

Selectboard Regular Meeting via Zoom
April 11, 2022

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, Assistant Town Manager, Chris Rembold.

S. Bannon stated there would be no Short-Term Rental discussion including citizen speak until there is clearance from Town counsel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 28, 2022

L. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022; 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. March 30, 2022

L. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 2022; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked if any discussion –

- i. L. Davis stated she had reviewed the meeting video and asked that that section 2,c reflect comments verbatim and be amended as follows: E. Abrahams stated that in advance of the Short-Term Rental discussion he completed the conflict of interest form and contacted the State Ethics Commission whose ruling was that recusal was not required. E. Abrahams stated he received the email from “Allison” the day before the meeting, but did not forward it to the board because it would be then public. E. Abrahams stated he contacted the State Ethics Commission who advised him to then recuse as an abutter due to the information contained in the email - and he formally recused himself. E. Abrahams stated he does not know the person who emailed him, but he knows the individual’s last name because the original email he received had the last name on it.
- ii. E. Abrahams stated this was not entirely accurate – he stated he did not send it out because she said she was sending it out to the entire board – that is the reason he did not forward it, not because he was advised. He stated he told her if she forwarded it to the entire board it would be public – she stated she would forward it. He stated he did not say that was why he did not forward it. E. Abrahams objected to adding the comments that were suggested by L. Davis without first seeing the video.
- iii. L. Davis asked that what she read into the record remain in the minutes - S. Bannon confirmed, but stated E. Abrahams can clarify it is not what he meant to say. He also noted the email became a public document once it was received by E. Abrahams as a board member.
- iv. The motion to approve the March 30, 2022 minutes was withdrawn and the Selectboard agreed to review the video.

3. SELECTBOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

- a. E. Gabriel stated the last winter market of the season will take place on Saturday, April 16, 10am-2pm at the Housy Dome and encouraged the public to come by.
- b. L. Davis announced No Mow May and shared information on the initiative and environmental benefits of not mowing lawns in May to improve the habitat for pollinators. She also stated she had made a public records request for emails between E. Abrahams and “Allison.” E. Abrahams offered to provide the email directly.

4. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. M. Pruhenski stated he had an add-on item – he announced Sean VanDeusen would be stepping down as DPW Superintendent to take a similar role in Longmeadow, MA. He offered thanks for S. Van Deusen’s years of service and wished him well in his new position.

5. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Annual spring license renewals for real estate sign licenses and coin operated beverage machine
 - i. S. Bannon recused for the coin operated soft drink and food machine licenses as an employee of Fairview Hospital.

L. Davis made a motion to renew the annual spring license for coin operated soft drink and food machines at Berkshire South Regional Community Center; E. Abrahams seconded. L. Davis asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor, 3-0.

L. Davis made a motion to renew the annual spring license for coin operated soft drink and food machines at Wind in the Pines; E. Abrahams seconded. L. Davis asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor, 3-0.

L. Davis made a motion to renew the annual spring license for coin operated soft drink and food machines at Fairview Hospital; E. Abrahams seconded. L. Davis asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: E. Abrahams, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor, 3-0.

L. Davis made a motion to approve real estate sign licenses for the following entities: Alden Country Real Estate Services; Barnbrook Realty; Berkshire Property Agents; Cohen & White Associates LLC; Great Barrington Owner LLC; Helen Mullany Real Estate LLC; Lance Vermeulen Real Estate; MacCaro Real Estate; Stone House Properties LLC; Wheeler & Taylor Realty Co.; William Pitt Sotheby’s Real Estate; Housatonic Real Estate; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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. Andy Moro for the American Legion Murphy-Leary Post 298, permission to hand out poppies for donations in Great Barrington and the Village of Housatonic during the month of May

L. Davis made a motion grant permission to Andy Moro for the American Legion Murphy-Leary Post 298, to hand out poppies for donations in Great Barrington and the Village of Housatonic during the month of May; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

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- c. Andy Moro for the American Legion Murphy-Leary Post 298, permission to hold a poppy Boot Drive on Main Street between Gas House Lane and the entrance to JB Hull Oil Inc. on Saturday May 21, 2022 from 10 AM to 2 PM., with a rain date of May 28, 2022

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- d. Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival for 2-One Day Liquor Licenses on June 2 from 5PM to 11 PM and on June 4 from 5 PM to 11 PM behind Town Hall, 334 Main Street

- i. K. Vickery stated the Festival would be in-person and virtual/hybrid this year at the Triplex and Mahaiwe and would include a collection of films and special events/celebrations. She added there would be a tent across from the Mahaiwe for events during the Festival and its use would comply with all rules/restrictions.

