

# Great Barrington 2019 Annual Report



## IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of the following former Town officials during the Fiscal year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019) and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

Manfred Pekrul  
School Custodian  
July 27, 2018

Joan B. Wrenn  
Teacher  
January 30, 2019

Virginia Wilbur  
School Secretary  
August 9, 2018

Adriana Keseru  
Teacher  
February 4, 2019

Helen Oggiani  
Finance Committee  
August 12, 2018

Stanley L. Stanisz  
School Bus Driver & Custodian  
February 23, 2019

Richard James Aloisi  
Firefighter & Great Barrington Fire District  
August 16, 2018

Dorothy May Smithers  
School Secretary  
March 13, 2019

Winona M. Harding  
School Bus Driver  
September 20, 2018

Aileen Grace VanDeusen  
Teacher's Aide  
March 19, 2019

Lucy M. Eichstedt  
School Bus Driver  
December 11, 2018

Raymond William Elling  
Historical Society Member  
April 14, 2019

David John Zanin  
Monument Mountain Coach  
December 28, 2018

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## CURRENT UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

### **Governor Charlie Baker**

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Boston, MA  
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Office of Governor  
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Boston, MA 02133

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Western Mass Office  
State Office Building  
436 Dwight Street  
Suite 300  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Washington, DC  
Office of Governor  
444 N. Capitol Street  
Suite 208  
Washington, DC 20001  
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### **U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren**

[www.warren.senate.gov](http://www.warren.senate.gov)

309 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Office: 202-224-4543

Springfield Federal Bldg.  
1550 Main Street Suite 406  
Springfield, MA 01103  
413-788-2690

2400 JFK Fed Bldg.  
15 New Sudbury Street  
Boston, MA 02203  
617-565-3170

### **U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey**

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255 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Office: 202-224-2742

Springfield Federal Bldg.  
1550 Main Street 4<sup>th</sup> FL  
Springfield, MA 01103  
413-785-4610

975 JFK Fed Bldg.  
15 New Sudbury Street  
Boston, MA 02203  
617-565-8519

### **U. S. Representative Richard Neal**

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Washington, DC 20515  
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Springfield, MA 01105  
413-785-0325

78 Center Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
413-442-0946

### **State Senator Adam Hinds**

[Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov](mailto:Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov)

24 Beacon Street, Room 109-E  
Boston, MA 02133  
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Pittsfield, MA 01105  
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### **State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli**

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Boston, MA 02133  
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Lenox MA 01240  
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## FACTS ABOUT GREAT BARRINGTON

Settled	1726
Incorporated	1761
Location	Southwest Corner of Massachusetts
Population	7,252 (Annual Town Census)
Legal Voters	4,745
Form of Government	Selectboard/Town Manager
	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$15.75 Fiscal 2020
Public Schools	Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Police	Chief, Two Sergeants Fourteen Patrol Officers
Town Highways	91.01 Miles, 162 Streets
Public Libraries	Mason Public Library, Great Barrington Ramsdell Public Library, Housatonic
State Forests	7,264 Acres
Altitude	721 Feet at Railroad Station
Area	45.86 Square Miles
Web Site	<a href="http://www.townofgb.org">www.townofgb.org</a>
Annual Town Meeting	June 22, 2020 & June 25, 2020
Annual Town Election	June 30, 2020



## CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Selectboard

Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2022
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2020
William Cooke	Term Expires 2021
Kate Burke	Term Expires 2021
Leigh Davis	Term Expires 2022

### Great Barrington Housing Authority

James Mercer	Term Expires 2023
Jacqueline Sinico	Term Expires 2023
Eileen Mooney	Term Expires 2024
Marie Y. Ryan (State Appointed)	Term Expires 2021
Cara Becker	Term Expires 2020

### Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee

#### (Voted During State Elections)

Diane Singer	Term Expires 2020
Richard Dohoney	Term Expires 2020
Anne Hutchinson	Term Expires 2020
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expires 2022
William Fields	Term Expires 2022

### Library Trustees

Samara Klein	Term Expires 2020
Lauren E. Clark	Term Expires 2022
Margaret Heilbrun	Term Expires 2020
Kathleen Plungis	Term Expires 2021
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	Term Expires 2021
Jane Stanhope	Term Expires 2022

### Board of Health

Michael Lanoue	Term Expires 2022
Dr. Ruby Chang	Term Expires 2020
Peter Stanton	Term Expires 2021

### Moderator

Michael Wise	Term Expires 2020
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### Constables

Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2021
John Broderick, Jr.	Term Expires 2021

### Planning Board

Brandee K. Nelson	Term Expires 2022
Jeremy K. Higa	Term Expires 2022
Malcom Fick	Term Expires 2020
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2020
Pedro Rafael Pachano	Term Expires 2021

### Finance Committee

Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2022
Meredith O'Conner	Term Expires 2022
Anne O'Dwyer	Term Expires 2020
Michelle Loubert	Term Expires 2021
Eugene W. Curletti	Term Expires 2021

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Carolyn Ivory	Term Expires 2022
Ron Majdalany	Term Expires 2020
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2020
Madonna Meagher	Term Expires 2021
Stephen McAlister	Term Expires 2021

## CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

Fred Clark	Term Expires 2021
William Cooke	Term Expires 2021
Garfield Reed	Term Expires 2021
John Katz	Term Expires 2021
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2020
Samantha Homeyer	Term Expires 2020
Lara Yaple	Term Expires 2020

### Board of Assessors

Sean McHugh	Term Indefinite
John Katz	Term Expires 2022
Bruce Firger	Term Expires 2020

### Agricultural Commission

Vivian Orlowski	Term Expires 2022
Jen Bloesch	Term Expires 2021
Wes Orlowski	Term Expires 2022
Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2021
Krysia Kurzyca	Term Expires 2020

### Board of Registrars

Jennifer L. Messina	Term Indefinite
Marie Y. Ryan	Term Expires 2020
Linda A. Coons	Term Expires 2022
Ellen Smith	Term Expires 2021

### Cemetery Commissioners

Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2020
Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2020
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2021
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2021

### Animal Control Officer

Shepley Evans	Term Indefinite
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### Chief Procurement Officer

Mark Pruhenski	Term Indefinite
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### Animal Inspector

Locke Larkin	Term Indefinite
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### Commission on Disability

Richard Flach	Term Expires 2022
Jeanne Bachetti	Term Expires 2021
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	Term Expires 2021

### Assessor, Principal

Sean McHugh	Term Indefinite
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Community Preservation Committee

Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2022
Jeremy Higa	Term Expires 2022
Donald Howe	Term Expires 2022
Patricia Sharpe	Term Expires 2022
Karen Smith	Term Expires 2020
Leigh Davis	Term Expires 2021
James Mercer	Term Expires 2023
Martha Fick	Term Expires 2022
Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2020

Conservation Commission

Andrew Mankin	Term Expires 2022
David Shanahan	Term Expires 2022
Jeffrey Cohen	Term Expires 2020
William Boyer	Term Expires 2020
Kate VanOlst	Term Expires 2021
Andrew Didio	Term Expires 2022
Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2021

Conservation Commission Agent

Shepley Evans	Term Indefinite
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Council on Aging

Patricia Kinne	Term Expires 2022
Maureen Avery	Term Expires 2022
Jeanne Holcolmb	Term Expires 2020
Barbara Bailly	Term Expires 2021
Eileen Gaarn	Term Expires 2022
Susan Hipwell Morris	Term Expires 2021
Sandra Larkin	Term Expires 2021
Amy Rutstein	Term Expires 2021
David Rutstein	Term Expires 2021

Council on Aging, Director

Polly Mann Salenovich	Term Indefinite
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Cultural Council

Haley Barbieri	Term Expires 2022
Patrick Barrett	Term Expires 2021
Nan Coleman	Term Expires 2022
Tate Coleman	Term Expires 2021
Natasha Perlis	Term Expires 2021
Rees Shad	Term Expires 2021
Ellen Shanahan	Term Expires 2021
Amy Taylor	Term Expires 2021

Design Advisory Committee

Edwin May	Ex-Officio
Pedro Rafael Pachano	Term Expires 2021
James Mercer	Term Expires 2022
Stephen Dietemann	Term Expires 2022
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2022
Holly Hamer	Term Expires 2023
Rees Shad	Term Expires 2024

Economic Development Committee

Steven Picheny	Term Expires 2022
Ed Abrahams	Term Expires 2022
Kate Burke	Term Expires 2022
Malcolm Fick	Term Expires 2022
Jeremy Higa	Term Expires 2022

Tim Newman	Term Expires 2022
Meredith O'Connor	Term Expires 2022
Richard Aldrich	Term Expires 2022
Philip Morrison	Term Expires 2021
Karen Watkins	Term Expires 2021
Anne O'Dwyer	Term Expires 2020
Vivian Orłowski	Term Expires 2020
Richard Ruth	Term Expires 2020
Karen W. Smith	Term Expires 2021

Emergency Management Director

William R. Walsh, Jr.	Term Indefinite
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Fence Viewers

Kurt Barbieri	Term Expires 2020
Bernard Drew	Term Expires 2020

Fire Department

Charles Burger	Chief
Terrance Chamberland	Deputy Chief
Steven Hall	Deputy Chief
James Mead	Captain
Robert Hammer Jr.	Lieutenant
Darrell Marks	Lieutenant
Joshua A. Seile	House Captain
Justin Bona	Lieutenant
Robert Gaughran	Training Captain
Michael Bissaillon	Term Indefinite
Joseph Bozza	Term Indefinite
Elias Casey	Term Indefinite
Brandon DeGroff	Term Indefinite
Iovan deRis	Term Indefinite
Richard Harrington III	Term Indefinite
Gabriel Hoff	Term Indefinite
George Houghtlin	Term Indefinite
Christopher Laramée	Term Indefinite
Christopher Lovett	Term Indefinite
Sean McMahon	Term Indefinite
Adam Mead	Term Indefinite
Brian Mead	Term Indefinite
Justin Osak	Term Indefinite
Matthew Pevzner	Term Indefinite
Louis Stark	Term Indefinite
Kayne Wellauer	Term Indefinite
John Woodard	Term Indefinite

Five Town Cable Advisory Committee

Thomas Hatch, GB Rep.	Term Indefinite
Jim Brown, GB Rep.	Term Indefinite
Michael Kernan, GB Rep.	Term Indefinite

Gas Inspector

Robert L. Gennari	Term Indefinite
Robert Krupski, Deputy	Term Indefinite

Health Agent

Rebecca Jurczyk	Term Indefinite
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Health Inspector

Vacancy	Term Indefinite
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Historical Commission

Donald Howe	Term Expires 2022
David Rutstein	Term Expires 2022
Paul Ivory	Term Expires 2020
William Nappo	Term Expires 2020
Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2021
Gary Leveille	Term Expires 2021
Malcolm Fick	Term Expires 2021

Historic District Commission

Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2022
James Mercer	Term Expires 2022
Patricia Ryan	Term Expires 2020
Abby Schroeder	Term Expires 2020
Julie Fagan	Term Expires 2021
Donald Howe	Term Expires 2021

Housing Authority Director

Tina Danzy	Term Indefinite
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GB Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Tate Coleman	Term Expires 2021
Rene Wood	Term Expires 2021
Bill Cooke	Term Expires 2021
Garfield Reed	Term Expires 2021
John Kilner	Term Expires 2021
Pat Konecky	Term Expires 2021
Ann Condon	Term Expires 2021
Jamie Minacci	Term Expires 2021
Deborah Phillips	Term Expires 2021

Inspector of Buildings

Edwin May	Term Indefinite
Matthew Kollmer	Term Indefinite

Keeper of the Lock-up

William Walsh, Jr.	Term Indefinite
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Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Christine Ward	William Cooke	Dale Abrams
Brandee Nelson	Ilana Siegal	Jeffrey Cohen

Library Director

Amanda DeGiorgis	Term Indefinite
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Open Space & Recreation Plan Task Force

Kate Burke	Jennifer Connell	Andrew Didio
Liz Hirsch	Pedro Rafael Pachano	
Jovanina Pagano	Kate VanOlst	

Parking Clerk

Vacancy
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Parks Commissioners

Paul Gibbons	Term Expires 2022
Karen Smith, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Thomas Norton	Term Expires 2020
Patricia Salvi	Term Expires 2020
Ilana Siegal	Term Expires 2020
Liz Hirsch	Term Expires 2020
William Meier	Term Expires 2020
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2021
Charles Bouteiller	Term Expires 2021

Plumbing Inspector

Robert Krupski	Term Indefinite
Robert Gennari, Deputy	Term Indefinite

Police Officers

William Walsh, Jr., Chief	Term Indefinite
Paul Storti, Sergeant	Term Indefinite
Adam J. Carlotto, Sergeant	Term Indefinite
Kristopher M. Balestro	Term Indefinite
James Bragdon	Term Indefinite
Elias Casey	Term Indefinite
Jonathan Finnerty	Term Indefinite
Brandon Hammer	Term Indefinite
Andreas Huertas	Term Indefinite
Bradley Lupiani	Term Indefinite
Joseph A. O'Brien	Term Indefinite
Christopher Peebles	Term Indefinite
Chad Shimmmon	Term Indefinite
Samuel Stolarz	Term Indefinite
Connor Storti	Term Indefinite
Timothy Ullrich	Term Indefinite
Victor Zucco	Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Reserve

Brian Arnold	Term Indefinite
Olivia Cobb	Term Indefinite
Juan Guete	Term Indefinite
Mitchell Hamilton	Term Indefinite
Jason LaForest	Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Special

Daniel Bersaw	Term Indefinite
Paul Harvey	Term Indefinite
Timothy Roy	Term Indefinite
Craig Scott	Term Indefinite
Robert Ullrich	Term Indefinite

Sanitary Inspector

Vacancy	Term Indefinite
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Selectboard & Planning Board Housing Subcommittee

Pedro Rafael Pachano	Kate Burke
William Cooke	Jonathan Hankin

Sign Officer

Edwin May	Term Indefinite
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Strategic Sustainability & Livability Committee

Natalie Narotzy	Aretha Whitehead
Jovanina Pagano	Mark Phillips
Devan Arnold	Jesse Carter
Ananda Hartzell	Thomas C. Jordan
Thomas C. Jordan	

Town Accountant

Susan Carmel	Term Indefinite
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Town Clerk

Jennifer L. Messina	Term Indefinite
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Town Collector

Karen Fink	Term Indefinite
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Jennifer L. Messina	<u>Town Clerk</u> Term Indefinite	Michael Peretti	Term Indefinite
Karen Fink	<u>Town Collector</u> Term Indefinite	Daniel Bersaw Paul Storti	<u>Truck Weighers</u> Term Indefinite Term Indefinite
Kopelman & Paige	<u>Town Counsel</u>	Laurie Hils	<u>Veteran's Agent</u> Term Indefinite
Mark Pruhenski	<u>Town Manager</u> Term Indefinite	<u>W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee</u>	
Karen Fink	<u>Town Treasurer</u> Term Indefinite	Randy Weinstein Gwendolyn VanSant Barbara Dean Emily DeVoti Freke Vuijst	Wray Gunn Stephanie Wright David Magadini Leah Reed
Marcia Stamell	<u>Tree Committee</u> Term Expires 2022	<u>Wire Inspector</u>	
Holly Hamer	Term Expires 2022	Theodore Piontek	Term Indefinite
Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2022	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate Members)</u>	
Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2020	Donald Hagberg	Term Expires 2020
Shepley Evans	Term Expires 2020	John Katz	Term Expires 2021
Eva Ward	Term Expires 2020		
Michael Peretti	Term Expires 2021		

Tree Warden

**BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES**

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Assessor's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
DPW Superintendent	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Health Agent	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Inspector of Buildings	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Selectboard Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Town Accountant	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Town Clerk	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Town Collector/Treasurer	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Town Manager's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Town Planner's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Transfer Station	Fri. 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.	Sat. 7 A.M. - 3 P.M.	Sun. 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

## **COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING INFORMATION**

(meetings are held at the Town Hall, 334 Main Street unless otherwise specified)

Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Call of Chair
Agricultural Commission	Call of Chair
Board of Assessors	As needed
Board of Health	First Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
Cable Advisory Committee	Meets Quarterly, rotates throughout each participating Town
Cemetery Commissioners	Call of the Chair
Community Preservation Committee	Call of the Chair at the GB Fire Station
Conservation Commission	Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
Council on Aging	Last Wednesday of each month at 1:15 P.M., Senior Center
Cultural Council	Call of the Chair
Design Advisory Committee	Call of the Chair
Economic Development Committee	Call of the Chair
Finance Committee	As needed
GB Public Transp. Advisory Comm.	Call of the Chair
Historical Commission	Call of the Chair
Historic District Commission	Call of the Chair
Housing Authority	Call of the Chair
Lake Mansfield Improvement. Task Force	Call of the Chair
Library Trustees	Second Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Mason Library
Open Space & Rec. Plan Task Force	Call of the Chair
Parks Commissioners	Second Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Mason Library
Planning Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 P.M.
School Committee meeting	Twice a month at 7:00 P.M., location to be determined for each meeting
Selectboard	Typically 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 P.M., call to verify
Strategic Sustainability & Livability Comm.	Call of the Chair
Tree Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Mason Library
W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee	Call of the Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals	Call of the Chair



## SELECTBOARD AND TOWN MANAGER

This year was a year of significant transition here in Great Barrington as we said goodbye to some familiar faces on our board and staff, and welcomed others. We also completed a number of sizable projects this year and established some new committees to advise the Selectboard in the years to come.

**Fall 2018:** At Mason Library, the replacement of the air conditioning unit on the roof began and at Town Hall, the replacement of the roof was completed. The Town's application for \$6.9M in transportation funding approved to rebuild South Main Street from St James Place to the Claire Teague Senior Center was included in the Transportation Improvement Plan. The Selectboard established the Strategic Sustainability and Livability Committee and recommended a special permit application for the CDC to build 49 new apartments at 910 Main Street. Fiber connect continued working to install fiber optics downtown. Mass DOT introduced early concept plans for a small roundabout with additional crosswalks at the intersection of route 7 and route 23, to improve safety, traffic flow, and avoid a traffic light option.

**Winter 2019:** January was moving time in Town Hall. New office space was constructed with modular furniture and walls to house departments formerly located at 20 Castle Street. Thank you to our Department of Public Works who led this large undertaking and all Town Hall staff who spent many extra hours sorting, filing, and moving desks, documents and files. By the end of the month, new office furniture and carpeting was installed to create modern workspaces for the Building Department, Health Department, Treasurer and Collector's Office, Town Clerk's office, and the Finance Director.

**Spring 2019:** The 2019 budget season went well, with free cash restored to its highest amount, allowing the town to establish a \$1M capital stabilization fund. The Police Department held a successful Citizen's Police Academy for the community, and the Finance Committee and Selectboard supported the results of the organizational study of the Fire Department. The Town welcomed Leigh Davis to the Selectboard and Shaun McHugh as the new Principal Assessor.

**Early Summer 2019:** We thanked Jennifer Tabakin for her 6 years of service to the town and welcomed Mark Pruhenski as Town Manager in June. Significant reconstruction of several downtown areas began this spring and reached completion in June, funded through a Mass Works Grant. This included Railroad Street, Elm Street, upper Bridge Street, Church Street, and School Street. This project included drainage upgrades, new sidewalks, lighting, paving, and landscaping. The Selectboard voted to permanently close the Lake Mansfield Road and begin the process of designing, permitting, and securing funding for a long-term closure, and two new committees were established, the Public Transportation Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Committee

### 2019 Annual Licenses and Renewals

- 72 Common Victualler
- 33 Restaurant All Alcoholic
- 7 Wine and Malt
- 7 All Alcohol Package Stores
- 3 Wine and Malt Package
- 1 Club All Alcoholic
- 1 All Alcoholic Innholder
- 20 Weekday Entertaining
- 13 Inns or Hotels
- 3 Coin Operated Amusements
- 1 Bowling Alley
- 2 Motion Picture
- 7 Class II Auto
- 2 Class III Auto

Thanks to the assistance of a great staff and the support of town residents we were able to accomplish a great deal this past year and we expect another busy year ahead.

It's been an honor and a pleasure serving the Town of Great Barrington and we look forward to serving you in this capacity for many more years to come.

