

Selectboard Regular Meeting via Zoom  
Monday, June 21, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING - Chairman Bannon opened the meeting at 6:00pm; those present via zoom: Ed Abrahams, Leigh Davis, Eric Gabriel, Garfield Reed. Town Manager Mark Pruhenski.

S. Bannon stated the Special Permit for 250 Long Pond Road has been withdrawn and would not come up at this meeting.

2. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

- a. L. Davis stated concern that signs at Lake Mansfield were defaced and she thanked M. Pruhenski and Sean VanDeusen for the placement of no idling signs at the lake.
- b. S. Bannon suggested the Selectboard do a neighborhood meeting in Housatonic with Town staff there – a Monday in August would work. Calendars will be checked and it will be publicized in advance.

3. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Housatonic Water Works – M. Pruhenski reported that AECOM will present at the Selectboard's next meeting on July 12. It will be publicized via social media to Housatonic residents.
- b. Welcome new Treasurer/Collector – M. Pruhenski introduced Alicia Dulin and shared her professional background and experience. A. Dulin attended and stated she was excited to be in the role and to help the office increase efficiency and stay on track. The Selectboard members welcomed her.
- c. Board/Committee Meetings Update – M. Pruhenski reminded board/committees that they can continue to meet remotely or use a hybrid model – it is at the discretion of the Chair.
- d. Public Works Projects Updates – Sean VanDeusen provided an update on projects going to bid, approved, and in progress - including boiler replacement at Ramsdell Library; multiple street/parking lot paving; Housatonic Rail Trail, River Walk and CHP trail upgrades; crosswalk safety feature additions; Police Department generator and Transfer Station compactor replacement; Housatonic School roof tarping/windows; Town Hall steps and many more.
  - i. L. Davis inquired if the Triplex lot was expanding – S. VanDeusen replied no. She also asked about installing a median on Main Street – S. VanDeusen replied it is being evaluated along with other options. In addition she asked what is the timeline for the Housatonic School repairs – S. VanDeusen replied August/September.
  - ii. G. Reed asked about the costs associated with the multiple paving projects – M. Pruhenski replied that funding was approved long ago, but work was delayed due to COVID.
  - iii. E. Gabriel asked about completing final work on Housatonic pedestrian crossings. S. VanDeusen stated it would be done in 2-3 weeks.

S. Bannon noted there were 6 panelists and 17 attendees at the meeting

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L. Davis made a motion to open the Public Hearing; E. Abrahams seconded. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, "aye," S. Bannon, "aye," L. Davis, "aye," E. Gabriel, "aye," G. Reed, "aye." All in favor, 5-0.

- a. Continuation, Jeff Caminiti/20 Public House for change of manager
  - i. S. Bannon asked if the applicant was present – he was not.

L. Davis made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to July 12.

Approved on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the application.

S. Bannon stated he would like to hear from the applicant – a decision was made to hold the matter until the end of the meeting.

~~b. WITHDRAWN: Special Permit application from Kenneth Alpart, 15 Daisy Place, Tenafly, NJ of 250 Long Pond Road, for a moderate income home occupation at 250 Long Pond Road, Great Barrington in order to host events on the property, per Sections 3.1.4 G(9), 3.3, and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.~~

~~i. Open Public Hearing~~

~~ii. Explanation of Project~~

~~iii. Speak in Favor/Opposition~~

~~iv. Motion to Close or Continue Public Hearing~~

~~v. Motion re: Findings~~

~~vi. Motion re: Approval/Denial/Table\*~~

L. Davis made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the Special Permit application from Kenneth Alpart for 250 Long Pond Road without prejudice; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion - G. Reed inquired if the application withdrawal approval could be made with prejudice. S. Bannon replied it is without prejudice so applicant can come back with the same or different proposal – and the Selectboard would hear it.

Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “no.”

Motion passes, 4-1.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Housatonic Improvement Committee Updates – S. Bannon stated it would be held until the end of the meeting.

b. One Planning Board Alternate Appointment – M. Pruhenski stated the item should be tabled until the Planning Board makes a recommendation.

c. Two Lake Mansfield Task Force Appointments – M. Pruhenski asked to approve a member to join the Lake Mansfield Task Force to replace Bill Cooke and fill a Citizen-at-Large position.

i. One Citizen at Large - Cindy Shoenfeld who lives at Lake Mansfield expressed her interest in joining the board.

L. Davis made a motion to approve Cindy Shoenfeld for a Citizen-at Large appointment to the Lake Mansfield Task Force; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion –

E. Abrahams pointed out that the Task Force members live on the lake and expressed concern because there is a need for additional parking at the Lake which the members who live close may not realize. He was also concerned about the optics of a committee made up solely of lake residents.

Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 5-0.

ii. One Selectboard Representative – S. Bannon appointed L. Davis to the Lake Mansfield Task Force.

d. FY22 Annual Reappointments, as per list attached

L. Davis made a motion to approve FY22 reappointments (names and committees/boards read individually – list attached); 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,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 5-0.

e. Appointment to the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority - L. Davis made a motion to approve the reappointment of Tate Coleman to the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority; 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,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 5-0.