L. Davis made a motion to grant 2-One Day Liquor Licenses on June 2 from 5PM to 11 PM and on June 4 from 5 PM to 11 PM behind Town Hall, 334 Main Street to Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

- e. Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival for 2-One Day Entertainment Licenses on June 2 from 5PM to 11 PM and on June 4 from 5 PM to 8 PM behind Town Hall, 334 Main Street

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- f. Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival requesting a Parking Moratorium in Town between Wednesday June 1 to Monday June 6

L. Davis made a motion to grant a Parking Moratorium in Town between Wednesday June 1 to Monday June 6 to Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for any discussion – E. Gabriel confirmed this was only to allow parking for longer than posted. Roll call vote: : E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 5-0.

- i. K. Vickey requested that Railroad Street not close for outdoor dining Friday/Saturday nights during the Festival. She stated parking is a challenge - Railroad Street is a key location and not having those parking spaces would be a hardship for Festival attendees.
- ii. E. Abrahams expressed concern about cancelling outdoor dining. He noted it is only 20 spaces and it is clearly marked when cars have to be moved.
- iii. E. Gabriel asked if attendees are given parking information and suggested they park in outer sections as attendees tend to be there all day. K. Vickey noted attendees are mostly older and may have difficulty parking further away.
- iv. Gene Carr, Berkshire Busk Festival Director offered that outdoor dining creates a more festive/welcoming atmosphere and could enhance the Festival experience.
- v. G. Reed suggested asking the Coop if their lot could be used.
- vi. K. Vickey continued to express concerns about not offering parking on Railroad Street.
- vii. S. Bannon stated the Selectboard would continue the discussion at the next meeting and come up with an approach/decision.

- g. Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival requesting permission to hang banners on poles along Main Street between Pleasant and Bridge Street and 3 poles on Bridge Street for the period of April 18 to June 6

L. Davis made a motion to grant permission to hang banners on poles along Main Street between Pleasant and Bridge Street and 3 poles on Bridge Street for the period of April 18 to June 6 to Kelley Vickery and Lauren Ferin for Berkshire International Film Festival; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

h. Great Barrington Arts Market, c/o Molly de St Andre and Kristen Kanter, Managers and the Great Barrington Farmer’s Market, for permission to close Church Street between Main Street and School Street, on Saturdays from 7 AM to 3 PM beginning May 7 to October 29, 2022 for the Arts Market season; and from May 7th – November 12, 2022 for the Farmer’s Market

i. K. Kanter presented on this year’s plans for the Arts/Farmer’s Markets along with a request to close Church Street.

L. Davis made a motion to grant permission to close Church Street between Main Street and School Street, on Saturdays from 7 AM to 3 PM beginning May 7 to October 29, 2022 for the Arts Market season; and from May 7th – November 12, 2022 for the Farmer’s Market to Molly de St Andre and Kristen Kanter, Managers, for the Great Barrington Arts Market and the Great Barrington Farmer’s Market; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

S. Bannon noted there are 6 panelists and 63 attendees at the meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. (Continued) Vrushank Patel for I Shree-3 LLC, 229 Stockbridge Road for a Wine and Malt Package Store License

i. M. Pruhenski stated this is a public hearing for the last available beer/wine license.