Stephen C. Bannon, Chair  
Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager



Board of Assessors

A. Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation	\$	31,222,117.57	
B. 1. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	\$	7,721,119.00	
2. State & Country Cherry Sheet Charges	\$	73,095.00	
3. Overlay	\$	152,395.82	
Total Amount to be Raised			\$ 31,222,117.57
C. Estimated Sources Appropriated			
Total Estimated Receipts - State Cherry Sheet	\$	1,127,105.00	
Total Estimated State Receipts			\$ 127,105.00
Estimated Receipts-Local			
1. Motor Vehicle	\$	420,000.00	
2. Other Excise - Meals & Room	\$	470,000.00	
3. Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$	45,000.00	
4. Payment in Lieu of taxes	\$	2,000.00	
5. Rentals	\$	117,000.00	
6. Department of Revenue - Libraries	\$	-	
7. Other Department of Revenue	\$	150,000.00	
8. Licenses & Permits	\$	55,000.00	
9. Fines & Forfeits	\$	8,000.00	
10. Investment Income	\$	20,000.00	
11. Misc. Non-recurring	\$	-	
Local Receipts Not Allocated	\$	1,525,000.00	
12. Enterprise Funds	\$	2,120,706.00	\$ 4,488,510.00
D. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:			
1. Free Cash	\$	-	
2. Other Available Funds	\$	463,000.00	
Total Available Funds			\$ 463,000.00
E. Other Revenue Sources Appropriated to Reduce the Tax Rate			
1. Free Cash Appropriated before 6-30-18	\$	1,542,504.00	
2. Other Source	\$	100,000.00	
F. Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources			\$ 7,989,600.00
Tax Rate Summary FY19			
A. Total Amount to be Raised	\$	31,222,117.57	
A. Revenue Sources	\$	7,721,119.00	
B. Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy			\$ 23,500,998.57

Board of Assessors

Tax Rate FY19

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	77.7048%	\$ 1,161,667,251.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 18,261,409.19
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	17.3808%	\$ 259,837,987.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 4,084,653.16
Industrial	0.8890%	\$ 13,290,300.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 208,923.52
Personal Property	3.6032%	\$ 60,178,925.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 946,012.70
	100.00%	\$ 1,494,974,463.00		\$ 23,500,998.57

Tax Rate FY18

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	78.0624%	\$ 1,124,270,870.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 16,841,577.63
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	17.4262%	\$ 250,975,136.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 3,759,607.54
Industrial	0.9082%	\$ 13,080,100.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 195,939.90
Personal Property	3.6032%	\$ 51,893,645.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 777,366.80
	100.00%	\$ 1,440,219,751.00		\$ 21,574,491.87

Ten Largest Real & Personal Property Taxpayers in FY18

Name	Assessed Value	Amount of Tax
1. Big Y Foods, Inc.	\$ 12,353,900.00	\$ 185,061.42
2. KIMCO, Inc.	\$ 10,975,500.00	\$ 164,412.99
3. Stockbridge Road Realty	\$ 9,416,600.00	\$ 141,060.66
4. David Ward, Trustee	\$ 8,424,640.00	\$ 126,201.11
5. Educational Consultants	\$ 7,908,200.00	\$ 118,464.83
6. Western Mass Electric	\$ 7,717,700.00	\$ 115,611.15
7. Berkshire Bank	\$ 7,060,500.00	\$ 105,766.29
8. Susan Frunzi Trustee	\$ 6,213,400.00	\$ 93,076.73
9. Butternut Basin	\$ 5,563,200.00	\$ 83,336.73
10. KSNS Stockbridge	\$ 5,492,400.00	\$ 82,276.15

Fire District Tax Rate FY19

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	66.9445%	\$ 526,182,579.00	\$ 15.72	\$ 520,920.75
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	29.4357%	\$ 229,050.59	\$ 15.72	\$ 229,050.90
Industrial	0.6022%	\$ 4,685.95	\$ 15.72	\$ 4,686.26
Personal Property	3.0176%	\$ 23,481.11	\$ 15.72	\$ 23,480.84
	100.00%	\$ 526,439,796.65		\$ 778,138.75

Fire District Tax Rate FY18

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	67.2416%	\$ 502,688,267.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 502,688.27
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	29.6859%	\$ 221,927,216.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 221,927.22
Industrial	0.5376%	\$ 4,019,300.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 4,019.30
Personal Property	2.5349%	\$ 18,950,186.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 18,950.19
	100.00%	\$ 747,584,969.00		\$ 747,584.98

Shaun P. McHugh, Principal Assessor

### REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I am honored to herewith submit my report as Town Accountant for Fiscal Year 2019 which includes the following unaudited balance sheet as of June 30, 2019. Audited financial statements and other additional financial information will be made available on the Town website at [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org).

I would like to thank all town departments for their support during the year.

Susan M. Carmel , Finance Director/Town Accountant

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

I respectfully submit the following reports consisting of outstanding tax balances and monies collected by the Great Barrington Tax Collector's Office and Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year 2019.

I am honored to serve the people of the Town of Great Barrington and the Village of Housatonic as their Treasurer/Collector, and will continue to do my best to provide them with the best of services.

Karen D. Fink, Treasurer/Collector

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2019

<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Balance 7/1/2018</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements Adjustments</u>	<u>Transfers Tax Titles</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2019</u>
<b>Real Estate</b>						
2019		22,560,197.78	(137,041.49)		(21,378,688.91)	1,044,467.38
2018	638,766.04	2,477.32	(1,991.14)		(492,759.65)	146,492.57
					-	
	638,766.04	22,562,675.10	(139,032.63)	-	(21,871,448.56)	1,190,959.95
<b>Personal Property</b>						
2019		946,012.80	(5,529.89)		(833,960.30)	106,522.61
2018	17,921.34				(6,274.58)	11,646.76
2017	8,443.90				(503.19)	7,940.71
2016	4,331.79				(199.18)	4,132.61
2015	2,875.20				(188.57)	2,686.63
2014	3,087.46				(178.12)	2,909.34
2013	3,201.10					3,201.10
2012	1,337.07					1,337.07
2011	36.22					36.22
2010	34.32					34.32
2009	17.76					17.76
	41,286.16	946,012.80	(5,529.89)	-	(841,303.94)	140,465.13
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<u>Balance 7/1/2018</u>		<u>Abatements Adjustments</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2019</u>	
2019	-	768,125.57	(13,695.49)	(687,157.81)		67,272.27
2018	75,476.94	102,575.56	(10,483.18)	(143,476.57)		24,092.75
2017	16,843.15	610.79	(1,079.55)	(9,302.94)		7,071.45
2016	8,876.49		(561.79)	(2,596.75)		5,717.95
2014/2015	9,563.30			(852.51)		8,710.79
2013	3,130.62			(76.25)		3,054.37
2012	4,689.81					4,689.81
2011	5,140.33					5,140.33
2010	4,281.75					4,281.75
2009	5,345.21		(100.00)	(100.00)		5,145.21
2008	7,116.38					7,116.38
2007	6,070.23					6,070.23
2006	4,634.28					4,634.28
2005	5,798.97		(30.00)	(3.00)		5,765.97
2004	4,911.99					4,911.99
2003	4,404.77					4,404.77
2002	4,924.30					4,924.30
2001	4,806.58					4,806.58
2000	3,465.44					3,465.44
1999	4,145.86					4,145.86
1998	8,375.33					8,375.33
	235,283.73	871,311.92	(25,950.01)	(103.00)	(843,462.83)	193,797.81

**CITY/TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
as of June 30, 2019  
(Unaudited)

**ASSETS**

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Cash and cash equivalents	6,593,591.33	2,453,811.23	1,615,000.31	5,020,234.08	2,017,564.12		17,700,201.07
Investments							0.00
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	140,455.13						140,455.13
Real estate taxes	1,190,984.95						1,190,984.95
Deferred taxes	(274,059.65)						0.00
Allowance for abatements and exemptions							(274,059.65)
Special assessments		26,643.38					26,643.38
Tax liens	465,302.25	5,299.84		78,211.83			548,813.92
Tax foreclosures	225,257.89	2,391.55		23,915.77			251,565.21
Motor vehicle excise	193,900.81						193,900.81
Other excises							0.00
User fees				478,612.20			478,612.20
Utility liens added to taxes							0.00
Departmental	78,231.13						78,231.13
Other Receivables	113,830.71	36,973.22					150,803.93
Due from other governments	94,350.00	331,118.47	1,045,212.00				1,470,680.47
Due to/from other funds							0.00
Working deposit							0.00
Prepays							0.00
Inventory							0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation						17,466,082.01	17,466,082.01
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave							0.00
Total Assets	8,821,844.55	2,856,237.69	2,660,212.31	5,600,973.88	2,017,564.12	17,466,082.01	39,422,914.56

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Liabilities:							
Accounts payable							0.00
Warrants payable							0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings	42,268.37						42,268.37
Accrued claims payable							0.00
IBNR							0.00
Other liabilities					2,970.00		2,970.00
Agency Funds							0.00
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	1,057,380.43	26,643.38					1,084,023.81
Deferred taxes							0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees							0.00
Special assessments							0.00
Tax liens	465,302.25	5,299.84		78,211.83			548,813.92
Tax foreclosures	225,257.89	2,391.55		23,915.77			251,565.21

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
Motor vehicle excise	193,900.81							193,900.81
Other excises								0.00
User fees				478,612.20				478,612.20
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental	56,040.98							56,040.98
Other receivables	113,830.71	36,973.22						150,803.93
Due from other governments		331,118.47	1,028,570.00					1,359,688.47
Due to other governments								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Bonds payable			3,215,990.00				17,466,082.01	17,466,082.01
Notes payable								3,215,990.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	2,153,981.44	402,426.46	4,244,560.00	580,739.80	0.00	2,970.00	17,466,082.01	24,850,759.71
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	493,630.01	1,238,642.30	366,316.84	152,165.57		60.50		2,250,815.22
Reserved for expenditures	2,950,000.00							2,950,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations								0.00
Reserved for petty cash	300.00							300.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	(41,779.03)							(41,779.03)
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Reserved for premiums	20,123.40							20,123.40
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Reserved fund balance		2,520,390.16	35,761.81			292,815.29		2,848,967.26
Undesignated fund balance	3,245,588.73	(1,305,221.23)	(1,986,426.34)	4,868,068.51		1,721,718.33		6,543,728.00
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	6,667,863.11	2,453,811.23	(1,584,347.69)	5,020,234.08	0.00	2,014,594.12	0.00	14,572,154.85
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	8,821,844.55	2,856,237.69	2,660,212.31	5,600,973.88	0.00	2,017,564.12	17,466,082.01	39,422,914.56

PROOF THAT BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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PROOF THAT FUND DETAIL OF FUND BALANCE AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00
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AGENCY FUND BALANCE PROOF	0.00
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TRUST FUND BALANCE PROOF	0.00
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TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2019  
JULY 1, 2018 to JUNE 30, 2019

STATE TREASURER

State Owned Land	\$ 234,961.00
Exemptions to Elderly&Veterans	10,542.00
Unrestricted State Aid	784,690.00
Mark & Clear Fees	4,820.00
Room Occupancy Tax	474,567.10
Meals Tax	288,125.38
Cannabis Tax	271,459.92
Veterans Benefits reimbursement	64,890.37
Other Revenue	1,365.63
Court Fines	12,889.92
Total State Revenue	<u>\$ 2,148,311.32</u>

TAX COLLECTOR

Personal Property Taxes	\$ 841,303.98
Real Estate Taxes	21,906,542.24
Motor Vehicle Excise	843,594.18
Interest & Penalties	77,981.41
Collector's Fees	12,601.33
I & E Penalties	32,604.02
Payment in lieu of Taxes	32,807.55
Municipal Lien Certificate	5,625.00
Tag Sale Permits	190.00
Research Charges	2,080.00
Misc. Other	28,917.09
Total	<u>\$ 23,784,246.80</u>

TOWN TREASURER

Tax Liens Payments	\$ 95,666.15
Interest on Tax Liens	13,938.14
Earnings on Investments	99,428.32
Bond interest	-
Sale of Foreclosed Land	-
Misc. Other	-
Total	<u>\$ 209,032.61</u>

SELECTBOARD

Alcohol Licenses	\$ 48,045.00
Host Agreement	\$ 208,307.22
Other Licenses & Permits	16,263.28
Total	<u>\$ 272,615.50</u>

LIBRARY

Fees	3,961.19
Fines	14,681.51
	-
Total	<u>\$ 18,642.70</u>

TOWN CLERK

Birth Certificates	\$ 2,413.00
Marriage Certificates	860.00
Death Certificates	2,972.00
Dog Licenses Fees & Penalties	9,895.00
UCC Filing Fees	4,720.00
Marriage Intentions	2,275.00
Non Crimininal Violations	1,400.00
Other	492.25
Total	<u>\$ 25,027.25</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT Permits

and fees	2,675.00
Alarm Permits & Fees	10,650.00
Mutual Aid	\$ 1,816.05
Insurance Reports	910.26
Detail Admin fees	34,486.93
Parking Tickets & Late fees	20,115.00
Misc revenue	29.00
Total	<u>\$ 70,682.24</u>

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits & Fees	\$ 183,775.75
Weights & Measures	\$ -
Total	<u>183,775.75</u>

INSPECTIONS ADMIN FEES

Gas Inspector	\$ 1,298.28
Plumbing	1,407.41
Electrical Inspector	4,445.61
Total	<u>7,151.30</u>

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Assessors	\$ 1,296.00
Conservation Commission	565.00
Historic District Commission	160.00
Planning Board	1,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	450.00
Planning/Community Developmt	2,425.00
Board of Health Inpection &Permits	54,884.62
Recycling/Landfill Fees	49,666.90
Fire Department	31,732.41
Insurance Reimbursements	5,986.00
Rent of Town Buildings	121,166.40
Misc other various depts	4,390.05
Total	<u>\$ 273,722.38</u>



General Fund Receipts Total

State Revenues	\$ 2,148,311.32
Tax Collector	\$ 23,784,246.80
Treasurer	\$ 209,032.61
Selectboard	\$ 272,615.50
Library	\$ 18,642.70
Town Clerk	\$ 25,027.25
Police Department	\$ 70,682.24
Building Department	\$ 183,775.75
Revolving Funds fees	\$ 7,151.30
Other Departments	\$ 273,722.38
<b>Total Receipts General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 26,993,207.85</b>

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

User Fees	\$ 1,817,184.95
Connection Fees	\$ 3,100.00
Septic Dumping Fees	\$ 218,532.75
Sewer liens	\$ 73,660.84
Interest Income	\$ 62,654.56
Interest Penalties	\$ 23,294.06
Returns & refunds	\$ 370.00
<b>Total Receipts- Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 2,198,797.16</b>

Karen D. Fink  
*Town Treasurer*

Vendor Report  
Persons to whom were paid more than \$600 (non-salary or wages)

Vendor Name	YTD Payments		
20 CASTLE STREET LLC	\$ 35,216.55	BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMM CTR	\$ 52,220.68
31-35 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	\$ 790.00	BERKSHIRE VISITING NURSE ASSOC	\$ 1,200.00
47 RAILROAD LLC	\$ 1,518.00	BERTHET ROBIN	\$ 2,618.08
57 PARK LLC	\$ 3,397.50	BETA GROUP, INC.	\$ 11,872.87
5-ALARM FIRE	\$ 1,212.52	B-G MECHANICAL SERVICE INC	\$ 3,644.24
81 DIVISION STREET LLC	\$ 2,427.83	BIG TOYS	\$ 3,191.94
A & A MEMORIAL INC	\$ 1,423.00	BIG Y FOODS INC #22	\$ 7,475.00
A.C.T. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT INC.	\$ 3,800.00	BIG Y FOODS, INC.	\$ 4,821.89
A.W. CHESTERTON COMPANY	\$ 5,400.00	BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$ 8,689.46
AERIAL TESTING COMPANY	\$ 2,569.00	BOSTON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO - W	\$ 956.66
AFLAC	\$ 44,027.64	BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO -G	\$ 9,827.60
AFSCME COUNCIL 93	\$ 12,626.16	BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS, INC.	\$ 931.15
AK BERKSHIRE PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 821.57	BOYDCO INC	\$ 1,170.00
ALL AMERICAN FENCE	\$ 625.00	BRADLEY LUPIANI	\$ 978.41
AMERICAN LEGION POST 298	\$ 2,760.00	BRIAN & AMY CULL	\$ 2,694.14
AMERICAN SAFETY & SUPPLY, INC	\$ 632.50	BROWNELLS, INC	\$ 614.28
ANDREW S BERENS	\$ 2,448.54	BUDDY RODGERS SERVICES	\$ 7,686.00
ANDRUS POWER SOLUTIONS INC	\$ 6,360.00	BULLDOG FIRE APPARATUS 2011	\$ 23,937.25
APPLIED DYNAMICS CORP	\$ 720.00	C.N.WOOD CO., INC.	\$ 659.80
ARROW CONCRETE PRODUCTS,	\$ 2,162.00	CAB EAST LLC	\$ 785.83
ARTHUR P. JONES AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$ 12,406.00	CABOT RISK STRATEGIES LLC	\$ 4,364.00
ATG PATRIOT LLC	\$ 643.91	CANAAN AUTO SUPPLY	\$ 23,861.04
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	\$ 2,642.00	CAPEWAY ROOFING SYSTEMS, INC.	\$ 243,668.00
BACHER CORP OF CONN	\$ 3,412.54	CARDILLO MECHANICAL	\$ 18,978.00
BANKS RONALD & KATHLEEN TRUSTEES	\$ 3,953.11	CAROLYN CALANDRO	\$ 1,550.00
BAU/HOPKINS	\$ 2,716.75	CARR HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO INC	\$ 15,364.43
BAY STATE ELEVATOR COMPANY	\$ 10,264.93	CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	\$ 3,167.76
BBE OFFICE INTERIORS	\$ 66,560.52	CCP INDUSTRIES, INC	\$ 2,187.12
BEAR MOUNTAIN GROUP	\$ 1,575.00	CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 4,255.00
BEAVER SOLUTIONS LLC	\$ 944.00	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$ 2,655.72
BEN FUNK, INC.	\$ 1,960.35	CENTURY ACQUISITIONS ,INC	\$ 7,932.94
BERENSON & BLOOM	\$ 14,623.72	CHRIS REMBOLD	\$ 1,527.28
BERK COMMUNICATORS, INC.	\$ 975.00	CHRISTINE FABER	\$ 1,410.00
BERK. COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$ 1,178,179.11	CHRISTOPHER LAMARRE	\$ 902.65
BERKSHIRE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CO	\$ 18,706.00	CHUBB & SON	\$ 60,633.00
BERKSHIRE CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC	\$ 1,000.00	CINTAS	\$ 13,377.49
BERKSHIRE CTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$ 1,668.03	CITY OF NORTH ADAMS	\$ 600.00
BERKSHIRE DESIGN INC	\$ 2,900.00	CIVICPLUS, INC.	\$ 2,525.00
BERKSHIRE FIREWORKS	\$ 2,500.00	CLARK & GREEN, INC	\$ 5,812.50
BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY	\$ 58,630.43	CLEAN HARBORS	\$ 4,386.79
BERKSHIRE GMC, INC.	\$ 1,350.71	CLINTON CHURCH RESTORATION	\$ 6,819.04
BERKSHIRE GRAPHICS	\$ 2,078.72	COHEN KINNE VALICENTI & COOK LLP	\$ 4,647.50
BERKSHIRE HEALTH GROUP	\$ 1,474,935.00	COLARUSSO BLACKTOP CO	\$ 25,682.10
BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST	\$ 16,012,972.00	COLONIAL MUNICIPAL GROUP	\$ 36,815.95
BERKSHIRE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$ 63,939.50	COMMONWEALTH GUARDRAIL	\$ 8,967.50
BERKSHIRE MEDICAL CENTER	\$ 3,224.00	COMMONWEALTH OF MA	\$ 700.00
BERKSHIRE MT SPRING WATER CO	\$ 926.00	COMMONWEALTH OF MA, MPTC	\$ 3,000.00
BERKSHIRE MUSIC SCHOOL, INC.	\$ 930.00	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.	\$ 980.00
BERKSHIRE NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCI	\$ 13,534.60	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 8,637.50
BERKSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE	\$ 5,579.00	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 3,000.00
BERKSHIRE PULSE, INC	\$ 30,050.00	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 2,630.00
BERKSHIRE RECORD	\$ 8,122.66	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$ 19,895.10
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMM	\$ 46,245.65	COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 5,000.00

Vendor Report  
Persons to whom were paid more than \$600 (non-salary or wages)

COMMUNITY PARADIGM ASSOCIATES	\$ 12,670.50	FORDS AUTO SERVICE INC	\$ 2,358.21
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COALITION	\$ 1,750.00	FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	\$ 992.15
CONSTRUCT	\$ 3,250.00	FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES,INC	\$ 85,093.37
COP LLC/RON SCHAEFER	\$ 1,784.31	FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$ 7,480.00
COPPLESON VICTOR	\$ 4,634.20	GABRIEL ERIC F	\$ 690.58
COUNTRY CARPETS,INC	\$ 1,083.00	GALLAGHER FLUID SEALS, INC.	\$ 3,532.48
COVERT TRACK GROUP	\$ 600.00	GALLS	\$ 1,028.60
COYNE CHEMICAL	\$ 6,578.75	GALVIN & SONS MASONRY	\$ 19,380.00
CRANES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	\$ 21,746.28	GAS PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, LLC	\$ 623.80
CROCKER COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 3,101.07	GENERAL CODE	\$ 1,195.00
CSS VENTURES INC	\$ 70,838.00	GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS	\$ 2,415.14
CUMMINS NORTHEAST INC	\$ 1,472.69	GILLIAM MARION	\$ 849.59
CWMARS INC	\$ 22,607.20	GILMORE'S HEATING, PLUMBING & A/C	\$ 21,641.10
D.E. WILBER ELECTRICAL	\$ 13,287.37	GIR USA INC	\$ 2,376.00
DAEDALUS, INC	\$ 1,500.00	GLENDALE BOTANICALS	\$ 1,350.00
DAVID EMPRIMO	\$ 1,196.00	GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$ 4,715.77
DAVID GROVER	\$ 4,000.00	GORHAM & NORTON, INC.	\$ 1,113.12
DAVID LOTTO	\$ 1,645.00	GORMAN GILLIAN	\$ 864.22
DAVID PRICKETT CONSULTING LLC	\$ 8,620.80	GRAINGER	\$ 9,620.03
DEMCO	\$ 3,840.50	GB FIRE DIST.	\$ 1,500.00
DENISE AMBER LEE FOUNDATION	\$ 1,410.00	GB FIRE DISTRICT	\$ 64,876.80
DENNIS P MOUNTAIN	\$ 3,400.00	GB HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 6,575.28
DEPT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	\$ 15,623.12	GREAT-WEST LIFE	\$ 128,411.22
DEPT OF TREASURY	\$ 660,386.14	GRIZZLY INDUSTRIAL	\$ 2,994.00
DIST. DEPT. OF VETS. SER	\$ 32,399.96	GRUMBLING GRYPHONS	\$ 600.00
DRAEGER INC.	\$ 888.00	GT BARRINGTON LAND CONSERVANCY	\$ 21,612.30
DUGGAN ENTERPRISES LLC	\$ 12,552.99	GT BARRINGTON YOUTH FOUNDATION	\$ 1,000.84
DUKES ROOT CONTROL INC	\$ 2,997.18	GT. BARRINGTON FIRE DIST	\$ 1,287.53
E G LAHR PR & MEDIA	\$ 21,200.00	GUARDIAN ENERGY MGMT SOLUTIONS	\$ 17,999.00
E. CALIGARI & SON, INC.	\$ 3,240.71	GUARDIAN UNIFORM AND SUPPLY	\$ 10,059.56
EAGLE SHOE REPAIR	\$ 6,106.95	HACH COMPANY	\$ 4,836.37
EASTERN BANK	\$ 2,145,032.88	HAGENS BERMAN SOBOL SHAPIRO, LLP	\$ 983.25
EASTERN MICRO - GRAPHICS, INC.	\$ 725.00	HALLIGAN, INC.	\$ 1,000.00
EASTERN MINERALS, INC.	\$ 128,800.84	HARLAND B. FOSTER, INC.	\$ 8,093.27
ED HERRINGTON, INC.	\$ 7,318.86	HAUPT TREE COMPANY INC	\$ 54,086.25
EDM, INC.	\$ 6,918.74	HEALTH EQUITY	\$ 12,415.18
EDWIN A MAY	\$ 854.46	HELLMAN SHEARN & ARIENTI LLP	\$ 11,805.00
ELAINE CALIGIURI	\$ 1,485.00	HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEMS	\$ 875.00
ELDER SERVICES	\$ 1,000.00	HIGHWAY SAFETY SOLUTIONS	\$ 3,015.78
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	\$ 762.52	HILLTOP SECURITIES	\$ 8,415.99
ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER	\$ 3,750.00	HMA CONTRACTING CORP	\$ 52,420.36
EMANUEL CAROL R	\$ 2,929.77	HOLLAND COMPANY	\$ 1,680.80
EMERGENCY REPORTING	\$ 3,960.00	HOME DEPOT	\$ 2,112.85
EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETING CORP	\$ 810.00	HOUSATONIC BASIN SAMPLING	\$ 1,600.00
ENGEL ANDREAS & STEPHANIE	\$ 1,931.55	HOUSATONIC VALLEY AS.	\$ 17,201.24
ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESS	\$ 783.29	HOUSATONIC WATER WORKS	\$ 44,653.61
ENVIROSYSTEMS INC	\$ 6,945.00	HOUSATONIC WATER WORKS CO	\$ 692.40
ERNEST & JERI DRUCKER	\$ 2,133.30	HP FAIRFIELD, LLC	\$ 9,998.00
EVERETT J. PRESCOTT, INC	\$ 793.66	INGERSOLL LAND CARE	\$ 34,498.70
F.R. MAHONY & ASSOCIATES	\$ 2,379.82	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	\$ 47,438.89
FIBER CONNECT	\$ 1,287.00	INTEGRATION PARTNERS CORP	\$ 730.00
FIRE TECH & SAFETY	\$ 1,982.18	INTERN. CITY/CTY MGMT ASSOC	\$ 952.79
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO.INC.	\$ 1,926.72	INTERN. CODE COUNCIL	\$ 1,130.07
FISHER SCIENTIFIC	\$ 5,687.71	J & J LOCK	\$ 2,121.00