Public Hearing continued –

a. The Selectboard revisited the Public Hearing for Jeff Caminiti/20 Public House for change of manager.

i. S. Bannon asked if the applicant was in attendance – there was no reply.

L. Davis made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to July 12 at 6pm. 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,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 5-0.

ii. G. Reed asked if the Selectboard was giving the applicant too much time. S. Bannon stated the venue has to have a manager to serve liquor.

iii. L. Davis asked if they were serving liquor now? M. Pruhenski pointed out there is often transition time between managers and if there is an issue with liquor service it is a question for the ABCC.

Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “no.”

Motion passed, 4-1.

New Business continued

a. Housatonic Improvement Committee Updates

i. Dan Bailly provided an update – he stated scheduling the charette for the Housatonic School was delayed in finding a date for the architects to gather. He stated they expect to schedule it for late Sept/early Oct. He noted the HIC is working on its recommendations - and they anticipate completing the charette and confirming recommendations for the Selectboard by the end of October. In addition, he reported that the HIC continues to connect with and update Housatonic residents via social media re: Housatonic Water Works and sidewalks. He also stated the HIC inquired about pedestrian crosswalks at Pleasant and Main Streets.

ii. L. Davis stated she had heard concerns from residents that work was not progressing quickly enough. She asked what is the purpose of the charette? D. Bailly stated it is to add a design component and to explore how the building can be used physically.

iii. S. Bannon stated he would like recommendations by the October 25 Selectboard meeting.

iv. E. Gabriel stated that work is coming to an end, and would not want to rush it at this important juncture.

v. M. Pruhenski stated that pedestrian crosswalk signs were ordered for the corner of Pleasant and Main and will be placed soon.

vi. L. Davis asked about Housatonic beautification - flower boxes especially. E. Gabriel stated he had been in conversations with Housatonic the Beautiful Fund about planters in town and at the bridge - they are deciding how to move forward.

## 6. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

a. Eileen Mooney asked if the October 25 meeting was the deadline for final HIC recommendations to the Selectboard? S. Bannon stated, yes.

b. Elizabeth Rockefeller, 284 Park Street N, stated that her water in Housatonic was dirty again this week and asked for the Selectboard’s help to address.

c. Dan Wojcik, 1 Roger Road/253 Long Pond Road, as an abutter of 250 Long Pond Road inquired about the enforcement of the Cease and Desist order which he stated the owner has ignored. M. Pruhenski replied a new Cease and Desist order is being issued and the Town will stand behind it. D. Wojcik asked who can residents contact? M. Pruhenski replied, the building inspector/zoning enforcement officer and/or the Police Department.

d. Susan Segall, 263 Long Pond Road, stated that the situation at 250 Long Pond Road is intolerable

for her as an across the street neighbor. She stated that for five years the owner of 250 Long Pond has been running a commercial enterprise in a residential neighborhood. She also stated in May-September there is loud noise, intrusive event guests and fireworks which presented a fire hazard—and that the owner intends to continue marketing the venue and holding events.

- e. Trevor Forbes, 325 North Plain Road, stated that the owner of 250 Long Pond Road is still advertising the venue on his website and is holding events without proper permitting. He asked did the Town have enough evidence to enforce the Cease and Desist Order? M. Pruhenski stated there is enough information and the cease and desist order will be issued. The owner can appeal and that will trigger a Public Hearing.
- f. Michelle Loubert, 70 Division Street, expressed concern about recent violations of special permits that are not followed up on/enforced by the Town.
- g. Denise Forbes, 325 North Plain Road, noted Housatonic water was bad all week and undrinkable – she asked for a Selectboard response to help the situation. She also expressed interest in joining the Housatonic Improvement Committee.
- h. Tony Passetto commented that the Housatonic sidewalks are great. He also asked about the entrance to Monument Mountain School and stated concerns about the dangerous turn.
  - i. L. Davis stated that meetings are occurring to discuss this issue and look at possible solutions.

#### 7. SELECTBOARD'S TIME

#### 8. MEDIA TIME

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Bannon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow  
Recording Clerk

First Name	Last Name	Board Name	Term End Date
Requested to be Reappointed			
FRED	CLARK	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	30-Jun-21
WILLIAM	COOKE	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	30-Jun-21
GARFIELD	REED	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	30-Jun-21
ELLEN	SMITH	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	30-Jun-21
JEANNE	BACHETTI	COMMISSION ON DISABILITY	30-Jun-21
G. PATRICK	HOLLENBECK	COMMISSION ON DISABILITY	30-Jun-21
KATE	VAN OLST	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	30-Jun-21
PATRICK	BARRETT	CULTURAL COUNCIL	30-Jun-21
TATE	COLEMAN	CULTURAL COUNCIL	30-Jun-21
ELLEN	SHANAHAN	CULTURAL COUNCIL	30-Jun-21
KURT	BARBIERI	FENCE VIEWER	30-Jun-21
BERNARD	DREW	FENCE VIEWER	30-Jun-21
DONALD	HOWE	HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	30-Jun-21
MARILYN	BISIEWICZ	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	30-Jun-21
MALCOLM	FICK	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	30-Jun-21
GARY	LEVEILLE	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	30-Jun-21
MICHAEL	PERETTI	TREE COMMITTEE	30-Jun-21
JOHN	KATZ	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	30-Jun-21