L. Davis made a motion to open the public hearing for Vrushank Patel; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for any discussion – G. Reed stated he would recuse on this matter as advised by the State Ethics Commission. Roll call vote; E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” All in favor, 4-0.

ii. S. Bannon asked Vrushank Patel if he wanted to make a statement – he stated he did not.

iii. L. Davis expressed concerns about the sale of alcohol at a gas station sending the wrong signal to young people and increasing the potential for drunk driving. She also stated liquor should be sold by trained/licensed professionals and where food is served.

iv. E. Gabriel stated he was not comfortable with the combination of gas and alcohol as it could lead to driving under the influence. He stated the two should be separate.

v. S. Bannon stated this is a serious license to give out and had concerns about security, trained employees, the physical space – and noted no information has been provided.

vi. V. Patel stated he is TIPS certified and manages other gas stations in the state where beer/wine is sold; including in Stockbridge. He also stated he checks ID and does not serve anyone under 21.

vii. E. Abrahams stated a beer/wine license was given to Marketplace which is nearby – and noted there have not been background checks in every situation. He stated there should be a reason not to approve the license.

viii. L. Davis added that normally food/drink from a convenience store is consumed in a car and she stated it is harder for police to patrol/have oversight.

L. Davis made a motion to close the public hearing; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

L. Davis made a motion to deny a Wine and Malt Package Store License for Vrushank Patel for I Shree-3 LLC at 229 Stockbridge Road; E. Gabriel seconded. S. Bannon asked for any additional discussion – S. Bannon stated he has concerns and did not hear enough about security. He also stated Marketplace sold beer/wine before and Aberdales has a long-time, good reputation – the current request is new for GB. Roll call vote; E. Abrahams, “no,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye.” Motion passed, 3-1.

b. (Continued) Special Permit application from the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, c/o Betsy Andrus, Executive Director, for new construction in the Village Center Overlay District; work includes replacing the existing visitor booth at approximately 362 Main Street, Great Barrington, with a new larger building in the same location, and a parking waiver. Application is filed in accordance with Sections 9.2, 6.9, and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. Applicant seeks a three-month continuance until July.

i. Vote to open the public hearing

ii. Vote to continue the public hearing

L. Davis made a motion to continue the special permit application to July 11, 2022 at 6pm in person or virtual; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

c. Special Permit application from Meed Cannabis LLC, c/o David M. Ullian, Vicente Sederberg LLP, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, 26th Floor, Boston, MA 02199, for a marijuana cultivation and transportation establishment in an Industrial zone at 964 Main Street, Parcel B, Great Barrington. Application is filed in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 C(13), 7.18 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

i. Vote to open the public hearing

L. Davis made a motion to open the public hearing for Meed Cannabis LLC; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote; E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “no.” Motion passed, 4-1.

ii. Presentation from the applicant – David Ullian, esq, Vicente Sederberg LLP, as attorney representing Meed Cannabis presented and was joined by its owners and engineering, architectural and security company representatives working on the project. He explained the request is for a Special Permit application for a MA licensed Tier II indoor marijuana cultivation facility/transporter and for approval to enter into a Host Community Agreement. He provided background on the community outreach/ project development process and input obtained to-date. He provided an overview of facility design and compliance with state requirements/standards and noted waivers were obtained for CCC approval, security, landscaping/drainage and traffic impact. He shared information concerning alignment with Special Permit criteria including existing structure redesign/layout; safety/odor controls; public utilities/services usage and natural resources impact; waste management; energy efficiency; and traffic flow/access. John Allard, Fuss & O’Neill, provided detail on the site design, management and usage and alterations to the building and surrounding area. Ryan Conner, Conner Design architects explained odor mitigation and control plans using an MT-2 filtration system as well as plans for lighting and noise containment.

iii. Questions from the Board

- L. Davis asked about the waivers – C, Rembold replied it is common/reasonable in this case to issue waivers. L. Davis asked that an effort be made to hire locally.