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J. DONOVAN & SON, INC.	\$ 1,983.23	MASS ASSOC OF COUNCILS ON AGING	\$ 875.00
J.H MAXYMILLIAN INC.	\$ 161,227.93	MASS DOR	\$ 243,893.70
JACQUIER WELDING	\$ 5,970.23	MASS. POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMISSIO	\$ 1,500.00
JANE BERNSTEIN	\$ 2,215.90	MASSACHUSETTS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN.	\$ 3,325.00
JANE IREDALE	\$ 5,870.82	MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF POLICE	\$ 8,576.00
JENNIFER TABAKIN	\$ 2,733.75	MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVEN	\$ 8,148.00
JEREMY & ALISON BERLIN	\$ 1,126.20	MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL	\$ 4,556.00
JOANNE KELLY	\$ 825.00	MATTHEW BENDER & CO	\$ 1,963.43
JOE WILKINSON EXCAVATING INC	\$ 120,434.31	MATTHEW W KOLLMER	\$ 2,921.42
JOHN GREEN	\$ 2,395.00	MAYFLOWER VALUATION LTD	\$ 6,612.50
JOHN GUILFOIL PUBLIC RELATIONS LLC	\$ 7,509.88	MCCORMICK, MURTAGH & MARCUS	\$ 3,397.50
JOHN S. LANE & SON, INC.	\$ 8,370.68	MCDONALDS CORP (20-0130)	\$ 2,070.88
JOHN'S GARAGE AND AUTOBODY	\$ 5,149.52	MCKESSON MEDICAL	\$ 658.34
JOHNSON CONTROLS	\$ 12,700.24	MEADOW FARM LLC	\$ 3,460.00
JOHNSON FORD	\$ 3,949.61	MHQ MUNICIPAL VEHICLES	\$ 33,497.32
JOSEPHINE MALLORY	\$ 731.00	MICHAEL BERTELLI	\$ 2,135.80
JUDITH A EDDY	\$ 1,500.00	MICHAEL T QUINLIVAN	\$ 750.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	\$ 5,313.07	MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	\$ 2,129.00
JUREK BROTHERS, INC.	\$ 857.75	MIDWEST TAPES	\$ 20,066.40
JUSKA LOUIS	\$ 5,670.40	MIGMA SYSTEMS, INC.	\$ 2,680.00
JWC ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 3,591.17	MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP	\$ 217,938.00
KAESER COMPRESSORS, INC	\$ 1,654.71	MILLER'S PETROLEUM	\$ 1,048.50
KATHI CASEY	\$ 1,150.00	MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	\$ 730.29
KELLY GRANGER	\$ 4,300.00	MORRISON'S HOME IMPROVEMENT	\$ 1,550.00
KIMBERLY BOLAN AND ASSOCIATES	\$ 6,608.57	MORTON SALT	\$ 15,471.66
KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS	\$ 1,641.90	MOSES NUTSUGAH	\$ 1,158.66
KMS ACTUARIES LLC	\$ 3,750.00	MOTOROLA, INC.	\$ 42,652.20
KOMLINE-SANDERSON	\$ 1,545.96	MOTOROLA, INC.	\$ 6,033.44
KP LAW, P.C.	\$ 87,731.05	MOUNT EVERETT SANITATION	\$ 4,870.00
KWIK PRINT, INC.	\$ 10,411.49	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	\$ 1,556.56
L. LOCKE LARKIN	\$ 1,243.78	MTECH, INC	\$ 3,780.00
L.B. CORP	\$ 1,166,453.53	MUNDY RHETT H	\$ 622.82
LACAL EQUIPMENT INC	\$ 1,173.60	MURTAGH TROY	\$ 1,406.94
LAERDAL MEDICAL CORPORATION	\$ 6,199.35	NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$ 1,846.28
LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP.	\$ 1,606.97	NATIONAL GRID	\$ 187,251.15
LAPINSKI ELECTRIC, INC.	\$ 19,006.30	NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION	\$ 12,763.00
LAWRENCE CHARETTE ELECTRIC	\$ 18,610.00	NEIWPC	\$ 715.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$ 2,485.76	NEMCIA	\$ 925.00
LEE AUDIO 'N	\$ 16,670.78	NEOPOST USA INC	\$ 13,772.53
LEE HARDWARE	\$ 12,960.20	NETWORK ENGINEERING, LLC	\$ 60,254.00
LHS ASSOCIATES INC	\$ 7,766.21	NEW ENGLAND AQUATIC SERVICES LLC	\$ 4,455.00
LINDA SHAFIROFF	\$ 1,374.41	NORTHEAST FASTNERS	\$ 1,621.95
LION	\$ 918.64	NORTHEAST RESCUE SYSTEMS	\$ 2,563.00
LIPTON ENERGY	\$ 76,628.53	NORTHEAST SLOPE MOWING	\$ 2,000.00
LL DATA DESIGNS LLC	\$ 890.00	NORTHERN CONSTRUCTION SERVICE	\$ 472,153.15
LOCKE LORD LLP	\$ 4,800.00	O ICE LLC	\$ 729.80
LOMBARDI BUILDERS	\$ 3,930.64	O'CONNELL OIL ASSOC INC	\$ 42,499.49
LUBRICATION ENG., INC.	\$ 2,115.48	OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	\$ 695.00
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	\$ 6,691.78	OLDE VILLAGE MONOGRAMMING INC	\$ 3,031.78
MAINTENANCE MAN	\$ 20,870.00	OSTERMAN PROPANE, INC	\$ 1,158.97
MANITOU, INC.	\$ 19,445.00	OTT TO PRINT GREEN, INC.	\$ 2,293.00
MARCOTTE FORD SALES INC	\$ 37,166.80	OVERDRIVE, INC	\$ 2,030.47
MARIE RYAN	\$ 1,611.05	PALKIMAS PATRICIA	\$ 707.40
MARKINGS, INC.	\$ 26,305.98	PARTAC PEAT CORP	\$ 8,406.61

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PENGUIN MANAGEMENT INC	\$ 1,548.00	SHOPPERS GUIDE	\$ 2,496.20
PAUL M. WENDLING	\$ 5,050.00	SHOWCASES	\$ 1,056.93
PAULA ELY	\$ 620.42	SLACK CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$ 23,894.60
PAYLESS AUTO GLASS	\$ 1,297.73	SOUTHERN BERK. POWER	\$ 1,114.63
PCMG	\$ 6,277.90	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	\$ 108,134.47
PEAK-RYZEK, INC.	\$ 1,327.59	STAPLES	\$ 2,934.16
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE INC	\$ 1,416.00	STAPLES	\$ 1,646.76
PERMA LINE OF N.E.	\$ 6,659.70	STATE STREET BANK	\$ 12,434.66
PETER & DIANE DILLION	\$ 5,422.54	STEVE'S AUTO REPAIR, INC	\$ 2,398.72
PETER A SWEET JR	\$ 720.46	STOCKMAN ASSOCIATES LLC	\$ 2,400.00
PETER JENSEN LLC	\$ 12,993.17	SULLIVAN ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,693.86
PETER W TUCKER	\$ 2,700.00	SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	\$ 3,640.98
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	\$ 58,042.54	SUPERIOR SPRING & MGF CO	\$ 4,758.72
PITTSFIELD FIRE &	\$ 2,682.90	SUSAN H. EBITZ	\$ 675.00
PITTSFIELD NEWS CO INC	\$ 5,830.36	SUZANNE MAZZARELLI	\$ 1,480.00
PITTSFIELD PIPERS, INC.	\$ 61,314.00	SWCA ENVIRONMENTAL	\$ 29,696.00
PMAM CORPORATION	\$ 600.00	SWENSON GRANITE WORKS	\$ 2,400.00
POLICEONE	\$ 2,400.00	SYNAGRO NORTHEAST INC	\$ 125,152.30
POLSINELLO FUELS INC	\$ 1,630.96	SYNCB/AMAZON	\$ 13,449.02
PREFERRED PRINT SOLUTIONS	\$ 3,678.92	TAPLIN YARD	\$ 7,444.26
PREMIER SAFETY	\$ 1,400.54	THE BRIEN CENTER	\$ 1,000.00
PRIORITY DISPATCH CORP	\$ 1,708.00	THE FORT MILLER CO	\$ 13,365.00
PROPET DISTRIBUTORS, INC	\$ 750.35	THE GORMAN GROUP LLC	\$ 1,632.10
QUILL CORPORATION	\$ 7,288.03	THE INDIVIDUAL LAUNDRY	\$ 1,016.00
R.I. BAKER COMPANY, INC	\$ 7,547.19	THE MAHER CORPORATION	\$ 707.54
R.W.'S INC	\$ 2,700.00	THE NUTRITION CENTER	\$ 1,000.00
RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT	\$ 28,500.00	THE RESOURCE CONNECTION, INC	\$ 5,013.91
RAIS	\$ 5,324.80	THE TRAVEL GROUP, INC	\$ 2,214.00
REAL ESTATE RESEARCH CONSULTANTS	\$ 8,320.00	THEA BASIS	\$ 1,085.00
REALISTIC DEFENSE OPTIONS LLC	\$ 625.00	THOMSON GALE	\$ 5,151.61
REBECCA JURCZYK	\$ 2,094.47	TIGHE & BOND INC	\$ 14,645.00
RECORDED BOOKS, INC.	\$ 1,806.31	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$ 13,236.43
RED ROOF BOSTON-WOBURN	\$ 7,186.40	TMDE CALIBRATION LAB, INC	\$ 637.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #955	\$ 2,267.54	TOCE BROTHERS INC	\$ 3,746.72
RES-Q-JACK, INC	\$ 1,100.00	TODD & INAJARA MURRAY	\$ 763.65
RIBCO SUPPLY	\$ 6,784.80	TOWN GREAT BARRINGTON	\$ 8,296.24
ROBERT & DEBRA LEE TRAUTMANN	\$ 3,561.00	TOWN OF EGREMONT	\$ 1,512.51
ROGER TRUCKING	\$ 3,875.00	TOWN OF MONTEREY	\$ 22,263.07
RP MA SOLAR. LLC	\$ 179,983.29	TOWN OF NEW MARLBORO	\$ 3,497.50
RR DONNELLEY	\$ 683.84	TOWN OF PERU	\$ 1,557.44
S & A WHOLESALERS OF	\$ 6,459.11	TOWN OF SHEFFIELD	\$ 71,848.04
SAFETY FIRST	\$ 4,045.42	TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE	\$ 10,726.06
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	\$ 2,513.05	TOWN OF TYRINGHAM	\$ 7,017.04
SALCO CONSTRUCTION CO	\$ 69,427.69	TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE	\$ 67,393.67
SAND ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL	\$ 851.00	TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN	\$ 695.00
SASSAFRAS LAND CARE	\$ 600.00	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$ 3,130.33
SBETC	\$ 60,477.00	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	\$ 643.45
SCHMIDT EQUIPMENT INC	\$ 3,232.22	TRAFFIC LOGIX CORPORATION	\$ 1,910.00
SENTRY UNIFORM &	\$ 819.85	TRC	\$ 99,070.47
SERVICE MATTERS LLC	\$ 1,683.50	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$ 15,888.75
SEWARD'S TIRES, INC.	\$ 12,981.33	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	\$ 30,430.00
SHAFIROFF LINDA M TRUSTEE	\$ 1,429.52	US BANK NA	\$ 2,263,360.80
SHANNON CHEMICAL CORP	\$ 13,254.06	US TREASURY, DHHS, CMS	\$ 1,942.20
SHEDMAN INC.	\$ 3,867.00	UUMSB	\$ 15,738.00

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VALERIO DOMINELLO & HILLMAN, LLC	\$	27,202.50	WHEELER & TAYLOR, INC.	\$	1,885.00
VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS SY INC	\$	631.23	WHITE ENGINEERING	\$	4,500.00
VALLEY ROLL-OFF	\$	34,899.15	WILKINSON APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES INC.	\$	2,900.00
VERIZON	\$	27,469.90	W.B. MASON COMPANY	\$	13,401.32
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$	9,318.65	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	\$	6,157.24
VIJAY N & CHRISOULA MAHIDA, TRUSTEES	\$	8,501.50	WOOD BROTHERS MUSIC	\$	9,550.00
VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE	\$	4,000.00	WOODARD & CURRAN	\$	38,368.00
WALKER PROCESS EQUIPMENT	\$	4,837.00	WORLD BOOK INC	\$	1,431.00
WARD'S NURSERY	\$	5,206.31	XAVUS SOLUTIONS	\$	1,200.00
WELLENKAMP CHRISTINA & JOHN H	\$	1,369.71	YONG UN YUK & EUNHY KIM	\$	2,301.96
WEST FARM EQUIPMENT, INC	\$	925.34	ZWENG MARIA	\$	2,365.47

Total \$31,193,166.93

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The mission of the Great Barrington Finance Committee is to provide advice and assistance to the Town Manager, Selectboard and other Town officials on financial matters by efficiently identifying, analyzing and making recommendations on financial matters that have a material impact on the well-being of the Town of Great Barrington. Under the Town's bylaws, the Finance Committee "shall consider any and all financial questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town," it shall hold a public hearing before Town meeting on any warrant article that proposes spending money or disposing of any town property, and it "shall meet quarterly to review receipts and expenditures of all departments under its jurisdiction." Under Massachusetts law, the Town finance committee recommends the budget to the Town meeting, and its approval is required to transfer money from the Town's reserve fund.

Highlights of the Finance Committee's work this year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) include:

Reserve fund transfers: At the request of the Town Manager and Town Accountant, the committee met and approved a total of \$90,000 in transfers from the reserve fund, broken down as follows:

\$15,000 to replace the air conditioner in Town Hall server room;

\$15,000 for consultant firm for Town Manager Search;

\$25,000 for additional legal fees (mostly associated with litigation regarding the Roger Road property);

\$10,000 for Town Manager transition – for a period when outgoing and incoming Town Managers' terms overlapped; and \$25,000 for forensic audit expenses.

A review of historical data on reserve fund transfers indicates that the total amount is consistent with the amounts transferred from the fund in FYs 17 and 18, although there have been years in which there has been much less use of the fund.

Town Audit: In early fall of 2018, the Town hired a new audit firm, Scanlon and Associates.

They were responsible for the audit of the FY 2018 financials. The audit began in November, 2018, but due to discrepancies found in the Tax Collector's office, the auditors opened a forensic audit. Thus, the completion of the Town's 2018 audit took much longer than originally anticipated, and was not completed and will be presented

to the committee in February 2020 [this report was submitted before the audit presentation].

Committee Procedures: The Finance Committee focused this year on streamlining and making more reliable various procedures and information. This included asking for documentation associated with any votes or discussions at least 48 hours in advance of meetings (as is done for Selectboard meetings), and having a request form for Reserve Fund Transfers.

Stabilization Fund: With the Selectboard, the Finance Committee brought to the May 2019 Town Meeting the recommendation of creating a Capital Stabilization Fund to help offset the effect of needed large capital projects on real-estate taxes in any given year. The Town voted to allocate \$1,000,000 into this fund.

Marijuana Revenues: With the commencement of Theory Wellness's retail marijuana sales in January, there was much discussion with the Town Manager and Finance Director about how these funds will and should be managed. The Finance Committee was informed that the revenues—both the 3% local options tax and the 3% Community Impact fees—are not available for use by the Town until they are certified by the State. Thus, reported receipts and fees from cannabis sales in FY 2019 must be certified in FY 2020, and thus will not be available for budget use until FY 2021.

Meetings: Due to the many challenges and complexities facing the town, the committee decided to meet on a more frequent basis. We set the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month as our regularly scheduled meetings. The Town Manager and Town Accountant will be regular participants at these sessions.

Budget Meetings: The committee met frequently with the Selectboard throughout the budget process in January and February 2019. The committee members all thank the Finance Director for the quality and detail of the FY 2020 Budget Books she provided and her responsiveness to request for information during the budget process this year.

Finance Committee membership: After the May elections, the committee said farewell to Janet Lee who stepped down from the Finance Committee, and extended her many thanks and much appreciation for her service. Tom Blauvet was welcomed back, having been re-elected; and Meredith O'Connor was welcomed as a new member on the committee. The committee reorganized and selected



Anne O'Dwyer as Chair and Michelle Loubert as Vice-Chair.

Committee Assignments: Finance Committee members participate in other town wide committees. For this fiscal year, Michelle Loubert continued to serve as the committee's liaison to the Monument Next Steps

committee. Tom Blauvelt was returned to his position on the Community Preservation Committee. Meredith O'Connor was appointed to serve as the committee's representative to the Town's new Economic Development Committee.

Anne O'Dwyer, Chair

## HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

HDC Mission Reminder-Mass. General Laws establishes Historic Districts to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the commonwealth and its cities and towns or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of compatible design.

Public Hearings-The Commission works with property owners, tenants and the community through public hearings and the following were held during fiscal year 2019.

- (1) New Business Signage for Tenant, Samantha Gale Designs, at 322 Main Street which is part of Historic District A, Mahaiwe Block.
- (2) New Business Signage for Tenant, Slab Home + Design, Storefront at 316 Main Street, Street which is also part of Historic District A, Mahaiwe Block.
- (3) Request by Daniel Klein to Install a Sculpture honoring W.E. Du Bois at the Mason Library in Historic District C.
- (4) New Exterior Faux Finishes with Business Signage for new Tenant, WBCR, at 320 Main Street in the Mahaiwe Block, Historic District A.  
Town Hall- The Commission also continues to review maintenance and improvements at Town Hall also in Historic District A.
- (1) A proposal for a comprehensive restoration of the Front Brownstone Entrance Steps at Town Hall was

updated with a Handrail Detail. The new construction proposes to reuse the existing, removed stone in the future on the Town Hall site.

- (2) Replacement Pedestal Base and Cap for the Center of the Exedra Seating was installed. Stone Cleaning, Mortar Repairs and Surface Sealing of the Seating and Terrace Areas were completed shortly thereafter.
- (3) Graphics Prototype Wrapping with a Historical Theme for the Main Street Electrical Transformer is still in process.

General-Several other items were during the Year.

- (5) Emergency Repairs to Exterior Masonry at 308 Main Street by the Building Owner, Jean-Paul Champoux, which is part of Historic District A, Sumner Block.
- (6) Removal of Arched Stone Structure and adjacent Retaining Walls by John Dewey Academy at Searles Castle, which is part of Historic District B.
- (7) Received Relevant Documents from Dale Culleton of the Train Station and adjoining Pedestrian Tunnel which are both in Historic District A.
  - Updates for Historic District Procedures and By-Laws were completed.
  - Form B Surveys updating properties in the Taconic and West Avenues National Register Historic District were funded by the CPC under the CPA funds.
  - Review with Town Planner, Chris Rembold, of Final Street Lighting Improvements on Railroad Street.

Open Commission Position-We are still looking for candidates for the vacancy on our board as an Alternate Member.

Donald V Howe, Chair

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In FY19 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

1. Fulfill the General Purposes of the Historical Commission to protect and develop Great Barrington's historic resources.
  - Submitted letter to Community Preservation Committee supporting the Parks and Recreation

Committee's proposal to install a retractable mobile gate in first floor of Town Hall to secure the building while rest room is open to the public during closed hours.

