekday Entertainment License for Monday October 10, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for a Country Music Concert; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, "aye," S. Bannon, "aye," L. Davis, "aye," E. Gabriel, "aye." All in favor 4-0.

- b. Josh Billings Runaground Triathlon c/o Patty Spector for the 46th Annual Great Josh Billings Runaground, seeking permission use Town Roads on Sunday September 18, 2022 from 9:30 AM.

L. Davis made a motion to grant the Great Josh Billings Runaground permission to use Town roads on Sunday September 18, 2022 from 9:30 AM; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – S. Bannon stated there is a request to check for any large potholes along the route – M., Pruhenski stated he would check. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, "aye," S. Bannon, "aye," L. Davis, "aye," E. Gabriel, "aye." All in favor 4-0.

- c. Karen Beckwith of Great Barrington Fish and Game, 338 Long Pond Road, Annual Turkey Shoots for a One Day Beer & Wine License for 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13 and 11/20/22 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM.

L. Davis made a motion to grant One Day Beer & Wine License for 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13 and 11/20/22 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM to Karen Beckwith of Great Barrington Fish and Game for the Annual Turkey Shoots; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, "aye," S. Bannon, "aye," L. Davis, "aye," E. Gabriel, "aye." All in favor 4-0.

- d. Patrick Hollenback of the Library Trustees for a One Day Beer and Wine License for their Welcome Party event, October 7, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM at 231 Main Street

- i. E. Abrahams stated he filled out the Appearance of Conflict of Interest form because Friends of the Libraries, for which he serves as President, is co-sponsoring the event.
 - ii. P. Hollenback stated this event to be held 6:00-8:00pm is to welcome and celebrate the new library director, Samara Klein.

L. Davis made a motion to grant a One Day Beer and Wine License to the Library Trustees for the Welcome Party event, October 7, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – L Davis added to the motion: and waive the fee; E. Abrahams seconded. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, "aye," S. Bannon, "aye," L. Davis, "aye," E. Gabriel, "aye." All in favor 4-0.

- e. Angela Lomanto of the Great Barrington Housatonic Improvement Committee for a one day temporary weekday Entertainment permit at the Alice Brubiski Playground for October 1, 2020 from 11 AM to 3 PM.

- i. A. Lomanto stated this is for a family/picnic/entertainment event in Housatonic.

L. Davis made a motion to grant one day temporary weekday Entertainment permit at the Alice Brubiski Playground for October 1, 2020 from 11 AM to 3 PM to the Great Barrington Housatonic Improvement Committee and waive the fee; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – S. Bannon stated the only time the fee is waived, by policy, is for Town-sponsored events. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, "aye," S. Bannon, "aye," L. Davis, "aye," E. Gabriel, "aye." All in favor 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. SB Vote to appoint Mary Stephen to the Tree Committee

L. Davis made a motion to appoint Mary Stephen to the Tree Committee; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor 4-0.

b. SB Vote to appoint JB Brodeur to the Design Advisory Committee

L. Davis made a motion to appoint JB Brodeur to the Design Advisory Committee; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor 4-0.
S. Bannon thanked both individuals for their service to the Town.

S. Bannon stated there are 5 panelists and 14 attendees at the meeting.

7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME - none

8. SELECTBOARD’S TIME - none

9. MEDIA TIME - none

10. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Bannon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Recording Clerk