- G. Reed inquired about expansion plans – Meed Cannabis owner Moshe Arazi replied there is no room for expansion and the plan is to keep it small. G. Reed also asked why locate in GB – the reply was because it is a good facility and there are few options in this area.
- E. Gabriel confirmed trucks would be smaller sized/limited and the facility would not be used for storage.
- The Selectboard asked about impact on sewer/wastewater and landscaping plans.

iv. Public comment and questions

- M. Loubert, 70 Division Street, asked about the odor system and if it was in use in MA as well as the effects of lighting – R. Conner provided detail on the effectiveness of the molecular filtration system and lighting controls.
- Denise Forbes, 325 North Plain Road, asked about worker safety, if well or GB Fire District water would be used, and would there be manufacturing – R. Conner replied the odor is not harmful to people, municipal water would be used, and there would be no manufacturing, just cultivation.

v. Comments from other boards/commissions – contained in the packet

vi. Discussion/deliberation by the Board

- C. Rembold walked the Selectboard through the Special Permit criteria to assess the degree to which the project satisfies the requirements. For each criteria – social/economic/community needs served, traffic flow/safety, impact on utilities/public services, neighborhood character physical impact on tax base/employment burden – the Selectboard was satisfied overall with the project’s ability to meet/exceed the requirements and had no open questions. It was discussed there would be an effort to hire locally and explore the Cannabis Industry certificate program at BCC as well as planting additional trees, if possible.
- G. Reed expressed concern about opening such a facility in GB and the addition of another cannabis business.

vii. Vote to continue or close the hearing

L. Davis made a motion to close the public hearing for Meed Cannabis LLC; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

viii. Vote to continue/deny/grant the special permit

L. Davis made a motion to continue the discussion to April 25, 2022 at 6:00pm; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Dan Miller to the 5-Town Cable Advisory Committee

L. Davis made a motion to appoint Dan Miller to the 5-Town Cable Advisory Committee; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for 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.

b. Main Street Pedestrian/Crosswalk Safety Presentation- BETA Engineering – Kien Ho and Tyler de Ruiters, BETA Engineering, presented short and long -term plans for Main Street crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety. They detailed a short-term plan to redo two key crosswalks with a visibility imprint and flashing pedestrian crossing signs to draw attention to the crosswalks. The

long-term plan added two low median islands as a safety/waiting area and a change in traffic patterns – reducing to one lane - to slow down cars.

- i. S. Bannon expressed concerns about creating a bottleneck on an already crowded street.
 - ii. L. Davis approved of the island option for improved pedestrian safety and easier street crossing. She also confirmed the bike path would be retained. She expressed concern about the Railroad Street crossing.
 - iii. E. Gabriel stated concerns about causing additional traffic due to going to one lane and confirmed that street crossing/flashing lights could be controlled/timed so it was not constant.
 - iv. L. Davis confirmed that budget for the project is in this year's budget, pending Town Meeting approval.
 - v. S. Bannon stated the discussion will be continued.
- c. Ramsdell Library Entrance Presentation – Drayton Fair, LLB Architecture, presented plans for improving accessibility to the Ramsdell Library. He provided details on changes to the front entrance and the addition of a long, gentle sloping path to the doorway to provide ease of access. He noted existing trees would be maintained and additional landscaping would be added as well as a retaining wall on the far side of the property. He stated the total approximate cost would be \$525,000.
- i. S. Bannon confirmed the project had been budgeted for this year.
 - ii. L. Davis asked about cost contingencies and suggested the GB Pollinator Action Plan be consulted for landscaping.
 - iii. E. Gabriel asked for benches to be added to the front area.
 - iv. E. Abrahams approved of the plan, but noted interior areas of the building are not accessible.
 - v. It was noted automatic door openers would be installed.
 - vi. Chris Tucci and Patrick Hollenbeck stated they were excited to see the plan and added the Library Trustees would review it later in the week.
- d. American Rescue Plan Act Funding–Recommendation from staff – M. Pruhenski stated there is an executive summary in the packet regarding GB's share of ARPA funds totaling \$2.075m - half of which, \$1.036m, has been received to-date. After receiving public feedback and reviewing requests within ARPA guidelines, the following are recommendations to the Selectboard for allocation of funds received: Affordable housing (\$850,000), Fire Department emergency signage (\$40,000), Health Department staff increased hours (\$10,000), GB's share of Southern Berkshire Ambulance replacement vehicle (\$136,000). M. Pruhenski stated if the Selectboard approved these expenditures it would allow the staff to issue funding.
- i. L. Davis recused due to serving as Development Director of an affordable housing agency.
 - ii. G. Reed asked about his membership on affordable housing committees, but as this is a role providing public not personal benefit - he stated he would not recuse.
 - iii. M. Pruhenski clarified what is in the affordable housing category – grants to create housing and rent, utility or daycare assistance programs.
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- iv. E. Gabriel asked about second round funding timeframe – M. Pruhenski replied funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and projects completed by December 13, 2026.
 - v. E. Abrahams clarified the cost of the ambulance is being shared with other towns.
 - vi. G. Reed expressed interest in apportioning additional funds to affordable housing.
 - vii. Chris Peoples, GB Police Officer, stated he understood the allocation of funds is a tough