- Affirmed the historical significance of the Housatonic School (1908-1909), as part of Grayhouse Partners application for CPA grant to adaptively re-use structure.
  - Submitted letters of support for Monument Mills Revitalization's application for Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for proposed redevelopment of Monument Mills (various c. 1850-1917).
  - Documented 12 Silver Street with photographs of exterior.
  - In response to Mass DOT's request for its review of the plans for a roundabout at the intersection of Maple and Main Streets the Commission recommended the design avoid physical encroachment or visual impairment of the concrete walls to Searles Castle and the broad lawns, trees, walls and fencing to Indianola Place.
2. Manage and Care for Town Museum Collection
- Completed project to purchase and assemble archival shelving for storage of Don Victor Collection. Structural engineer, Andrew Ritter, P.E., Seifert Associates, Naugatuck, CT, contributed technical expertise (with attendant written report, Structural Engineer Study of Weight-Load Capacity for Second Floor, Ramsdell Library) to ensure second floor, Ramsdell Library, can carry added weight load.
  - Chairman of the Library Board met with Commission to discuss plans and opportunities for the use of the second floor of the Ramsdell Library.
  - Completed dusting, vacuuming and dust-mopping of the second floor of Ramsdell Library as part of stewardship responsibilities.
  - Accessioned post card with image of the Berkshire Inn, gift of Ernest Waldman, Hudson, NY, into Town Historical Collection.
  - Surveyed, selected and saved for deposit into the Town Historical Collection a wide range of artifacts the Ramsdell Library didn't consider germane to its

mission, in response to a request by Selectperson Ed Abrahams

- Daedalus art conservators, Watertown, MA, completed the scheduled annual maintenance of the Newsboy statue and fountain (1895).
3. Market Historic Assets: develop programs that heighten public appreciation of the town's rich architectural and historical resources.
- Presented seventh year of Smartphone walking tour of Great Barrington's Main Street business district.
  - Commission member Gary Leveille presented a lecture on Great Barrington business history to the Great Barrington Historical Society.
4. Historic Preservation: promote the preservation of significant structures in town
- Completed assembly and distribution, to local libraries and repositories, of binders containing Phase 1 inventory forms of the Historic Resources Survey of the Brooklyn neighborhood (135 sites) in Great Barrington and Risingdale neighborhood (45 properties) of mill houses, as well as 45 individual sites not included on the previous (1985) survey, a base map depicting locations and a DVD disk of the entire report. Each site is also entered on MACRIS, the Massachusetts Historical Commission's on-line database of historic sites.
  - Funded by Vijay Mahida, completed first phase of removal of artifacts and building fragments, representing architectural and social histories, from Searles High School (1898).
  - Commissioned Berkshire Design architects to complete a condition assessment and recommendations for preserving the severely deteriorating historic Weir Park Trolley Shelter (c. 1915, Belcher Square), a singular artifact representing the principal means of Berkshire public transportation in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - Participated in preservation program of Clinton Church Restoration, a non-profit group-formed to purchase, preserve and create a program of use for the Clinton AME Zion Church (1886), an important local landmark and National Register site.

Paul W. Ivory, Chairman

## SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services

available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY

2019 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 52 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2019 Submitted 7/01/18-6/30/19	Pmt Due in FY 2020 -FY 2019 - 75%
Great Barrington	\$85,405.54	\$64,375.16

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	38
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	48
DD 214s	49
Request for Grave Markers	35

Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	73
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	42
Assisted with Dr. Appointments	11
Home and Office Visits	272
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1370

For FY 2019 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. Great Barrington's apportionment towards the FY 2019 DVS budget was \$32,399.96 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Laurie J. Hils, Director

### CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Great Barrington Cultural Council is to provide grants to support the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences for the direct benefit of the residents of Great Barrington. Sources of revenue come from the Massachusetts Cultural Council solely; the Council receives no financial support from the town of Great Barrington. Grants, typically from \$50 to \$500, are awarded after review by the Council.

Applications are submitted online from September 1 to October 15 each year. This year 30 grant applications were considered. Of those, the Great Barrington Cultural Council funded 20 grants, totaling \$5541.00. The grants ranged in size from \$50 to \$400.

The Council is currently undertaking a survey, available online and in many public places around town, to gather community input on the best use of grant money. The results may result in a re-visioning of the Council mission statement and grant criteria over the coming year.

While the Council does not meet every month due to the nature of its work, largely completed between October and January, it meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Council is actively seeking new members. Currently the Council has 8 members, but the Massachusetts Cultural Council allows for 21 members.

Ellen Shanahan, Chair

## CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

Activity or Service Provided	2019	2020	Forecasted for 2021
Meals served and or delivered through Elder Services	5250	5000	5200
Brown bags distributed	780	720	720
Exercise participants	90	120	120
Health Clinic participants	90	90	100
Support group participants	245	250	250
Participants in educational programs	150	150	155
Participants in social programs	270	280	300
One on one insurance counseling sessions	900	1300	1350

The Claire W. Teague Senior Center is available to seniors over the age of 55 and offers a wide variety of services, programming and events. The Center is staffed by its Director and Administrative Assistant and depends heavily on volunteers, Senior Citizen Property Tax workers, and Council on Aging board members to keep the center running on a daily basis. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-3:30 pm. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30-12:00PM, with the suggested donation of \$2.00. Meals are prepared and served through Elder Services of Berkshire County with the exception of summer cook-outs or prepared on site or hosted by other agencies for special events.

The Senior Center provides many programs for seniors including, foot nurse visits, blood pressure and flu clinics, Health Insurance counseling, Nutrition Programs, monthly Brown Bag, A.G.E. TRIAD and daily meals and Matter of Balance classes. We also offer Pilates, Tai Chi, Chair exercises, Moves and Grooves 1 and 2, Balance and Movement, Feldenkrais, Strength Training and Gentle Yoga. AARP sponsors a free Tax preparation Program from February to mid-March, last year they assisted 175 seniors. Ongoing monthly events include genealogy research, computer instruction, games, cards, Bridge, Bingo four art classes and special events

and information presentation. We offer medical and personal transportation for Great Barrington Seniors and disabled through Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corporation.

New this year we have two new exercise programs that are full to capacity, we received monies from an Earmark that allowed the Council on Aging to upgrade kitchen appliances, install acoustic paneling in our large dining room as well as a sound system. We upgraded the air conditioning, replaced furniture, handicapped accessible picnic tables were purchased for our summer cook-outs, new landscaping was installed as well as a new shed for outside events and storage. The senior center also had a wonderful new website created through this funding and now send out our newsletters by Chimp Mail as well as the paper copy and Town website. We held a one day multi town TRIAD event that included, GB Fire Department demonstration, GB Police, Berkshire County Sheriff's Office self-defense demonstration, Be Seen Be Safe vest distribution donated by Berkshire Health Systems and much more.

The senior center is used after hours for many different eligible groups, at this time there are over ten different groups that use the building on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis during the evening hours.

Polly Mann Salenovich, Director

## GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARIES

Friends and Trustees: Both the Friends of The Great Barrington Libraries and the Library Trustees have continued to contribute many hours hosting events and raising awareness of the libraries. The Friends purchased passes to the local museums for use by library patrons and continued their monthly Saturday documentary film series. We greatly value their support and input.

Staff: 2019 saw the departure of Samuel Reggio, Adult Circulation Supervisor, and the promotion of Christine Warner to fill the vacancy. We also welcomed part time staff members Melissa Joyce and Janice Robbins. Thanks to the tireless work of all the staff, our patrons have had the excellent service they have come to expect from our libraries.

Notable: The libraries have continued to serve as a regular meeting space for Town and local organizations including Parks and Recreation, the Great Barrington Tree Committee, and Great Barrington Trails and Greenways.

Our meeting rooms and quiet rooms were used over 2,391 times this year.

Our computers were used 245 times at Ramsdell and 11,947 times at Mason Library. Both libraries serve as important technological resources in their respective communities.

The Great Barrington Libraries joined the Massachusetts Library System sponsored national CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) for our eighth year. We had 230 registered children who read over 157,322 minutes. The theme for this year was “Libraries Rock”, which encouraged children to explore reading and music. There were weekly activities where children learned to play the ukulele, learned about Berkshire County geology, participated in drumming classes, saw Birds of Prey and more. In total, the libraries offered 47 children’s summer reading programs with 983 persons attending.

Great Barrington Libraries total circulation for FY 2019 was 131,225 items.

	Adult	Young Adult	Children	Total
Mason	72,383	4,409	40,837	117,629
Ramsdell	9,488	311	3,797	13,596

Materials Purchased in 2019 for Mason					
Adult Books	1,686	Children’s Books	1,668	YA Books	265
Adult Audio Books	212	Children’s Audio Books	74	YA Audio Books	11
Adult DVDs	428	Children’s DVDs	237	YA DVDs	12
Adult Serials	795	Children’s Serials	61	YA Serials	1

Materials Purchased in 2019 for Ramsdell					
Adult Books	625	Children’s Books	267	YA Books	18
Adult Audio Books	63	Children’s Audio Books	12	YA Audio Books	6
Adult DVDs	169	Children’s DVDs	28	YA DVDs	-
Adult Serials	270	Children’s Serials	-	YA Serials	8

Holdings: Total Holdings: 162,472 (this includes eBooks and eAudio available via C/W MARS)

- Mason Library holds 61,434 physical items.
- Ramsdell Library holds 19,176 physical items
- Both Libraries have access to 81,862 eBooks and eAudio

Hours and Visitors: Ramsdell Library was open Sunday 1-4pm, Tuesday 1-5pm, Wednesday 1-8pm, Friday 1-6pm and Saturday 10-3pm. Ramsdell Library was open a total of 1,246 hours and had 7,009 patrons visit.

Mason Library was open Monday-Wednesday 10-7pm, Thursday-Friday 10-6pm and Saturday 10-3pm. Mason Library was open a total of 2,388 hours with 124,161 visitors.

Programs/Events: The Great Barrington Libraries sponsored a total of 415 events/programs and had approximately 5,037 people attend these events.

Finances: On July 1, 2018, GB Libraries had \$37,039 in State Aid money. We spent \$14,667.52 last year and received \$12,046.50. As of July 1, 2019 we have \$34,417.98 in that account. This account largely pays for programs, advertising for programs and special projects. It is governed by the Trustees of the Great Barrington Libraries. Through fines and fees the Libraries were able to turn back to the town \$18,653.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to all the employees and volunteers of the libraries for their support, cooperation and hard work throughout the year.

Amanda M. DeGiorgis, Director

## FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The past fiscal year has brought positive results from Community Television for the Southern Berkshires (CTSB) and frustration from our discussions with Charter/Spectrum officials.

At CTBS the retirement of Station Manager Leo Mahoney left large shoes to fill. Mr. Richard Frederick has been chosen to fill them. We wish him well in this position and we give Leo our warmest regards and thanks for the good work he has done for our communities.

Now that the four high schools have been wired, the station has been busy with the Shakespeare Festival and new programming from these schools. CTBS has also been watching for the results of new FCC regulations regarding PEG fees generated from cable subscribers and distributed to access channels like CTBS. (PEG refers to Public Access, Educational Access and Government Access channels.) CTBS will not see how this will affect them until March when they will receive payment from Charter/Spectrum.

The new Charter Director of Government Affairs for Massachusetts is John R. Maher, who attended our March meeting.

The Committee continues to ask questions regarding cable service and Charter's customer relations.

There has been constant questions and discussion regarding the change in channel number of the PEG stations and how they are identified in the guide. Charter

maintained that these are corporate decisions that will not be changed. The Committee pointed out how these changes affect the subscriber.

The quarterly agenda always asks for a status report on WWLP and WCVB. Charter states that these out of market stations will not return due to the FCC placement of Berkshire County in the Albany television market. This request will remain on the agenda.

The PEG access fee was upped from \$.19 per account to \$.33 without prior announcement. When questioned about this increase the response from Charter was that this fee was to recoup a \$212k grant. The fee depends on the number of subscribers in the towns. The number of subscribers has dropped so the fee had to go up.

Complaints about the change in the due date on bills was aired. Charter maintains that communication was made with subscribers.

The Committee has voiced concern about poor communication with Charter regarding service calls, citing instances of differing answers regarding the same question. Charter officials encourage communication, but did not respond clearly about this situation.

It should be noted that the contract with Charter will expire in 2023. The Committee will be preparing for negotiations soon.

Tom Hatch, Michael Kernan, and Jim Brown

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Great Barrington Housing Authority (GBHA) administers state subsidized housing programs and manages housing properties for low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs. The properties are state assisted, therefore state regulations, local preference, priorities and eligibility requirements apply. Anyone who works or lives in Great Barrington or Housatonic receives local preference. There is also priority status for emergency applicants per state regulations. GBHA manages Brookside Manor, located at 909 South Main Street, Great Barrington, as well as Flag Rock Village located at 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive, Housatonic and Dewey Court located on Dewey Way, Sheffield. All of the properties have state assisted housing for low income elderly (defined as age 60 in Massachusetts), and disabled adults (under 60 years of age).

Brookside Manor consists of 31 one bedroom apartments for seniors and is located by the Senior Center. Flag Rock

Village consists of 32 one-bedroom apartments. There are eighteen units of family apartments, three wheel-chair accessible, housing 53 adults and their dependents. There is one four-bedroom house for people with special needs at Flag Rock Village. Dewey Court consists of 22 one bedroom apartments and 8 family apartments located on Dewey Way, Sheffield. Waitlists for elderly and family housing are in place through the state newly implemented CHAMP system. Applications & eligibility requirements regarding housing at Brookside Manor, Flag Rock Village and Dewey Court are available at the office at 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive Housatonic and applicants can apply directly on the state CHAMP system at [mass.gov/applyforpublichousing](http://mass.gov/applyforpublichousing). If you need further information contact us at (413) 274-1142.

Tina Danzy, Executive Director

## PLANNING BOARD

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 the Planning Board held 26 meetings, usually on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, as well as one special joint meeting with the Selectboard. Over the course of the year, the Planning Board endorsed 7 ANR (subdivision Approval Not Required) plans that created a total of 4 new building lots. The Planning Board conducted 17 Site Plan Reviews, made recommendations on 10 special permits, and issued two special permits.

Site Plan approvals included several multi-family properties. The Planning Board reviewed the floodplain and water quality special permits for the CDC's development of the former Log Homes site. These were the last zoning permits required in order for the CDC to begin construction of the affordable housing there. The Planning Board issued one special permit for the creation of a new building lot, via the Rear Lot provision of Section 4.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, and one special permit for the creation of a new 2-acre commercial solar array on the gravel pit below Monument Mountain near the transfer station.

The Board worked closely with the Town Planner to craft several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Several important amendments were passed, including changes to the B-2 dimensional and use regulations, and a re-mapping of the

B-2 zone on Stockbridge Road. This was proposed in accordance with the goals of the Master Plan to ensure that zoning regulations for areas with existing infrastructure can accommodate the evolving economy and changing housing demands. The approved amendments added more use flexibility and land use options for the B-2 zones, brought residential properties into conformance, and reduced the number of lots that were split by zoning district lines.

The Board continues to evaluate whether Town regulations promote a variety of housing opportunities, and looks forward to working jointly with the Selectboard to tackle this issue and propose zoning amendments or other provisions that will encourage the creation and preservation of housing units.

The Planning Board is represented by member Jeremy Higa on the Community Preservation Committee; Brandee Nelson on the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force; Pedro Pachano and Malcom Fick on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and both Pachano and Jonathan Hankin on the Design Advisory Committee. Finally, Hankin and Associate Member Garfield Reed serve as Trustees on the Affordable



Housing Trust, and Pachano serves on the Open Space and Recreation Task Force. We are grateful for the immense volume of work that the Planning Board accomplishes for the Town, and the many hours that our volunteers give to

this Board and other boards in Great Barrington and the region.

Brandee Nelson, Chair

## PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This Department provides support and technical assistance to applicants, homeowners, businesses, and to Town staff and Boards regarding planning, zoning, and community and economic development matters. The work includes analyzing permit applications with staff and boards as well as promoting conservation and development in accordance with our Town's Master Plan. The department continues to coordinate the Town Manager's Development Review Team (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief) to provide technical project reviews. This year the Department is also involved in capital improvement planning and supporting other boards and commissions. Highlights for Fiscal Year (FY19) include:

The most visible projects this year included the completion of the downtown street improvements on Bridge, School, Church, Elm, and Railroad Streets, funded by a Mass Works grant. These streets needed significant reconstruction, and the sidewalks on Railroad were completely rebuilt and widened. New lighting and trees were added as well. Construction was coordinated and supervised by the DPW.

Zoning bylaw amendments approved in May of 2019 included important changes to the B-2 regulations. These amendments furthered the Master Plan goal to ensure that zoning regulations for areas with existing infrastructure can accommodate the evolving economy and changing housing demands. The amendments added more use flexibility and land use options for the B-2 zones, brought residential properties into conformance, and changed the zoning map on Stockbridge Road, reducing split lots and changing the B-2, I, and R2 zoning boundaries.

Economic Development efforts this year included the implementation of a brownfields assessment grant from

the US EPA. These funds were used to assess the nature and extent of contamination at Cook's Garage in Housatonic and Ried Cleaners in downtown, both of which are now Town-owned, having been taken for back taxes. Additional testing is occurring at the former Carpenter's Variety (aka the Deli or Wogaffers) on Main Street near BCC. Our goal is that this work will allow all the sites to be cleaned up and redeveloped, so that they can be put back on the tax rolls.

We were also successful in getting downtown Great Barrington designated as a Cultural District. The District's mission is to communicate and market all of the cultural and historic activities downtown, to promote the downtown, and to coordinate activities, so that residents and visitors alike can take advantage of all that happens downtown. In turn, increased visitation will strengthen our downtown economy.

In terms of parks and open space planning, in the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force has continued its implementation of the Comprehensive Plan for Lake Mansfield Recreation Area. Engineering of Lake Mansfield Road was completed and the Task Force and Selectboard can make informed decisions on the long term fate of the road, in order to protect the health of the Lake. The Knob Hill stormwater improvements project was completed, thanks to a nearly \$300,000 grant to make stormwater on Knob Hill.

FY20 will be busy, and, among many other projects, this office looks forward to supporting the new Economic Development Committee and completing the update of our Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Rembold, AICP

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The CPC is the town board that implements the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which was adopted by the voters of Great Barrington in 2012. Through the CPA, state and local funds are collected to fund open space, affordable housing, historic preservation, and

recreation projects. The CPC is comprised of nine members: two citizens-at-large and one member each from the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks Commission, Housing Authority Board, Planning Board, Select Board, and Finance

Committee. The CPC administers the community preservation fund, writes and adopts a Community Preservation Plan based on community input, receives proposals from the community for expenditures from the fund, and recommends projects to Town Meeting to be considered for funding. The voters at Town Meeting must approve all CPA funding.

The CPC met 10 times in Fiscal Year 2019, and in the fall and winter dedicated itself to reviewing CPA applications and preparing for the 2019 Town Meeting, at which FY20 funds would be appropriated. In the two-step application

process, the CPC reviewed 11 Step 1 applications for eligibility, and received nine Step 2 applications. After thorough review the CPC recommended eight projects to Town Meeting for funding. In its recommendations, the CPC determined, among other things, that these projects meet the goals of the Community Preservation Plan, provide a needed public benefit and comply with the CPA law, and demonstrate strong community support. The CPC prepared a report for Town Meeting that was included with the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, to appropriate FY20 funds. All eight projects were approved by Town Meeting. They are:

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#### COMMUNITY HOUSING

Great Barrington affordable housing trust fund – down payment	\$100,000
CDC of South Berkshire – housing at 910 Main Street	\$200,000

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HDC for historic research of Taconic West district	\$27,000
Ramsdell Library for building needs study	\$30,000
Preservation of the former Housatonic School	\$300,000
Accessibility renovations at the Mahaiwe theater	\$34,500

#### OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

McAllister wildlife refuge project	\$31,300
Agricultural Preservation of 180-190 North Plain Road	\$92,000

TOTAL:	\$814,800
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Since its inception in Great Barrington, the CPA has generated over \$3.5 million which voters have appropriated million to affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space/recreation projects. The projects are spread all across Town and will result in over 100 new units of affordable housing, 10 historic sites

preserved, including rare structures, significant Town properties, and unique buildings, 7 walking trails built or planned, and 100+ acres of open space and recreation areas preserved.

Thomas Blauvelt, Chair

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To administer and uphold the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, The Great Barrington Wetland Bylaw and the Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act. To educate and assist homeowners, business owners and land owners regarding regulations and to help them navigate the decision making and permit granting process within jurisdictional areas. To carefully review all applications utilizing assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection and other professional third-party specialists when needed. To maintain ongoing contact with engineers, landscape

architects, land owners and contractors to ensure site stabilization and permit compliance. To ensure a timely response to all emergencies and complaints. To issue Stop Work Orders and Enforcement Orders as needed to uphold the Wetlands Protection Act and the Scenic Mountains Act. To maintain ongoing communication and coordination with other Town Departments. To manage Conservation Properties: Lake Mansfield, the Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest and the McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

In FY 2019 the Conservation Commission reviewed and/or issued:

- 11 Wetland Protection Act Requests for Determination of Applicability
- 14 Wetland Protection Act Notices of Intent
- 1 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Request for Determination of Applicability
- 6 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Notices of Intent
- 16 Enforcement Orders and/or Restoration Plans
- 1 Beaver Permit
- 1 Emergency Certification
- 7 Certificates of Compliance
- 1 Amended Order of Conditions
- 12 Recommendations to various Town Departments or Boards
- 13 McAllister Wildlife Refuge matters and/or other Conservation Property Issues
- 126 Non-permit-related outreach, letters, site visits and consultations

The Commission continues to play an active role in the Lake Mansfield Alliance and we support the Lake Mansfield Improvement Taskforce whenever possible. A member of the Commission serves on the Community Preservation Committee, and the Commission collaborates with numerous local conservation councils, boards and citizen groups to fulfill our role in open space planning and the long term clean-up and restoration of the Housatonic River. In fiscal 2020, we look forward to an

increase in recreational trail development along the Housatonic River and important habitat improvements at the McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

As always, we continue to offer administrative support to homeowners, small businesses, farmers and environmental non-profits to make the Wetland and Scenic Mountain permitting process as smooth as possible.

Jeffrey Cohen, Chair

### LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

The members of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force are pleased to submit this report of Fiscal Year 2019 activities and accomplishments. The focus during this time has been on planning for the Lake road and its long term disposition. We have also implemented other projects critical to the long term health of the lake and for safe access to the recreation opportunities in and around the lake, and provided the studies and community planning background to inform the Selectboard's decision to close Lake Mansfield Road between the boat launch and the beach to vehicular traffic.

An important engineering project was completed in the summer of 2018. This project mapped wetland areas, conducted road and property surveys, studied how to preserve the lake edge buffer zone, and designed a replacement of the outlet pipe to control flooding on the north end of the road. The results of the report showed how little room there was, and how expensive it could be, to rebuild the road to accommodate two-way vehicular traffic. It was also determined that in order to stabilize the bank and best protect the lake's long term health, the

roadway should be closed. Thus in June 2019 the LMITF recommended to the Selectboard that Lake Mansfield Road between the boat launch and the beach be closed to vehicular traffic, permanently. The Selectboard agreed and voted to close the road. Over the next several years we will help develop the design plans to stabilization of the lake edge and establish a non-vehicular recreation path along the Lake in place of the road.

A large stormwater drainage improvement project on Knob Hill Road was completed in spring 2019. This project was funded by a FY18 nonpoint source pollution stormwater mitigation grant from Mass DEP for \$288,925. A stormwater drainage catchment system was installed that will catch and filter sediment and pollutants carried by rain storms into the lake. This work tied into the reconstructed Boat Launch area, which was completed in calendar 2018. We thank the Great Barrington Land Conservancy (GBLC) for their donation of time and materials used to replant the steep hill at the corner of Lake Mansfield Road and Knob Hill Road, as part of this project.

In December 2018, we completed a Lake Mansfield Watershed Based Plan (“WBP”). This plan completed additional analysis of problematic pollution spots in the lake area, and established a set of priority improvements that, if completed by the Town, can have a significant improvement on the quality of the lake waters and the surrounding habitat areas.

We submitted a grant application for funding to design improvements to the beach /forest parking lot. This is a stormwater runoff problem area, and with grant funds in FY20 we will be able to design much needed improvements.

In Lake Mansfield Forest, the accessible trail loop was finally completed, thanks to grants from the Town’s

Community Preservation Act and cooperation and volunteering from the Great Barrington Land Conservancy. This packed-surface trail makes for a short, scenic stroll accessible to wheelchairs and baby strollers, and completes the larger trail system that includes the downtown walking loop. Finally, community volunteers coordinated by GBLC and Greenagers, and funded by GBLC, improved the portion of the forest trail to Christian Hill Road and removed poison ivy.

The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force will continue to work to provide for the health and safe recreational use of the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area.

Respectfully submitted by the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

In FY2019, the Great Barrington Agricultural Commission continued to advance the Great Barrington Master Plan’s vision to create a thriving local food economy and supportive environment for farming. Based on the 2016 Town Meeting’s Pollinator-Friendly Community Resolution and the 2018 Great Barrington Pollinator Action Plan, we have encouraged town planning, educational outreach and voluntary community action in support of pollinators. Bees, butterflies and other pollinators are vital parts of our ecosystem, with three quarters of flowering plants relying on pollinators to reproduce. Pollinators provide essential services for fruit and vegetable crops and thus contribute to our food security and agricultural economy. Specific activities included:

### PRESENTATIONS TO SELECTBOARD AND TO BHRSD NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE

Report to the Selectboard on Great Barrington Pollinator Action Plan in August 2018 with update on actions by Department of Public Works, Great Barrington Libraries, regional and national organizations, including at the Northeast Organic Farming Association conference at Hampshire College.

Resilient Living Laboratory Campus and Green STEAM Curriculum presentation to the MMRHS Next Steps Committee in December 2018. Our vision focused on innovative food/farming education for 21<sup>st</sup> century career opportunities in food law, health care, and agriculture as well as for increased community food resilience in face of climate disruption challenges.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Lake Mansfield Boat Access ribbon-cutting event in September 2018 with state and town officials, who supported pollinator-friendly native plants seeded at the site.

Jesse Stewart’s “Let’s Talk” WSBS radio program interviewed DPW Superintendent Sean VanDeusen, River Walk Director Christine Ward and Agricultural Commission Chair Vivian Orłowski about the Great Barrington Pollinator Action Plan in September 2018. Media coverage also included articles in the Berkshire Eagle, Berkshire Edge and Berkshire Record.

“A Guided Plant Walk” exploring pollinator plants and beneficial weeds at McAllister Wildlife Refuge in September 2018, led by Devan Arnold, volunteer advisor to the Agricultural Commission.

Pollinator Protection community gathering at Great Barrington Green Drinks in February 2019.

### COLLABORATION WITH TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Tree Committee’s Arbor Day activities in coordination with Mason Library’s pollinator exhibit.

Department of Public Works’ pollinator-friendly design planning for Main Street planters.

North Plain Farm’s application to the Community Preservation Committee.

Greenagers’ Young Farmer Educational Series.

River Walk's children's program assembling Mason Bee homes at Great Barrington Farmers' Market.

#### CONFERENCE COORDINATION AND PRESENTATIONS

"Advocacy for Pollinators" presentation featuring Great Barrington pollinator protection policies and practices, at the Sustainable Land Care Symposium, Smith College in January 2019.

ThinkFOOD Conference: Berkshire Pollinators at Bard College at Simon's Rock in April 2019. Community

educational outreach in coordination with Bard's Center for Food Studies highlighted the Great Barrington Pollinator Action Plan.

#### COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Changes included Nancy Cooley appointed August 2018/resigned May 2019 (due to moving out of state) and appointment of Jen Bloesch, Gideon's Garden program director, as a new member in June 2019.

Vivian Orlowski, Chair

#### TREE COMMITTEE

During the fiscal year 2019, the Great Barrington Tree Committee met regularly at the Mason Library on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Committee welcomed 4 new members this year: Holly Hamer, Marcia Stamell, Shep Evans and Eva Ward. Additional members include Michael Peretti (Tree Warden) and longest standing member, Hilda Banks Shapiro

The committee successfully met the requirements for re-application to Tree City USA. We now have been awarded this designation 8 years in a row.

There were 24 tree removals, 17 trees pruned and 8 new tree plantings. The 83 Main Street trees were fertilized and pruned. And there were three tree injections against Dutch Elm disease.

In addition to these accomplishments, the Committee celebrated Arbor Day, beginning with an annual Arbor Day Proclamation. The Committee thanks Ward's Nursery and Ingersoll Land Care for the replanting of a red oak on the Mason Library front lawn near the Laura

Ingersoll Second plaque. Mr. Ingersoll gave a running commentary on the planting, care and mulching of shade trees.

The Arbor Day event included a kid's tree id contest on Riverwalk organized by the Great Barrington Land Conservancy. The Tree Committee collaborated with Mason Library and Friends of the Libraries with a book and postcard display and a film, *Call of the Forest*. 200 red oak and sugar maple seedlings were given to the public.

The Committee is updating the Recommended Tree Planting List and Main Street Tree Listings, both of which are available on the Town website.

The Committee will continue efforts to protect our canopy and educate the public about the beauty and value of our urban forest. It hopes to strengthen our existing tree protection ordinance and work with staff on a tree and shrub assessment/plan for our public parks.

Holly Hamer, Chair

#### DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Design Advisory Committee (DAC) is responsible for reviewing changes to the exterior of buildings, including additions, changes in or installation of signage, changes in the painting of facades, and changes in lighting within the Village Center Overlay District (VCOD) to ensure that any changes conform to the general principles outlined in the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaws. The goal is to "encourage improvements of 1900's buildings and new buildings to be of complementary height and style for mixed use (commercial, retail and residential)."

In the past year we welcomed three new members to fill all available positions on the committee. Filling all the seats should make it easier to reach a quorum so applicants will always be able to present projects to the committee without delay.

We also instituted a regular meeting schedule set for the second Wednesday of every month at Town Hall. Having a set time for meeting allows for committee members to schedule their time ahead of the scheduled meeting. In the past, meetings were held on an as needed basis which made

seating a quorum difficult forcing the cancellation of meetings and subsequent delays to applicants. Fortunately, this past year we only had one canceled meeting.

In the past year, the DAC reviewed 10 sign applications, made recommendations to the town on the color of the Great (Brown) Bridge and met with a community member, Tim Newman, to begin a conversation about creating a bylaw which would set a standard for all signage on town property. We have continued to revise the DAC mandate in order to make the committee's process

expeditious and to clarify the scope of responsibilities so as not to overlap with other committees, namely Historic District Commission. We hope to have several revisions to the mandate accepted at this year's Town Meeting. These efforts have been made to streamline the process for citizens and the business community. Also, a review of the Town's Design Guidelines is set to take place in the coming year and there is interest in attaching the revised language into the DAC mandate.

Pedro Pachano, Chair

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the reporting year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, the Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals took up the following business:

Application for a Variance at 20 Lake Avenue to building a garage closer to the principal structure than normally permitted. The ZBA granted the request.

Application from the CDC of South Berkshire to revise the approved site design at 100 Bridge Street. The design was originally approved by the Comprehensive Permit issued by the ZBA in 2016. The CDC, after consultation with Mass DEP on how to cap the contaminated soil on the site, proposed two large berms of capped soil. One of the berms was to be between the commercial parcel and the proposed housing, and one between the proposed housing and the treatment plant. The ZBA determined this

would have been a significant design change, and required a Public Hearing. At the Public Hearing, the CDC proposed a revised plan, with one large berm of capped soil between the housing and the treatment plant, and one berm of capped soil along Bentley Avenue. This plan was approved by the ZBA at the April 2019 Public Hearing. The CDC hopes to finalize all of its financing in calendar year 2019, begin remediation of the site, and construction of the housing.

Finally, still pending in Court is the appeal by GJO, LLC/ Gary O'Brien of the ZBA's decision to uphold the Building Inspector's Cease and Desist Order regarding the property at 11 Roger Road.

Ron Majdalany, Chair

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following is a list of arrests, investigations and activities by the Great Barrington Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019.

911 Calls	2,623
Arrests	125
Protective Custody	29
Accidents	446
Breaking & Entering	13
Larcenies	97
Malicious Destruction	25
Assaults	19
Sexual Assaults	2
Stolen Vehicles	2
Summons Arrests	80
Missing Persons	16
Noise Complaints	114
Motor Vehicle Complaints	225
Domestic Disturbances	56
Alarms	763

Lock Outs	179
Disturbances	125
Trespass Complaints	170
Parking Tickets Written	1,054
Parking Ticket Fines	\$20,115
Firearm Licenses Fees	\$2,050
Court Issued Motor Vehicle Citations	\$12,890
Detail Administrative Fees	\$10,311
Lock-up Fees	\$1,816
Alarm Permits & False Alarm Fees	\$10,650
Insurance Report Fees	\$910

Grants:

Federal grant for body armor: \$1,396

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant to purchase a cruiser radio: \$2,460

State 911 Department to be put toward dispatcher's salary: \$43,345

State 911 Department for Emergency Medical Dispatching Training: \$12,080

Federal Justice Assistance Grant for 3 portable radios: \$20,000

K9-Unit Grant \$500

Donations: \$2,500 from Hillcrest Educational Centers for a computer in our Emergency Operations Center and toward the cost of a Mental Health First Aid training class for officers.

We continue to be the only police department in Berkshire County to be accredited by the Massachusetts State Accreditation Commission. We continue to work hard for re-accreditation in the Fall for another 3 years.

The President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report established 59 recommendations on community policing and building community trust for law enforcement agencies to follow. We began the task of reviewing the recommendations described and have bi-monthly meetings to plan implementation of many of them into our department. We launched an open data portal with a variety of statistics on our website to increase transparency. This open data portal can be found on the police page <https://greatbarringtonpolice.com> under "open data portal."

The GBPD has taken the One Mind Campaign Pledge which seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. The commitment required 100% of our officers to be trained in Mental Health First aid and we fulfilled that requirement.

Officers continue to make several saves through the use of Narcan. We have made Narcan available for our K-9 in case of exposure.

We continued a partnership with Muddy Brook Elementary School, Monument Valley Middle School and

Monument Mountain High School called 'Park and Walk'. Officers stop in at the schools periodically on an informal basis to walk the hallways to mingle with students and staff. Sometimes we eat at the cafeteria or play basketball outside. It's been a huge success in establishing closer relationships with all.

Community Policing Programs: TRIAD—National Prescription Take Back Day-Gun Lock Program-Summer DARE Ropes Challenge Course-School Internships-House Checks-Bi- weekly lunch at the Senior Center. We invite local groups to use our Community Room by calling us to reserve it.

We are an active member of the Southern Berkshire Health Coalition; supporting their parent education programs and grant program.

We have a representative on the Fairview/Great Barrington Opioid Abuse Prevention Task Force.

We invite everyone to check out our website and FACEBOOK under [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org).

We're located under Town Departments. You can find much information on firearms licensing, sex offender information, identity theft, department activities, various forms, press releases and much more.

Officer Richard Keefner retired this year and we thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement.

Complaint Procedures: The procedures that the public may follow to file an employee complaint can be found on the GBPD website or in the lobby of the police station.

In summary, the future holds many challenges but the ability to meet those challenges is what makes us strong and vital. To all our residents and visitors, thank you for allowing us to serve and protect a GREAT community.

William R. Walsh, Jr., Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Management

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

We continued to collaborate with local schools, colleges and other institutions in developing safety plans to better respond to critical incidents. This includes obtaining and updating Emergency Operation Plans for institutions.

The fire and police departments participated in two training exercises with Fairview Hospital and the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

With a \$2,460 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency we purchased a cruiser radio.

All applicable new town employees were trained in the Incident Command System 100 and the National Incident Management System 700 classes.

We participate in monthly meetings with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee to

coordinate critical incident response with eleven other towns.

GBPD hosts periodic meetings of a School Emergency Management Team which is comprised of Berkshire Hills Regional School District representatives, police/fire/ambulance and others to review and evaluate

issues and policies related to school safety and response to critical incidents. The Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was reviewed and updated.

William R. Walsh, Jr., Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Management

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Great Barrington Fire Department responded to 578 incidents in Fiscal Year 2019. The breakdown by category is shown:

•Structure Fires:	12
•Other Fires:	21
•Motor Vehicle Accidents:	37
•Rescues:	15
•Medical:	110
•Spills, Leaks, & Hazmat:	24
•Hazardous Situations:	23
•Service & Good Intent:	67
•False Alarms:	269

The fire department responded to fires in buildings in town totaling over \$1.7 million in value but only allowed \$110,000 in damages. Two civilians suffered minor injuries in a house fire on Lake Ave in September. Firefighters also extricated multiple patients from vehicle crashes throughout the year and performed several rescues off of Monument Mountain.

Fire prevention continues to be a priority for the Department. A total of 702 inspections were performed in accordance with Massachusetts General Law. The following breakdown shows the inspections by type:

• Periodic Safety	322
• Smoke & CO Detectors	120
• Final for C of O	43
• Fire Suppression Systems	18
• Fire Alarm Systems	8
• Blasting/Fireworks	3
• Tank Removals	11
• Oil Furnaces	8
• Propane Tanks	25
• Plan Reviews	74
• Complaints	28
• Other	16

Safety Education continues to be a focus. Muddy Brook Elementary School hosted us during Fire Prevention Week in October. As always, the students in each class were enthusiastic and engaged in discussions on how they can prevent fires and what to do if an emergency situation arises. We returned again in the spring for Safety Day. Firefighters teamed up with the Police Department and Southern Berkshire Ambulance for an interactive day with the students. The objectives were to teach a wide variety of safety awareness, provide hands on activities relating to our jobs, and initiate positive relationships with emergency responders at a young age. We had multiple students say that it was the best day of the school year!

The Department believes well trained firefighters are the most important component of providing quality services to the community. In total over 3,000 hours were dedicated to training by Great Barrington firefighters. Training consists of night and weekend programs from the Massachusetts Fire Academy and conferences lead by nationally recognized experts, along with weekly Department drills.

For years, the Great Barrington Fire Department has faced the growing challenges of call and volunteer fire departments across the country. With a rapidly aging population, a decrease in volunteerism in general, and an increase in the services expected of the department, it is difficult to find residents able to become well trained firefighters who are readily available to respond to emergencies and handle the growing preparedness and administrative work load. While we have been more resilient than many departments in towns our size, it was clear a long term plan was needed to ensure that quality fire and rescue services remained available to the town. MANiTOU Incorporated was hired to do a comprehensive operational study of the fire department. A productive study was made possible by the systems implemented by the department to maintain detail records over the past several years. Compiling the needed data and providing support to the consultants was time consuming. The



comprehensive report was completed in November with numerous recommendations. A plan was developed to work towards implementing them.

The most notable recommendations for the town were hiring an administrative assistant, hiring several fulltime firefighters to support our call firefighters with the day to day operations of the department, and implementing 'duty crews' where call firefighters would be given a stipend to be guaranteed on call overnight. The department immediately got administrative help by sharing an administrative assistant with the Council on Aging. This was an existing full time position, and the part time help supplied to the department has been very beneficial. Also, hiring a third full time firefighter and budgeting for overnight duty crews were included in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget and approved at town meeting. This should put the fire department in solid shape for the foreseeable future. Additional recommendations included slight adjustments to our organizational structure, filling open

officer positions, and updating and completing our Policies and Procedures manual.

A highlight of the year was firefighter's Iovan deRis and Mike Bissailon's graduation from the Massachusetts's Fire Academy in November. They completed the 240-hour basic firefighting program in Springfield and earned the Firefighter I & II certifications. They have been excellent, dedicated additions to the department. We are always looking for more call/volunteer firefighters. We believe this is one of the most fun, challenging, and rewarding jobs there is. We encourage anyone interested in joining to talk to a firefighter, stop by the station, or call 413-528-0788 for more information.

I would like to thank the community for its support and the officers and firefighters for their hard work and dedication. This is what makes the Great Barrington Fire Department a truly outstanding resource for the community.

Charles Burger, Fire Chief

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health and Health Department continues to provide high quality public health services to the Town of Great Barrington and village of Housatonic. As our community grows, the Health Department strives to expand our public health services. Some examples of our public health outreach are; hosting an annual rabies vaccination clinic for small domestic animals, organizing late summer and early fall flu clinics to get ahead of the flu and cold season, actively limiting tobacco use by teens and adolescents, and organizing the Smash the Stigma Rally and Health Fair- an event that hoped to raise community awareness about resources related to addiction services in South County.

The following is a comprehensive list of the responsibilities under the Board of Health's jurisdiction:

- Animal and Barn Inspections
- Beaver Nuisances
- Body Art Establishments/Practitioners
- Camps for Children
- Demolition Inspections (rodents/hazardous waste)
- General Nuisance and Public Health Complaints
- Emergency Management
- Flu Clinics
- Food Establishments
- Funeral Directors
- Garbage Haulers

- Housing Inspections and Complaints
- Infections Disease Monitoring
- Lodging
- Nail/Tanning Salons
- Private Wells
- Public/Semi-Public Pools
- Public Beaches/Water Quality
- Rabies Incident Follow Up
- Septic Haulers
- Septic Systems: Plan review, Title V Inspections, Installation Inspections
- Temporary Food Events
- Tobacco

Department dedicates many hours throughout the year to ensure that each restaurant, kitchen, and temporary food event meets the standards of the Federal Food Code and local regulations. Restaurants, markets, events that include outdoor food prep, and food related fundraisers are an important part of the Great Barrington Community, arguably one of the top recreational activities that bring people from neighboring towns, cities, and states to visit our vibrant town. In Fiscal Year 19 Health Department staff conducted over 400 food related inspections and issued 310 Food Establishment permits. We continue to develop policies and procedures to make our department more efficient and effective at protecting against food borne illnesses. A total of 25 Housing Inspections took

place in FY19. The Health Department and Board of Health are committed to ensuring safe and healthy housing for the residents and property owners of Great Barrington.

In total, the Health Department issued 400 Permits and conducted 560 inspections during the previous FY.

In addition, the Animal Inspector responded to 20 animal bites, including; quarantines, coordination with hospitals and other health departments, and the submissions of samples to the state lab for rabies testing. Mr. Larkin conducted 25 Barn Inspections as part of the Animal Inspector's duties.

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

### Building Permits for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

	Total	Building Fee	Construction Cost
New Structure	6	\$ 13,419.00	\$ 1,946,477.00
Addition/Alteration/Repair	126	\$ 38,248.00	\$ 6,143,500.92
Insulation	33	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 120,774.00
Windows	18	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 155,981.26
Siding	2	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,430.71
Roofing	74	\$ 4,557.00	\$ 881,624.00
Photovoltaic	26	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 715,345.08
Sign	67	\$ 1,895.00	\$ 79,725.00
Commercial	116	\$ 104,958.00	\$ 15,312,978.00
Shed	0	\$ -	\$ -
Selective Demo	6	\$ 322.00	\$ 52,408.00
Demo	5	\$ 295.00	\$ 19,500.00
Tent	29	\$ 800.00	NA
Sheet Metal	14	\$ 2,233.00	\$ 403,889.00
COI/CO	101	\$ 6,035.00	NA
Trench	44	\$ 1,320.00	NA
Solid Fuel	13	\$ 455.00	\$ 45,820.00
Pool	2	\$ 100.00	\$ 48,000.00
Demo Pool	0	\$ -	\$ -
Foundation	10	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 213,660.00
Alarm/Sprinkler	5	\$ 1,183.00	\$ 161,434.00
Fence	0	\$ -	\$ -
Chimney/Liner	9	\$ 329.00	\$ 48,595.00
Home Occupation	1	\$ 35.00	NA
Totals	707	\$ 183,884.00	\$ 26,351,141.97

Edwin May, Building Inspector

## PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, this department did 242 inspections and collected \$14,520.00 in fees.

Robert Krupski, Plumbing Inspector

## GAS INSPECTOR

During the year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, this department did 233 inspections and collected \$13,980.00 in fees.

Robert Gennari, Gas Inspector

## WIRE INSPECTOR

During the year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 this department did 752 inspections and collected \$45,120.00 in fees.

Ted Piontek, Wire Inspector

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Highway Division operations include winter road maintenance (approx. 98 miles), pavement repairs, roadside mowing, clearing road sides, street sweeping, litter removal, line painting (70 miles  $\pm$  plus 50+ crosswalks), traffic sign maintenance, re-establishing drainage ditches, reconstructing catch basins (1000 $\pm$ ), servicing and maintaining all equipment. Unscheduled work included answering emergency calls for automobile accidents and oil spills, fallen trees, flooding, washouts, and road icing. The division is also responsible for the overseeing of all roadway capital improvement projects. The department is on call "24/7".

The Public Grounds Division includes cemeteries, parks, and public building grounds, maintains approximately 130 acres  $\pm$  of cemeteries (7), parks and green areas and building grounds throughout the Town. The Division also provides support to the Highway Department during winter weather events and road cleanup activities. Other work done by the division includes building picnic tables for park areas, erecting bleachers and repairing facilities in and around park areas. The Division is responsible for the sale of cemetery lots and provides assistance during services.