decision, but asked that hazard pay for first responders on duty during COVID for managing through a variety of public health/safety issues and extended hours. He noted other towns have provided hazard pay and requested the Town be open to a conversation on the request.

- viii. E. Gabriel stated ARPA guidelines include water/sewer infrastructure and asked for the second round of funding to include a water filtration system or other method to improve water quality for Housatonic Water Works customers.

E. Abrahams made a motion to endorse the recommendations of staff; E. Gabriel seconded. S. Bannon asked for any discussion – E. Abrahams stated this is a difficult decision and the staff did significant due diligence. Roll call vote: : E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 4-0.

- e. Railroad Street Outdoor Dining and Entertainment 2022 – M. Pruhenski presented a request for the full closure of Railroad Street, 6:00-10:00pm Friday, Saturday and Sundays of holiday weekends - and to provide an enhanced setting for Berkshire Busk. He stated there had been discussion with merchants, restaurant owners and the Chamber who were supportive of improving safety and creating a street fair atmosphere.

- i. Gene Carr, stated it was a safety hazard to allow cars access and that closing the street would create a walking street feeling where people may linger. He also stated Berkshire Busk could have more musical headliners located at both ends of Railroad Street. He also suggested perhaps businesses could have a presence and restaurants could have grab and go food. Overall, it would be more welcoming and an attraction for the community.

L. Davis made a motion to recommend the full closure of Railroad Street during Berkshire Busk entertainment program schedule; E. Abrahams seconded. S. Bannon asked for any discussion – E. Abrahams asked about access to the Railroad Street upper parking lot. Roll call vote; E. Abrahams, “aye,” S. Bannon, “aye,” L. Davis, “aye,” E. Gabriel, “aye,” G. Reed, “aye.” All in favor, 5-0.

M. Pruhenski stated he would work with staff on access to the upper parking lot.

8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

- a. Denise Forbes, 325 North Plain Road, asked about using ARPA funds to address pressing issues and the lack of drinkable water in Housatonic. She also inquired about an audit of the finances of Housatonic Water Works.
- b. Leo Stemp, 143 Hurlburt Road, asked about the process for Q&A during Selectboard meetings. S. Bannon clarified that for each topic there is a time for asking questions and that the time is to hear citizens’ opinions. L. Stemp requested citizen speak be scheduled at the beginning and end of each meeting – S. Bannon stated it would be considered.
- c. Elizabeth Rockefeller, 284 Park Street North, asked for GB and Housatonic Water Works to be proactive and supply bottled water to Housatonic residents so there is access to clean water. S. Bannon stated it would be added to the next agenda.
- d. Charlie Williamson, 48 Blue Hill Road, asked about pedestrian crossing and traffic on Main Street. He suggested flashing lights be installed when pedestrians cross and to tie pedestrian lights into street lights.

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- e. James Garzon, 84 North Plain Road, asked for a variance request if abutters are notified by certified mail – S. Bannon confirmed that is the process.
- f. Trevor Forbes, 325 North Plain Road noted ARPA funds can be used for water infrastructure/clean water projects and expressed concern about safety re: road conditions on North Plain Road.

9. SELECTBOARD’S TIME

- a. G. Reed relayed a citizen's question about the decision to fly the Ukrainian flag at half-mast – M. Pruhenski replied it was done at a citizen's request and between Parks Department meetings.
- b. L. Davis reminded the community there is a town-wide clean-up day on April 23 and a press release would be going out soon with details.
- c. G. Reed noted road are being fixed and urged residents be cautious and stay safe.

10. MEDIA TIME

11. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Bannon adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow
Recording Clerk