The Public Buildings Division maintains the public buildings in town including; Town Hall, Mason Library, Ramsdell Library, Claire W. Teague Senior Center, Southern Berkshire District Court, Police Station, Great Barrington Fire Station, Housatonic Fire Station and Housatonic Community Center. The staff of the division provides daily support and responds to building emergencies and alarms when necessary. The staff provides additional support for the highway division during winter maintenance activities.

The Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling center is open Friday (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM), Saturday (7:00 AM – 3:00 PM) and Sunday (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM). The Town continues to hold two Bulky Waste Collections days during the year for the residents. The Town also participates in the Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program with continued support and participation from Great Barrington residents. Comprehensive collection days for south county residents and several mini collection days are held throughout the year.

Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Town's wastewater treatment facility processed approximately 485.22 million gallons of wastewater, 2.32 million gallons of septic tank waste, and disposed of 2,298,110 pounds of sludge and grit. During this period, the treatment facility discharged a high quality, effluent to the Housatonic River. There were no violations of the Town's federal discharge permit.

All pumps, motors and other equipment were maintained throughout the year. Any equipment failures were quickly addressed.

The wastewater collection system and the six sewage pumping stations were regularly inspected and maintained.

We are currently conducting a study of the collection system to identify significant sources of extraneous water

(Inflow and Infiltration) entering the system. Upon completion of the study, a priority list will be generated, and from the list, a phased removal of the sources can begin.

We are again asking the public to please dispose of sanitary and cleaning wipes in the trash. These items have become a serious issue at the wastewater pumping stations by clogging pumps and equipment. Wastewater Treatment Facility staff are spending numerous man hours per week addressing pump failures that are directly attributed to wipes. These costs affect the wastewater treatment facility's operating costs and, ultimately, the sewer user rates.

William Ingram, Wastewater Superintendent

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission's responsibility is oversight of programming, development and budgeting for the various parks and playgrounds of the town. None of it could be accomplished without the excellent work by Sean Van Deusen and his crew at the DPW.

In FY 19 the Parks and Recreation Committee finished the following projects:

- Rebuilt both the Little League and Minor League Baseball Field's
- Expanded and installed new equipment at Giggle Park
- Performed hazard tree assessment with Tree Warden of all the parks
- Worked in conjunction with the Great Barrington Land Conservancy to extend a new river walk trail through Olympian Meadows

Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent

- Purchased new line painter, L Screen, and Infield Screen at Memorial Field
- In process of RFP to hire a consultant for long term and comprehensive parks programming and usage
- Installed handicap inclusive swings at Dewey and Alice Brubrisky Park's
- Held Neighborhood Meetings to help assess long term plan for Dewey Park
- New Wood Chips Installed in all parks
- Continued to update and implement 5 year Parks Capital Plan
- Installed new platform for Chessboard at Town Hall

## TOWN CLERK

Being appointed as Great Barrington's Town Clerk on August 13, 2019, I am honored to take on this role and continue my 11-year career with the Town. In addition to myself the Town Clerk's office also has a new Assistant Town Clerk, Katherine Couch, who started on October 16, 2019 and we look forward to working together as a team.

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2018 and ended June 30, 2019 there was one Election, one Annual Town Meeting (2 nights) and one Special Town Meeting.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 6, 2019 and continued to May 7, 2019 with voters (9% and 4.5 % respectively) acting on 28 warrant articles, including a couple of zoning bylaw changes. The most notable article was the authorization of the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement and a TIF Plan with the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire. There was approved borrowing for 2 police

cruisers, 1 highway dump truck with a plow & sander and fire turnout gear.

There were 75 marriages, 166 births and 136 deaths recorded during the fiscal year. We also issued 862 dog licenses and 121 Business Certificates. The Annual

Census was 7,252 with 4,745 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington at the end of the fiscal year.

The Town Clerk's Office would like to recognize and thank all the poll workers whom we could not run the elections or town meetings without! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

	Registered Voters	No. of Voters Attending	Percentage of Total Voters
Special Town Meeting August 9, 2018	4630	506	10%
Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2019	4739	468	9%
Annual Town Meeting May 7, 2019	4939	215	4.5%
Annual Town Election May 14, 2019	4746	1235	26%

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

### BOARD OF REGISTRARS

During the fiscal Year there were three voter registration sessions. As of June 30, 2019 there were 4,745 registered voters in Great Barrington. The annual census/street list was completed in June. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2019 was 7,252.

Party	No. of Voters
American Independent	1
Conservative	1
United Independent Party	35
Democratic	2039

Green Party USA	3
Green Rainbow	8
Libertarian	11
Massachusetts Independent Party	1
Republican	309
Inter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	1
Socialist	1
Pirate Party	1
Unenrolled	2332
We the People	1

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

**Town of Great Barrington**  
**2019 Annual Town Meeting**

**WARRANT**

with Recommendations  
by the Finance Committee  
and the Selectboard

Monday, May 6, 2019



**SELECTBOARD**

Stephen C. Bannon, Chair  
Edward D. Abrahams  
Daniel Bruce Bailly  
William F. Cooke  
Kate F. Burke

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thomas A. Blauvelt, Chair  
Janet Lee  
Anne O'Dwyer  
Eugene Curletti  
Michelle Loubert

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 6, 2019

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22. ZONING: Amendments to Create Additional Housing Opportunities
23. ZONING: Amendments to the B2 Zone and to the Zoning Map on Stockbridge Road
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25. To Amend Great Barrington Bylaw to include the word “calendar” next to the word days for purposes of clarity in the bylaw that establishes the acceptance period for the Citizen Petitions from 30 days to 30 calendar days
26. To Rename the Berkshire Hills Regional School District Middle School from Monument Valley Regional Middle School to the W.E.B. DuBois Regional Middle School (by petition)
27. To Modify the Town Code Chapter 41, Article 1 subsection 41-7 Addressing of Town Meetings (by petition)
28. To Modify the Town Code Chapter 135, Article II subsections 135-6 through 135-9 known as the water bottle ban (by petition)

### **ARTICLE 1:**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020, beginning on July 1, 2019, for the revolving funds as established in the Town's bylaws for certain departments, boards, committees, commissions, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>FY2020 Spending Limit</b>
Plumbing Inspections	Building Department	\$15,000
Wiring Inspections	Building Department	\$50,000
Gas Inspections	Building Department	\$12,000
Cemetery	Public Works Department	\$ 5,000

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

### **ARTICLE 2:**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 as indicated below:

#### **Elected Officials' Salaries:**

Selectboard: \$12,500 (\$2,500 per Selectboard member)

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

### **ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (MassDOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

### **ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Town for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **General Government**

Town Manager/Selectboard	\$363,977
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	100,300
Town Accountant	144,300
Technology	208,628
Assessors	156,710
Treasurer/Collector	215,941
Town Clerk/Elections	128,588



Conservation Commission	35,460
Historic District Commission	2,500
Various Boards/Commissions	15,470
Planning Board	5,250
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,350
Office of Planning/Community Development	106,490

**Public Safety**

Police Department	\$1,689,761
Fire Department	587,470
Communications/Emergency Management	27,027
Building Inspector	167,167
Animal Control	12,520
	\$2,290,428

**Department of Public Works**

<b><u>Public Health</u></b>	\$121,120
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**Community Services**

Council on Aging	\$155,995
Veterans' Affairs	138,100
Human Services	35,000

**Cultural/Recreation**

Libraries	\$563,710
Parks/Recreation	98,750

**Miscellaneous**

Insurance	\$1,696,750
Debt Service	1,661,150
Retirement	856,960
Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs	<u>14,000</u>

**Total General Fund Budget      \$11,600,872**

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Salaries	\$472,655
Expenses	648,268
Insurance/Benefits	286,610
Miscellaneous/Transfers	158,000
Debt Service	<u>644,066</u>

**Total Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget      \$2,209,599**

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Sixteen Million, One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$16,133,027) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars (\$597,134) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Sixteen Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars (\$16,730,161) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,982,000 or any other sum of money, in the following approximate amounts and for the following purposes:

Street/Road/Sidewalk Improvements	\$6,840,000
Building Improvements	400,000
Police Cruisers (2)	125,000
Highway Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander (3)	410,000
Fire Turnout Gear	70,000
Police Portable Radios (6)	45,000
Telecommunication Upgrades	50,000
Parks and Open Space Improvements	<u>42,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,982,000</b>

and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$650,000 for capital improvements to the Housatonic School, including the costs of a new roof, windows and masonry work, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2020, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding any capital-related projects or equipment or debt service payments related thereto, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for future appropriation, from the community preservation fund, the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for FY20, with each item considered a separate appropriation; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Reserves:

From FY20 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$50,000
From FY20 revenues for community housing reserve	50,000
From FY20 revenues for open space reserve	50,000

Appropriations:

From FY20 revenues from administrative expenses	\$20,000
Balance of FY20 revenues for FY20 budgeted reserve	330,000

**Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee**

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY20 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

		Source of Appropriation		
Project		Total Appropriation	FY20 Revenues	Reserve Fund Balance
AFFORDABLE HOUSING				
1	Housing Trust Fund - downpayment program	\$100,000	\$100,000	
2	CDC to create new housing at 910 Main	<u>\$200,000</u>	\$200,000	
	Subtotal	\$300,000		

	<b>HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>			
3	Historic District Commission for historic research for Taconic West Historic district	\$27,000	\$27,000	
4	Ramsdell Library building study	\$30,000	\$30,000	
5	Preservation of Housatonic School	\$300,000		\$300,000
6	Accessibility renovations at Mahaiwe Theater	<u>\$34,500</u>	\$34,500	
	Subtotal	\$391,500		
	<b>OPEN SPACE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
7	McAllister wildlife refuge project	\$31,300	\$31,300	
8	Permanent Agricultural Preservation Restriction 180-190 North Plain Rd	<u>\$92,000</u>	\$48,950	\$43,050
	Subtotal	\$123,300		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$814,800</b>	\$471,750	\$343,050

**Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee**

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to determine the best use of property at 40 Grove Street as shown on Assessors' Map 20 as Parcel 100, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Selectboard**

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Great Barrington Town Code by adding a new chapter entitled "Short Term Rentals," as follows, pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 337 of the Acts 2018, to provide for the registration of short-term rental units, with the chapter number to be assigned by the Town Clerk, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Section 1. The purpose of this bylaw is to require Operators of short term rental housing units to register with the Town Clerk. Any capitalized terms used in the bylaw shall have the same meaning as set forth in Chapter 64G of the General Laws.

Section 2. An Operator within the Town shall register with the Town Clerk, in accordance with and subject to the requirements of this bylaw. The registration information shall include: the location address, the name, address, phone number(s) and email address of the Operator and any Operator's agent(s), and whether the short term rental use of the premises is the primary or a secondary use of the property (i.e., full-time rental property or owner occupied property).

Section 3. Violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$100. In addition, after a hearing, the Selectboard may suspend or terminate the Operator's right to operate an accommodation for violation of this bylaw.

Section 4. The Selectboard may adopt regulations for administration and enforcement of this bylaw. All fees and penalties in such regulations shall be determined by the Selectboard after a public hearing.

**Recommended by the Selectboard**

#### **ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Resolution entitled “Retail Marijuana Establishments,” to read as follows: Resolved, That it is the will and desire of the Town, assembled in Town Meeting, that there be a limit on the number of Retail Marijuana Establishments permitted in Great Barrington, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Agreement pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, section 1, and /or any other enabling authority with LSE Lepus LLC for personal property taxes associated with the approximately 3.0 megawatts DC (“MW”) solar photovoltaic facility to be located on property at 671 Stockbridge Road and described in a deed recorded with the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2513, Page 223 for a term of up to twenty (20) years, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this article, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Selectboard**

#### **ARTICLE 18:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Plan with Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire or its Nominee, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the development of the property located at 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington; and to authorize the Selectboard to negotiate the final terms of and execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement the TIF Agreement and the TIF Plan pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 40, § 59 or any other enabling authority, including submission of all necessary or required applications and documents to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Selectboard**

#### **ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement to purchase street lights within the Town owned by National Grid or other applicable utility company, including decorative lights and any related appurtenances, and to take all such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish such purchase; and to appropriate a sum of money for such purpose, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Selectboard**

#### **ARTICLE 20:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a ten (10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020, with the qualified vendor selected by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection through a competitive bid process, for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Selectboard’s

determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in the Spring of 2020 for funding for these services, or to take any other action relative thereto.

### **Recommended by the Selectboard**

### **ARTICLE 21:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 9.5, section 3.1.4, section 11, section 3.2.2, section 8.2.3, and section 8.4 of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Purpose of the Amendments:* The Planning Board proposes the following amendments to clarify and update certain portions of the zoning bylaw. The amendments will: (1) reduce the number of members on the Design Advisory Committee from seven to five, in order to have a full committee and therefore a quorum, and, to set a limit on the amount of time the committee has to comment on a proposal; (2) update the use table for the downtown business district to reflect the purpose of the district and to not allow uses incompatible with the district; (3-5) update the definitions and regulations for accessory dwelling units which would include moveable tiny houses; and (6) update the mixed use regulations to regulate both the amount of housing units permitted and the amount of nonresidential space required.

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#### *1. Amend portions of Section 9.5 as follows:*

##### **9.5.6 Design Advisory Committee.**

A Design Advisory Committee is hereby established to review applications for all actions that are subject to the provisions of this section and to work cooperatively with owners of land, buildings and businesses. The Design Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the appropriate decision making body and/or the applicant concerning compliance of the proposed action to the design review standards in this section. The Design Advisory Committee shall consist of ~~seven~~ five voting members, constituted as follows:

1. Building Inspector (ex officio, nonvoting member).
2. Planning Board member, selected by the Planning Board.
3. Historic District Commission member, selected by the Historic District Commission.
4. Architect, appointed by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Selectboard.
5. Design Professional, appointed by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Selectboard.
6. ~~Three~~ One members from the general public, appointed by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Selectboard.

##### **9.5.7 Design Advisory Committee; Procedures.**

3. Process. The Building Inspector shall transmit copies of the application to the Design Advisory Committee. The Committee shall review the application, meet with the applicant and provide its recommendations, in writing, to the applicant and the Building Inspector within 30 days. If the Committee does not issue written recommendations within 30 days from the date the application was submitted, the Building Inspector shall assume approval of the application by the Design Advisory Committee. If the application for design review is associated with an application for a variance or a special permit, the Building Inspector shall immediately transmit the Design Advisory ~~Board's~~ Committee's

recommendation to the ~~Planning Board or the~~ Zoning Board of Appeals or Special Permit Granting Authority, whichever is relevant.

2. Amend Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, specifically the column of the table for the B zone (Downtown Business), as follows:

Change A(3) Dwelling, multifamily 3 to 8 units: change from SB to Y

Change A(5) Live/work: change from N to Y

Change A(7) Mixed-uses: change from SB to Y

Change C(5) Garden centers: change from Y to SB

Change C(6) General Service: change from SB to Y

Change C(7) Greenhouses: change from Y to SB

Change F(2) Gravel, loam, sand and stone removal: change from SB to N

3. Amend Section 11, definitions, as follows:

**ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT:** a subordinate dwelling unit on the same lot as a primary single family or two-family residential use, whether in an accessory building or within the same building as the primary dwelling, with provisions for independent cooking, living, sanitation and sleeping. A Movable Tiny House (MTH) connected to electricity, water, and sewer or septic that has its chassis, wheels and hitch concealed shall be considered an accessory dwelling unit.

**MOVABLE TINY HOUSE (MTH):** A structure intended for the separate, independent living quarters of one household for year-round residence that meets all of the following: (a) Is licensed and registered with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles; (b) Meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 119.5 requirements, and certified by a qualified third party inspector for ANSI compliance; (c) Cannot move under its own power; (d) Has not less than 150 and no more than 400 square feet of habitable living space, excluding lofts; (e) Is designed and built using conventional residential building materials for windows, roofing and exterior siding.

4. Amend Section 3.2.2, items 3 and 4, regarding accessory uses, as follows:

3. An accessory building ~~not exceeding 15 feet in height may be located within the required rear or side yard of the principal building, but~~ shall not be located in the front yard or nearer to any street line than the minimum setback in the zoning district in which it is located. No accessory building shall be within 10 feet of any side or rear lot line. ~~An accessory building exceeding 15 feet in height shall conform to all minimum setback requirements for the zoning district.~~

4. An accessory building in a Residence District shall not exceed 25 feet in height ~~above the ground level, and it shall not be located nearer than 10 feet to the principal building or occupy more than 10% of the total lot area. For definition of "height of a building," see Section 11.0.~~

5. Amend portions of Section 8.2.3, accessory dwelling units, as follows, and renumber subsections accordingly:

1. Only one ADU may be established per lot.

~~2. The ADU may not be in separate ownership from that of any other dwelling unit on the lot.~~

3. ~~The~~ An ADU may not in any case be larger than ~~650~~ 900 gross square feet. If a dwelling unit greater than ~~650~~ 900 gross square feet is created within a single-family home, the residence will be considered a two-family dwelling and will be subject to the requirements of Section 8.1 of this Bylaw.

~~8. Where practicable, any new entrance necessitated by the ADU must be located on the rear or side of the building.~~

~~9. Fire escapes and outside stairways leading to a second or higher story shall be located on the rear or side of the building, and, where practicable, shall not be located on any building wall facing a street and shall comply with Section 4.2.3.~~

6. Amend portions of Section 8.4, mixed use development, as follows:

**8.4.1 General.** ~~For mixed uses in the B, B2, I, and I2 zones, all of the following requirements shall apply. For mixed uses in the B3 zone, see Section 9.4. For mixed uses in the HVC and HVOD zones, see Sections 9.9 and 9.10 respectively. For mixed uses in MXD zones, see Section 9.11. The requirements of this section shall apply to mixed use development. Where zoning districts have requirements that conflict with this section, the requirements of the applicable zoning district shall prevail.~~

#### **8.4.2 Requirements.**

1. When residential use is combined with other nonresidential permitted uses, the controlling dimensional requirements shall be the less restrictive. For the multifamily component of a mixed use development there shall be at least 2,500 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit. The Selectboard may, by special permit, reduce the lot area per unit requirement.

2. ~~A portion of the street level floor space shall be reserved for nonresidential use. Inside the Village Center Overlay District, this portion shall be a minimum of 75%. Inside the Village Center Overlay District, a minimum of 75% of street-level floor space shall be reserved for nonresidential use. Outside the Village Center Overlay District, a minimum of 25% of street-level floor space shall be reserved for nonresidential use. The Selectboard may, by special permit, reduce the nonresidential space requirement.~~

## **ARTICLE 22:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 9.4, section 8.1, section 8.3, section 11, and section 4.1.3 of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Purpose of the Amendments:* The Planning Board proposes the following amendments in order to allow for a diversity of housing types and additional housing opportunities. The amendments will: (1) reduce, in the Downtown Mixed-Use B-3 District, the lot area required per dwelling unit and the parking requirements to foster project feasibility and further the purposes of the district; (2) for two-family uses, reduce the minimum amount of parking required, and reduce the amount of land area required for a new two-family dwelling; (3) for multifamily uses, reduce the lot area required per dwelling unit, reduce the parking requirements, reduce the permeable surface requirement, and delete superfluous requirements and review criteria that are already stated elsewhere in the bylaw; and, (4) for R3, R1AB, and R1A districts, amend the dimensional requirements because the existing maximum lot coverage regulation penalizes small but conforming lots in these zones by keeping building area artificially small; this change will allow small lots to build to their setback lines, rather than be limited by lot coverage percentage.

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1. Amend portions of Section 9.4 as follows:

**9.4.5 Dimensional Requirements.** Dimensional requirements in the Downtown Mixed-Use B3 District shall be as set forth in Section 4.0. The dimensional requirements reflect the proximity to downtown.



1. The maximum number of dwelling units permitted by right shall be based on a minimum area of ~~5,000~~ 2,500 square feet of land per dwelling unit, except that one two-family dwelling may be permitted on a lot of at least 5,000 square feet. The minimum area of land required per dwelling unit may be reduced through incentives described in this section and granted by special permit.

**9.4.7 Parking.** Parking requirements for residential dwelling units shall be ~~two~~ one parking spaces space for each unit. ~~of the first five units and 1 1/2 spaces for each additional unit; parking requirements for related uses shall be calculated in accordance with Section 6.1. Parking requirements for business (nonresidential) uses shall be calculated in accordance with the minimum requirements in Section 6.1.2 the Table of Required Minimum Parking. Parking areas shall be safely and conveniently accessible from the buildings they serve. No parking space shall reduce the effective width of a driveway providing access to more than one dwelling unit to less than 12 feet. In the event the parking spaces cannot be provided on the property, deviation from this requirement may be permitted in accordance with Section 6.1.9. Parking requirements shall be met by any combination of the following:~~

- ~~1. Off street parking on site;~~
- ~~2. Provision of new on street parking with permission of the Town. Parallel parking spaces shall not be less than eight feet by 23 feet.~~

**9.4.9 Special Permit.** Uses indicated in the Table of Use Regulations, and any development or redevelopment in excess of 20,000 square feet of gross floor area, regardless of use, shall require a special permit. A special permit shall be required for any project seeking to use the density or open space incentives defined in this section. The ~~Board of Selectmen (SPGA)~~ Selectboard may grant a special permit in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.4.

2. *Amend Section 8.1, Two-Family Residential Use of Single Lot, in order to revise the parking requirement in subsection 8.1.3.4 from 2 spaces per unit to 1.5 spaces per unit, and to delete item subsection 8.1.3.6.*

4. ~~Two~~ One and one-half (1.5) off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit, located in such a manner that permeable surfaces, including lawns and/or garden areas but exclusive of all structures, driveways, walkways and parking spaces, shall be no less than 15% of the total area of the property. Deviation from this requirement may be permitted in accordance with Section 6.1.9.

~~6. New construction of any two family residential structure or structures shall conform to all dimensional requirements of Section 4.0. A second dwelling unit in a new separate structure shall only be allowed when the lot is at least twice the minimum lot area specified in Section 4.0. The Planning Board may, by special permit pursuant to Section 10.4, authorize a deviation from this requirement.~~

3. *Amend portions of Section 8.3 as follows:*

**8.3.1 General.** ~~The Board of Selectmen may grant a special permit in accordance with Section 10.4 for multifamily dwellings, including condominiums, in the zoning districts specified for such uses in the Table of Use Regulations. Before granting such a special permit, the Board of Selectmen shall also conduct a site inspection of the property. Multifamily uses may be permitted by-right or by special permit as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations. All multi-family uses shall require site plan approval in accordance with Section 10.5.~~

### **8.3.3 Requirements.**

1. In a multifamily development, more than one principal building may be permitted on a lot, ~~provided that such lot meets the minimum lot width requirements for the respective zoning district as set forth in~~

~~Section 4.0, and further provided that there shall be at least 3,500~~ 2,500 square feet of lot area for each dwelling unit ~~in a development of three units or four units, regardless of the number of principal buildings on the lot, and 5,000 square feet of lot area for each dwelling unit in a development of five or more units. The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) may, by special permit, allow the lot area per unit to be less than 2,500 square feet per unit.~~

2. Permeable open space on the lot, including lawn and/or garden area but exclusive of structures, driveways, walkways and parking spaces, shall be no less than ~~50%~~ 15% of the total area of the property.

~~3. No portion of any enclosing wall of any building and no portion of any other permissible structure shall be nearer than 25 feet to any street line, 10 feet to any side lot line and 30 feet to the rear lot line.~~

4. ~~Two~~ One and one-half (1.5) off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit. No space shall be considered available for parking if such space reduces the effective width of a driveway providing access to more than one dwelling unit to less than ~~16~~ 12 feet. In the event that the required parking spaces cannot be provided on the property, ~~the applicant shall, before the special permit is issued, present proof of a duly recorded permanent easement or deed providing such off-street parking space on other property, and the special permit shall be conditioned upon such permanent easement or deed.~~ deviation from this requirement may be permitted in accordance with Section 6.1.9.

~~5. Within the development, vehicular and pedestrian circulation shall provide for safe and convenient use to the satisfaction of the Planning Board.~~

~~6. Front yards and all open areas shall be suitably landscaped and maintained with grass, trees, flowers, shrubs and/or walks. Such landscaping shall be specified in detail on the site plan and shall be made a condition of the special permit.~~

~~7. The proposed development shall be located with respect to major thoroughfares and uses outside the development as not to create traffic hazards or congestion. Before issuance of a special permit by the Board of Selectmen, the Chief of Police and the Highway Superintendent shall give their written approval of said location.~~

~~8. Fire escapes and outside stairways leading to a second or higher story shall, where practicable, be located on the rear of each building, shall not be located on any building wall facing a street.~~

~~9. Drainage controls as deemed necessary shall be specifically described as an added condition of the special permit.~~

**8.3.4 Procedures.** When filing an application ~~with the Board of Selectmen,~~ a special permit application, if required, the applicant shall submit to the SPGA at least six copies of a site plan showing, in addition to all characteristics specified in Section 10.5, the general plan and elevations of the buildings, as well as provisions for proposed parking spaces, interior roadways, walkways, drainage and recreational facilities.

1. Such site plan, subject to such amendment thereof as may be required by the Planning Board under the provisions of this Bylaw shall be made a part of the building permit.
2. ~~The Board of Selectmen~~ SPGA shall notify the Inspector of Buildings of its approval of a special permit.

**8.3.6 Exemptions in Downtown B District, B2X, HVC, MXD District, and General Business B2 District.** The requirements of Section 8.3.3 shall not apply to any multifamily dwelling in a single existing

building within the Downtown Business B District, B2X, HVC, or MXD District. ~~Requirements 1. and 2. of section 8.3.3 shall not apply to any multifamily dwelling within the General Business B2 District. Requirements 1-4 of section 8.3.3 shall not apply to any multifamily development in the MXD District.~~

4. Amend Section 11.0 Definitions, by adding the following new definition and adding footnote #15 to the R1A, R1B, and R3 rows in the column entitled “Maximum lot coverage by buildings” in Section 4.1.2, Schedule of Dimensional Regulations, and adding the footnote text to Section 4.1.3, Notes to Dimensional Requirements, as follows:

**BUILDABLE AREA:** the area of a lot minus the front, rear, and side yards required in the zoning district.

4.1.3 Notes to Schedule of Dimensional Requirements.

15. Maximum Lot Coverage shall only apply to parcels where the remaining Buildable Area, if applied, would be more than 2,000 square feet in the R3 District or more than 3,000 square feet in the R1A and R1B Districts.

## **ARTICLE 23:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 3.1.4, section 4.1, section 6.1.3, and section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth below, and amend the Zoning Map as set forth in the proposed map below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Purpose of the Amendments:* The Planning Board proposes these amendments in accordance with the goals of the Master Plan to ensure that zoning regulations for areas with existing infrastructure can accommodate the evolving economy and changing housing demands. These amendments will add more use flexibility and land use options for the B-2 zones, bring residential properties into conformance, maintain commercial viability while attending to quality of life of adjacent residential areas, change the zoning map on Stockbridge Road, and reduce the number of lots that are split by zoning district lines.

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1. Amend the column for the B2 zone in Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, in order to:

Permit use A(3), multifamily uses, for up to eight units by right

Permit use A(5), live/work units, by right

Permit use A(7), mixed use, by right

Permit use F(3), light manufacturing, by SB special permit

As shown in the excerpt below:

		ZONING DISTRICT <sup>1</sup>	ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
<b>Permitted Use</b>		<b>B2</b>	
<b>A. Residential uses</b>			
(3)	Dwelling, multifamily 3 to 8 units	<del>SB</del> <u>Y</u>	See also <a href="#">8.3</a>
	9 units or more	SB	See also <a href="#">8.3</a>

		ZONING DISTRICT <sup>1</sup>	ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
<b>Permitted Use</b>		<b>B2</b>	
(5)	Live/work units	<del>N</del> <u>Y</u>	See also <a href="#">9.4</a> , <a href="#">9.6</a> .
(7)	Mixed use	<del>SB</del> <u>Y</u>	See also <a href="#">8.4</a> , <a href="#">9.6</a> .
<b>F. Industrial, manufacturing and storage uses</b>			
(3)	Light manufacturing	<del>N</del> <u>SB</u>	See also <a href="#">6.4</a>

2. Amend the rows for B2 in Section 4.1.2, Schedule of Dimensional Requirements as follows, and delete existing footnotes 4 and 5 to the dimensional table, and renumber the subsequent footnotes:

District	Minimum lot area (sq. ft.)	Width (ft.)	Minimum front yard (ft.)	Minimum side yard (ft.)	Minimum rear yard (ft.)	Maximum lot coverage by buildings (percent)	Stories	Height (ft.)
B2	Dwellings 43,560 <sup>2</sup>	150	50	20	30	25 <sup>4</sup> 40 <sup>5</sup>	2½	35
	Other permitted uses 5,000	50	25	10	10	75	3	40

3. Amend Section 6.1.3, location of parking spaces, as follows:

**6.1.3 Location.** Any parking area of more than five spaces providing off-street parking under the provisions of this Bylaw for any nonresidential use in a residence district shall not be located in the required front yard and shall be at least 10 feet from any side or rear lot line. If a nonresidential use in a residence district is located on a corner lot, no parking area of more than five spaces shall be located within the designated front yard nor closer to the street line than twice the required setback for residences within that district in side and rear yards. In the B2 zone, no parking spaces provided for new or replacement structures shall be located between the structure and the front lot line.

4. Amend portions of Section 6.2 as follows:

**6.2.1 Applicability.** These requirements shall apply to applications for site plan approval for land on both sides of Route 7 north (Stockbridge Road) from Belcher Square to the Stockbridge Town line and on Route 7 south (South Main Street) from Taconic Avenue to the Sheffield Town line. These requirements shall be in addition to those of Section 6.3.

**6.2.7 Required Trees.** At least one deciduous tree shall be planted within the lot's front setback for every 50 feet of frontage on a lot on which a new building is erected or when any activity or use requires Site Plan Review as set forth in Section 10.5.1. The tree or trees shall be planted between the roadway and the building line that is closest to the roadway, provided that this does not interfere with utilities.

5. Amend the zoning map from existing to proposed, to remove the I zone on Stockbridge Road; to rezone a portion of the B-2 zone to R-2; and to adjust the zone lines for the R-1-B zone so as to more closely follow the lot lines shown on the current Assessors' maps, as shown in the following figures:

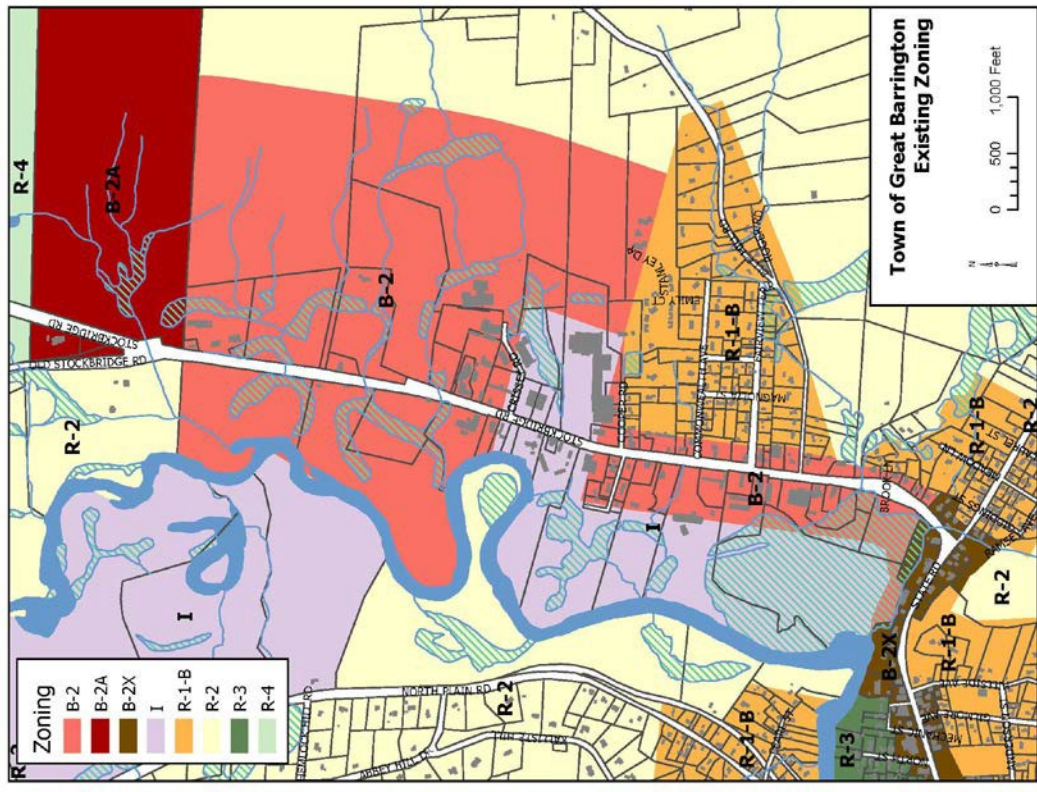


Figure 1: Existing Zoning

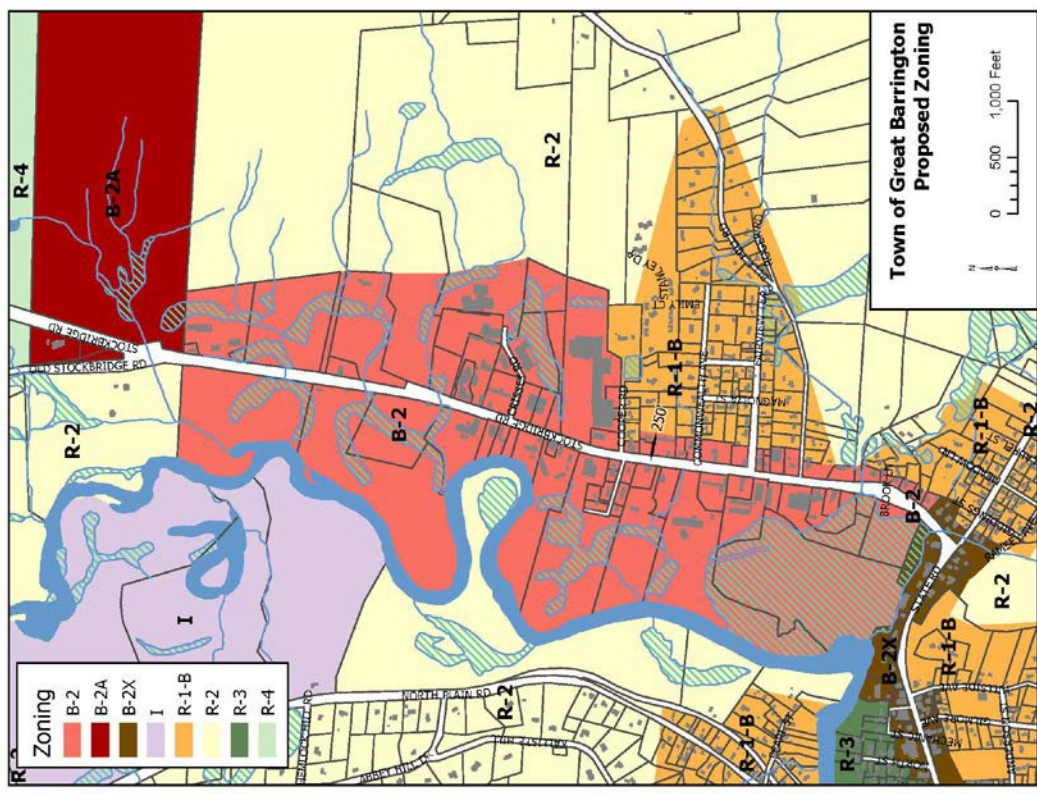


Figure 2: Proposed Zoning



#### **ARTICLE 24:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sign Bylaw, Chapter 146, Section 2 of the Code of Great Barrington by deleting the definition for Electronic Message Sign or Center and inserting a new definition for “Electronic Sign,” and by adding the words shown as underlined to the definition for “Marquee,” as follows, or to take any other action relative thereto:

##### **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN OR CENTER**

~~An electrically activated sign whose variable message capability can be electronically programmed. The copy can be changed by means of remote electrically energized on-off switching combinations of alphabetic or pictographic components arranged on a display surface. Illumination may be integral to the components, such as characterized by lamps or other light emitting devices, or it may be from an external light source designed to reflect off the changeable component display. These signs are prohibited in all districts.~~

##### **ELECTRONIC SIGN**

**A sign that electronically displays graphics or messages through a marquee, that changes its message or copy at intervals of not less than 30 seconds by programmable, digital or mechanical processes or by remote control. These signs are prohibited in all residential districts.**

##### **MARQUEE**

A multisided structure or architectural projection supported by attachment to a building on one or more sides, whether hung, cantilevered or supported by columns. The surface(s) and/or soffit of a marquee may be illuminated by means of internal or external sources of light. Marquees and marquee signs are allowed only by special permit from the Planning Board. **A freestanding sign performing the typical functions of a marquee—notifying the public of current and/or upcoming events for a performance venue—may be located on the grounds of the venue, by special permit from the Planning Board.**

#### **ARTICLE 25:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 41 of the Code of Great Barrington, Town Meetings, Article II, Citizen Petitions § 41-15, Acceptance period, by inserting the word “calendar” after 30, so that the section reads as follows: “The acceptance period for citizen petitions will be no less than **30 calendar** days.”, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Recommended by the Selectboard**

#### **ARTICLE 26:** (by petition)

To see if the town supports renaming the Berkshire Hills Regional School District Middle School from Monument Valley Regional Middle School to the W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School.

#### **ARTICLE 27:** (by petition)

We the undersigned voters of Great Barrington hereby request that the following Article be added to the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 2019:

That Town Code Chapter 41, Article I subsection 41-7 be modified to read

- a.) No person, unless a registered voter of the Town, may address a Town Meeting without special permission of the Moderator.

- b.) The motion of “calling for the questions”, “calling the question”, “close debate”, “calling for a vote”, “vote now”, or other similar forms shall not be permitted until every registered voter of the Town in attendance, has had an opportunity to speak on the issue at hand.

**ARTICLE 28:** (by petition)

We the undersigned voters of Great Barrington hereby request that the following Article be added to the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 2019:

That Town Code Chapter 135, Article II subsections 135-6 through 135-9 shall be repealed effective immediately upon an affirmative vote resulting in passage of this request. And, that the associated non-criminal disposition fine as specified in Chapter 1, General Provision, sections 1-5.1 shall be removed.

Chapter 135, Article II subsections 135-6 through 135-9 are commonly called the “water bottle ban” as were adopted on May 7, 2018 as ATM Article 22.

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**MAY 6, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**  
**Meeting 1 of 2**

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Great Barrington qualified to vote in Town Meetings proceeded to vote at the above named meeting place with the following results. The meeting was duly called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Moderator Michael Wise who welcomed everyone to the Town Meeting. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening. Mr. Wise stated that there was a quorum present and noted the return and service of the warrant. He announced that the meeting is being taped for broadcast at a later date and any use of social media during the meeting is prohibited. He also asked that cell phones be shut off as well. Mr. Wise requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Susan Carmel, Town Council David Doneski, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Selectboard Chair Stephen Bannon, Selectboard members: Daniel Bailly, Edward Abrahams, and Kate Burke. Then he introduced the Finance Committee; Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Eugene W. Curletti, Janet Lee, Anne O'Dwyer and Michelle Loubert.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Wise. The meeting will be governed by the Massachusetts General Laws, the Bylaws of the Town of Great Barrington and Town Meeting Time. More specifically, Mr. Wise reminded everyone of the fire/safety regulations and requested that there be no standing or sitting in the aisles. Only registered voters of the town may participate in the meeting unless permission is granted by the moderator. Before anyone addresses the Town Meeting, he/she must proceed to the microphone and when recognized by the moderator state their name and address. Mr. Wise requested that voters speak only once per motion and limit their comments to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the merits of the motion and should not be repeated. All motions and amendments must be made in writing and any motion to reconsider must be made within 15 minutes of the announced vote. All questions are to be addressed to the moderator who will ask the appropriate person to respond. Each voter has received a warrant, a yellow card and a packet of yes/no cards. Mr. Wise will instruct voters when these are to be used and what color to use if needed. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the auditorium and will report their numbers to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Stephen Bannon to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

**VOTED AT 6:07 PM**

Selectboard Chair Steve Bannon spoke and stated that he wanted to thank Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin for her service and mentioned that this would be her last Town Meeting and asked for an applause for her.

Mr. Wise introduced Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin who presented a power point slide presentation in regards to the budget articles.

**ARTICLE 1:** (majority)

On a motion by Tom Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town set the FY2020 spending limits for Town revolving funds as set forth in the Warrant, namely, Plumbing Inspections \$15,000, Wiring Inspections \$50,000, Gas Inspections \$12,000, and Cemetery \$5,000.

**VOTED AT 6:20 PM**

**ARTICLE 2:** (majority)

On a motion by Tom Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 as indicated below:

Elected Officials' Salaries:

Selectboard: \$12,500 (\$2,500 per Selectboard member)

**VOTED AT 6:21 PM**



**ARTICLE 3:** (majority)

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by Tom Blauvelt, that the Town accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (MassDOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of town ways and bridges.

**VOTED AT 6:22 PM**

**ARTICLE 4:** (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Eugen W. Curletti and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of departments in the Town for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

**General Government**

Town Manager/Selectboard	363,977
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	100,300
Town Accountant	144,300
Technology	208,628
Assessors	156,710
Treasurer/Collector	215,941
Town Clerk/Elections	128,588
Conservation Commission	35,460
Historic District Commission	2,500
Various Boards/Commissions	15,470
Planning Board	5,250
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,350
Office of Planning/Community Development	106,490

**Public Safety**

Police Department	1,689,761
Fire Department	587,470
Communications/Emergency Management	27,027
Building Inspector	167,167
Animal Control	12,520

**Department of Public Works** 2,290,428

**Public Health** 121,120

**Community Services**

Council on Aging	155,995
Veterans' Affairs	138,100
Human Services	35,000

**Cultural/Recreation**

Libraries	563,710
Parks/Recreation	98,750

**Miscellaneous**

Insurance	1,696,750
Debt Service	1,661,150
Retirement	856,960
Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs	14,000

**Total General Fund Budget** \$ 11,600,872

The Moderator then stated he would go line by line and if there were any holds for the voters to call out and then we would vote on all non-held items, after which we would have discussions on the held items.

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on all non-held items and stated they had to be a 2/3rds Majority vote.

**VOTED by 2/3rds AT 6:28 PM**

The held items were:

Town Manager/Selectboard: Jennifer Tabakin and Charles Williamson Spoke on this item.

Town Accountant: Charles Plungis, Jennifer Tabakin and James Harris all spoke on this item.

Technology: There was no discussion on this item.

Treasurer/Collector: There was no discussion on this item.

Police Department: Bruce Palmer and Jennifer Tabakin spoke on this item.

DPW: Charles Plungis, Jennifer Tabakin and DPW Superintendent Sean VanDeusen all spoke on this item.

After all the held items were discussed, the Moderator then asked for a vote and again stated this had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

**VOTED by 2/3rds AT 6:38 PM**

**ARTICLE 5:** (majority; 2/3 if any sums from Stabilization used)

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Tom Blauvelt that the Town appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Salaries	\$ 472,655
Expenses	648,268
Insurance/Benefits	286,610
Miscellaneous/Transfers	158,000
Debt Service	644,066

**Total Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget** **\$2,209,599**

The Moderator then read each line and asked if there were any holds. There was a hold on the salaries line item. James Caron and Susan Carmel, Town Accountant spoke on this item.

Michael Wise then asked for a vote on the whole article.

**VOTED AT 6:42 PM**

**ARTICLE 6:** (majority)

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Sean Stanton that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Million, One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$16,133,027) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars (\$597,134) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Sixteen Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars (\$16,730,161) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent, Peter Dillon then did a short power point presentation on the schools.

The following people spoke on this article:

Patrick Fennell

Charles Williamson

Peter Dillon

Patrick Fennell then asked for a secret ballot on this article, the Moderator asked the audience if they wanted a secret ballot, motion for secret ballot failed and the Moderator asked for a vote on the article.

**VOTED AT 6:56 PM**

**ARTICLE 7:** (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Tom Blauvelt, that the sum of \$7,982,000 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects, and acquiring various items of capital equipment, as follows:

(i) making various street, road and sidewalk improvements at an approximate cost of \$6,840,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$6,131,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and \$409,000 shall be transferred from Chapter 90 funds, so-called, and \$300,000 shall be transferred from available grant funds.

(ii) making various building improvements at an approximate cost of \$400,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(iii) purchasing and equipping two new police cruisers at an approximate cost of \$125,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(iv) acquiring three new dump trucks with plow and sander at an approximate cost of \$410,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(v) acquiring (6) new portable radios for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$45,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(vi) acquiring new turnout gear for the Fire Department at an approximate cost of \$70,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$70,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, that the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of the expenditure or expenditures approved by this vote.

(vii) making Town telecommunication system upgrades at an approximate cost of \$50,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(viii) making park and open space improvements at an approximate cost of \$42,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The amounts authorized to be borrowed by this vote are necessarily estimates, and as such, the Selectboard is authorized to borrow more for any project and less for another, so long as, in its judgment, each project to be funded in whole or in part by a borrowing can be completed within the total amount authorized to be expended by this vote. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Charles Plungis asked if the vote had to be on the entire article with all items. Jennifer Tabakin and Sharon Gregory also spoke.

The Moderator then read each item within the article and asked that voters yell out if there were any holds for discussion.

The following items had holds:

Street, Roads & Sidewalks: James Stark spoke in this item.

Building Improvement: James Stark, Town Accountant Susan Carmel, DPW Superintendent

Sean VanDeusen and Fire Chief Charles Burger all spoke on this item.

Dump Trucks: Charles Williamson and Sean VanDeusen both spoke on this item.

Turnout Gear for FD: Susan McKay and Fire Chief Charles Burger both spoke to this item.

Michael Wise then stated this article had to be by secret ballot and a 2/3rds majority, he then asked for voters to go to the ballot boxes using their yellow yes/no cards.

**VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 7:36 PM**

**YES – 368      NO - 44**

**ARTICLE 8:** (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Tom Blauvelt, that the sum of \$650,000 is appropriated to pay costs for capital improvements to the Housatonic School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$300,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and \$350,000 shall be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund.

Steve Farina made a motion to amend by striking the language about borrowing \$300,000 ("is authorized to borrow \$300,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor") and replace this with "is authorized to transfer \$300,000 from the special reserve fund established with the proceeds of the sale of the Bryant and Searles schools."

The following people spoke on this amendment:

Janet Bouteiller	Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin	William Nappo	Susan McKay
Charles Williamson	Eugene Kalish	Steve Bannon	Paul Ivory

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the amendment.

**AMENDMENT VOTED AT 7:35 PM**

Michael Wise then stated that now that this article does not have any borrowing, it does not need to be by 2/3rds secret ballot, only by a majority vote. He then asked for a vote on the article as amended.

**VOTED AT 7:35 PM**

**ARTICLE 9:** (majority)

On a motion by Michelle Loubert and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town authorize the use of \$1,950,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2020.

**VOTED AT 7:36 PM**

**ARTICLE 10:** (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Michelle Loubert and seconded by Tom Blauvelt that the Town create a Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding any capital-related projects or equipment or debt service payments related thereto, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws.

Moderator Michael Wise stated that this had to be a 2/3rds secret ballot vote and asked the voters to use their green yes/no cards and vote at the ballot boxes.

**VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 8:15 PM**

**YES – 357      NO – 37**

The Moderator then asked for a motion to change the order of the articles and vote on article 25 while the counters added up the secret ballot votes. The motion was made by someone in the audience and seconded by Karen Smith.

**VOTED to move to Article 25 AT 7:41 PM**

**ARTICLE 25:** (majority)

On a motion by Steve Bannon, and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town amend Chapter 41 of the Code of Great Barrington, Town Meetings, Article II, Citizen Petitions § 41-15, Acceptance period, by inserting the word “calendar” after 30, so that the section reads as follows: “The acceptance period for citizen petitions will be no less than **30 calendar** days.”

Steve Bannon gave an explanation on this article.

**VOTED AT 7:42 PM**

Seeing the count for article 10 was still being done, Eugene Kalish made a motion to move to Article 26. This was seconded by someone in the audience.

**VOTED to move to Article 26 AT 7:45 PM**

**ARTICLE 26:** (majority, Non-Binding Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Lara Setti and seconded by someone in the audience, move that the Town supports renaming the Berkshire Hills Regional School District Middle School from Monument Valley Regional Middle School to the W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School.

The following people spoke on this article:

Lara Setti	Tim Lavarish	Erica Mickle	June Johnson
James Bailly	Patrick Fennell	James Caron	Terry Chamberland
Charles Plungis	Jeff Lowenstein	Richard Coons	Garfield Reed
Alfred Brewer	Phil Pryjma	Emily Olds	

Patrick Fennell made a motion for a secret ballot, seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator asked the audience if they wanted a secret ballot.

**MOTION FAILED AT 8:22 PM**

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this article.

**VOTED AT 8:23 PM**

**ARTICLE 11:** (majority)

On a motion by Michelle Loubert and seconded by someone in the audience that the Town appropriate and authorize the use of \$1,000,000 in Free Cash for transfer and deposit into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**VOTED AT 8:24 PM**

**ARTICLE 12:** (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate from the **Community Preservation Fund** annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses in FY20, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

## Reserves:

From FY20 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$50,000
From FY20 revenues for community housing reserve	50,000
From FY20 revenues for open space reserve	50,000

## Appropriations:

From FY20 revenues from administrative expenses	\$20,000
Balance of FY20 revenues for FY20 budgeted reserve	330,000

**VOTED AT 8:27 PM**

**ARTICLE 13:** (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY20 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

		Source of Appropriation		
	Project	Total Appropriation	FY20 Revenues	Reserve Fund Balance
	<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>			
1	Housing Trust Fund - downpayment program	\$100,000	\$100,000	
2	CDC to create new housing at 910 Main	\$200,000	\$200,000	
	Subtotal	\$300,000		
	<b>HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>			
3	Historic District Commission for historic research for Taconic West Historic district	\$27,000	\$27,000	
4	Ramsdell Library building study	\$30,000	\$30,000	
5	Preservation of Housatonic School	\$300,000		\$300,000
6	Accessibility renovations at Mahaiwe Theater	\$34,500	\$34,500	
	Subtotal	\$391,500		
	<b>OPEN SPACE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
7	McAllister wildlife refuge project	\$31,300	\$31,300	
8	Permanent Agricultural Preservation Restriction 180-190 North Plain Rd	\$92,000	\$48,950	\$43,050
	Subtotal	\$123,300		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$814,800</b>	\$471,750	\$343,050

Town Planner, Chris Rembold did a short slide show on each of the projects to be considered. The Moderator then read each line item and asked for voters to yell out if they want a hold for discussion on any item.

The following items had a hold on them:

CDC – 910 Main Street Housing: Pedro Pachano spoke on this item.

180-190 North Plain Farm Agricultural Restriction: Jonathan Hankin, Doug Stephenson and

Chris Rembold all spoke on this item.

Jonathan Hankin made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to amend this article to be able to vote on item 8 separately.

The following people spoke on this amendment: Sean Stanton Asa Hardcastle Steve Farina

The Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment.

#### **AMENDMENT FAILED AT 8:52 PM**

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the Article.

#### **VOTED AT 8:53 PM**

#### **ARTICLE 14:** (majority)

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Daniel Bailly, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to determine the best use of the property at 40 Grove Street as shown on Assessors' Map 20 as Parcel 100.

Mark Cohen spoke on this article.

#### **VOTED AT 8:55 PM**

#### **ARTICLE 15:** (majority)

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Daniel Bailly, that the Town amend the Great Barrington Town Code by adding a new chapter entitled "Short Term Rentals," pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 337 of the Acts 2018, to provide for the registration of short-term rental units, with the chapter number to be assigned by the Town Clerk, all as described and shown in Article 15 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article:

Kate Burke Tracy Thornton Jonathan Hankin Ann Alquist Steve Farina

#### **MOTION FAILED AT 9:07 PM**

#### **ARTICLE 16:** (majority)

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town approve a Resolution entitled "Retail Marijuana Establishments," to read as follows: Resolved, That it is the will and desire of the Town, assembled in Town Meeting, that there be a limit on the number of Retail Marijuana Establishments permitted in Great Barrington.

Selectboard Chair Steve Bannon and Selectboard member Edward Abrahams gave an explanation on this article. Also Jody Soules and Sharon Gregory spoke on this article as well.

#### **VOTED AT 9:12 PM**

#### **ARTICLE 17:** (majority)

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by Karen Smith that the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Agreement pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, section 1, and /or any other enabling authority with LSE Lepus LLC for personal property taxes associated with the approximately 3.0 megawatts DC ("MW") solar photovoltaic facility to be located on property at 671 Stockbridge Road and described in a deed recorded with the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2513, Page 223 for a term of up to twenty (20) years, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this vote.

Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin explained this article and Jennifer Clark and Town Planner Chris Rembold spoke on this article as well.

#### **VOTED AT 9:17 PM**

**ARTICLE 18:** (majority)

On a motion by Kate Burke and seconded by Daniel Bailly, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Plan with Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire or its Nominee, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the development of the property located at 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington; and to authorize the Selectboard to negotiate the final terms of and execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement the TIF Agreement and the TIF Plan pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 40, § 59 or any other enabling authority, including submission of all necessary or required applications and documents to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Town Planner Chris Rembold, Sharon Gregory and Janet Boutieller all spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 9:22 PM**

**ARTICLE 19:** (majority)

On a motion by Kate Burke and seconded by Steve Bannon, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement to purchase street lights within the Town owned by National Grid or other applicable utility company, including decorative lights and any related appurtenances, and to take all such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish such purchase.

Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin explained this article. The following people also spoke:

Karen Smith	Edward Abrahams	Janet Boutieller	Steve Bannon	Natalie Narotzy
Richard Petrino				

**VOTED AT 9:29 PM**

**ARTICLE 20:** (majority)

On a motion by Steve Bannon and seconded by Karen Smith that the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into a ten (10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020, with the qualified vendor selected by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection through a competitive bid process, for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Selectboard's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in the Spring of 2020 for funding for these services.

Town DPW Superintendent Sean VanDeusen explained this article and Ellen Rosenthal also spoke.

**VOTED AT 9:32 PM**

**ARTICLE 21:** (2/3rds majority)

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Sean Stanton that the Town amend section 9.5, section 3.1.4, section 11, and section 8.2.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, as shown in items 1, 2, 3, and 5 of Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and that the Town take no action on item 4 of Article 21 regarding section 3.2.2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Brandee Nelson gave a Planning Board Report on this article.

Jennifer Clark made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience, to amend this article by amending portions of section 8.2.3, accessory dwellings units, as follows, and renumber subsections accordingly:

1. Only one ADU may be established per lot. "A second ADU may be established by Planning Board Special Permit."
2. Delete #2
3. An ADU may not in any case be larger than 900 gross square feet. If a dwelling unit greater than 900 gross square feet is created within a single-family home, the residence will be considered a two-family dwelling and will be subject to the requirements of Section 8.1 of this bylaw.

The following people spoke on this amendment: Chris Rembold, Brandee Nelson and Patricia Ryan.

The Moderator asked for a vote on this amendment. The count was too close to call so the counters did a hand count.

**AMENDMENT PASSED AT 9:52 PM**

**YES – 132 NO – 94**

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this part of the article as amended and stated it had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

**2/3RDS MAJORITY MOTION FAILED AT 9:53 PM**

On a motion by Brandee Nelson and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town amend section 8.4 of the Zoning Bylaw as shown in item 6 of Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member Brandee Nelson explained this article and the following people spoke on this portion of the article: Karen Smith, Mike Kernan, Barabar Matz, Holly Hamer and Jennifer Clark.

The Moderator stated this had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

**VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 10:14 PM**

**On a motion by Steve Farina and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town Meeting adjourn to the next night, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**

**VOTED AT 10:14 PM**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.**

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**MAY 7, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

**Meeting 2 of 2**

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Great Barrington qualified to vote in Town Meetings proceeded to vote at the above named meeting place with the following results. The meeting was duly called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Moderator Michael Wise who welcomed everyone to night two of the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Wise stated that there was a quorum present. He announced that the meeting is being taped for broadcast at a later date and any use of social media during the meeting is prohibited. He also asked that cell phones be shut off as well.

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Susan Carmel, Town Council Jeff Blake, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Selectboard Chair Stephen Bannon, Selectboard members: Daniel Bailly, Edward Abrahams, and Kate Burke. Then he introduced the Finance Committee; Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Eugene W. Curletti, Anne O'Dwyer and Michelle Loubert.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Wise. The meeting will be governed by the Massachusetts General Laws, the Bylaws of the Town of Great Barrington and Town Meeting Time. More specifically, Mr. Wise reminded everyone of the fire/safety regulations and requested that there be no standing or sitting in the aisles. Only registered voters of the town may participate in the meeting unless permission is granted by the moderator. Before anyone addresses the Town Meeting, he/she must proceed to the microphone and when recognized by the moderator state their name and address. Mr. Wise requested that voters speak only once per motion and limit their comments to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the merits of the motion and should not be repeated. All motions and amendments must be made in writing and any motion to reconsider must be made within 15 minutes of the announced vote. All questions are to be addressed to the moderator who will ask the appropriate person to respond. Each voter has received a warrant, a neon green card and a yes/no card. Mr. Wise will instruct voters when these are to be used. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the auditorium and will report their numbers to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Stephen Bannon to dispense with the continuing of the warrant beginning with article 22.

**VOTED AT 6:05 PM**

**ARTICLE 22:** (2/3rds majority)

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Chris Rembold, that the Town amend section 9.4, section 8.1, and section 8.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, as shown in items 1, 2, and 3 of Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and that the Town take no action on item 4 of Article 22 regarding section 11 and section 4.1.3 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Malcolm Fick, Planning Board Member gave a short presentation of what this article is about. He also asked that a motion, seconded by someone in the audience, that item #4 is take no action at this time.

The Moderator stated he would go item by item for this article and ask if there are any holds/comments for each item. There were holds for items 1-3.

Item #1- The following people spoke on this item:

Chris Rembold, Town Planner	Doug Stephenson	Pedro Pachano	Steve Farina
Malcolm Fick	Craig Okerstrom Lang	Janet Boutieller	Jeremy Higa



Item #2 - The following people spoke on this item:

Chris Rembold, Town Planner      Sharon Gregory      Brandee Nelson      Malcolm Fick  
Edward Abrahams

Ed Abrahams made a motion to vote on each of these items separately and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator asked for any comments and as there were none, he asked for a vote on this motion to separate the vote for each item.

**VOTED AT 6:28 PM**

Item #3- Pedro Pachano made a motion to amend item #3 by deleting the proposed changes to section 8.3.3, #2, so that the amount of permeable surface remains at no less than 50% of the total area of the property as currently exists in the Zoning Bylaw. This was seconded by someone in the audience.

Town Planner Christopher Rembold explained this section and the following people spoke:

Holly Hamer      Malcolm Fick      Dana Dapolito      Brandee Nelson      Patricia Ryan      Stephen McAllister

The Moderator then asked for the vote on this amendment.

**Item #3 -AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:37 PM**

Seeing no more discussion, the Moderator asked for votes on each item and noted that each item had to be by a 2/3rds majority vote.

Item #1 – **VOTED 2/3RDS MAJORITY AT 6:38 PM**

Item #2 – **VOTED 2/3RDS MAJORITY AT 6:38 PM**

Item #3 – Michael Kernan made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience, to delete the last paragraph 8.3.6 and make it a separate item. Chris Rembold, Town Planner explained what that the paragraph was for and Planning Board Member Brandee Nelson also spoke on this. Mr. Wise then asked for a vote.

**AMENDMENT FAILED AT 6:45 PM**

The Moderator then asked for a vote on Item#3 as amended by Pedro Pachano.

**VOTED 2/3RDS MAJORITY AS AMENDED ABOVE AT 6:48 PM**

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the motion by Malcolm Fick to take no action on item 4.

**VOTED AT 6:49 PM**

**ARTICLE 23:** (2/3rds majority)

On a motion by Jeremy Higa and seconded by Chris Rembold, that the Town amend section 3.1.4, section 4.1, section 6.1.3, and section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw and amend the Zoning Map, all as shown in Article 23 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jeremy Higa explained this article. The Moderator stated he will again go item by item on this article. He read through each item and asked for any holds/discussion needed and there were holds for items #1, 4 and 5.

Item #1- Holly Hamer, Jeremy Higa and Ed Abrahams spoke on this article.

Ed Abrahams made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience, to amend this item to change footnote A7 from a Y back to SB.

**AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:56 PM**

Item #4 - Craig Okerstrom Lang made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience,

to amend this item under 6.2.7 Required Trees at the end of the first line to change setback for every 50 feet to every 25 feet. Seeing no discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote on this amendment.

**AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:59 PM**

Item #5 - Chris Rembold, Town Planner and Doug Stephenson spoke on this item.

Seeing no further discussion, Mr. Wise asked for a vote on all 5 items as amended and stated this had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

**VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AS AMENDED AT 7:05 PM**

**ARTICLE 24:** (majority)

On a motion by Edward Abrahams, and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town amend the Sign Bylaw, Chapter 146, Section 2 of the Code of Great Barrington by deleting the definition for Electronic Message Sign or Center and inserting a new definition for “Electronic

Sign,” and by adding the words shown as underlined to the definition for “Marquee,” as shown in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article:

Pedro Pachano                      Sally Harris                      Marcia Stamell                      Karen Smith

Karen Smith made motion, seconded by someone in the audience, to amend this article to include GB firehouse as a special use for electronic signage. The following people spoke on this amendment:

Jennifer Clark                      Elizabeth Berliner                      Dale Abrams                      Malcolm Fick

Malcolm Fick made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience, to amend Karen Smith’s amendment to:

“Insert the phrase “or emergency services facilities” after the term “performance venue” in the definition of marquee.”

Karen Smith accepted Mr. Fick’s amendment as her amendment. The Moderator asked for a vote on this amendment.

**AMENDMENT VOTED AT 7:32 PM**

The following people spoke on the article as amended:

Brandee Nelson                      Karen Smith                      Stephen McAllister                      Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

Ronald Banks                      SharonGregory                      Lynn Yonack

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the amended article.

**VOTED AS AMENDED AT 7:35 PM**

**ARTICLE 27:** (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Steve Farina and seconded by Pedro Pachano, that the Town amend the Town Code Chapter 41, Article I subsection 41-7 as shown in Article 27 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Steve Farina explained this article and Pedro Pachano and Julie Berger spoke on this article. The Moderator then asked for a vote which was too close to call so the counters did a hand count.

**VOTED AT 7:52 PM**

**Yes -88 No - 81**

**ARTICLE 28:** (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Steve Farina and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the Town Code Chapter 135, Article II by deleting subsections 135-6 through 135-9, and by deleting from section 1-5.1 of Chapter 1 the associated non-criminal disposition fine for violation of those provisions of Chapter 135, said subsections 135-6 through 135-9 being commonly called the “water bottle ban,” as adopted on May 7, 2018 under Annual Town Meeting Article 22.

Steve Farina did a short power point presentation and the following people spoke on this article:

Jennifer Clark                      Dave Long                      Laura Keefner                      Julie Berger                      Tom Kelly  
Michelle Loubert                      Sean VanDeusen                      Susan Jennings                      Jennifer Tabakin                      Eve Schatz  
Wendy Kleinman                      Eugene Curletti                      Jeff Blake, Town Counsel                      Dana Dapolito  
Jovianno Pagano                      Karen Smith                      Beth Moser                      Doug Stephenson

Steve Farina made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience, for this to be a vote by secret ballot. The Moderator asked for a vote on this motion.

**MOTION FAILED AT 8:48 PM**

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the article.

**MAIN MOTION FAILED AT 8:49 PM**

Motion to adjourn by Karen Smith and seconded by Dan Bailly.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan, MMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

**Total Registered Voters:                      4739**

**Total Voters attended May 6th:   468   (9%)**

**Total Voters attended May 7th:   215   (4.5%)**

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES**

**All Emergencies**

**911**

Great Barrington Fire Department:	528-0788
Housatonic Fire Department	274-3391
Ambulance	528-3900
Police (non-Emergency)	528-0306
State Police	243-0600

<b><u>DEPARTMENT:</u></b>	<b><u>CALL:</u></b>	<b><u>TELEPHONE:</u></b>
Board of Health	Rebecca Jurczyk	528-0680
Cemeteries	Steven Larkin	528-1800
DPW Superintendent	Sean VanDeusen	528-0867
Emergency Communications	William R. Walsh, Jr.	528-0306
Fence Viewers:	Bernard Drew	528-4953
	Kurt Barbieri	528-6278
Fire Chief	Charles Burger	528-0788
Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari	274-0267
Highway	Peter Soules	528-2500
Housatonic Community Center	Francis Tarnawa	274-8375
Housatonic Water Works Company	James Mercer	528-1780
Housing Authority	Karen Smith	274-1142
Inspector of Buildings	Edwin May	528-3206
Libraries: (Mason Library, GB)	Amanda DeGiorgis	528-2403
(Ramsdell, Housatonic)		274-3738
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski	229-8019
Recycling Center	Friday (8 AM - 3 PM)	528-5011
	Saturday (7 AM - 3 PM)	
	Sunday (10 AM - 3 PM)	
Schools- Berkshire Hills Regional School District		
	Monument Mountain High School	528-3346
	Monument Valley Middle	644-2300
	Muddy Brook Elementary	644-2350
School Superintendent	Peter Dillon	298-4017
Senior Center/Council on Aging	Polly Mann Salenovich	528-1881
Sewer Treatment Plant	Bill Ingram	528-0650
<b>TOWN HALL:</b>		<b>528-1619</b>
Assessor's Office	Shaun McHugh	x 5
Conservation Commission	Shepley Evans, Agent	x 122
Selectboard	Helen Kuziemko	x 2
Town Accountant	Sue Carmel	x 6
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Karen Fink	x 4
<i>*Parking Clerk, Tag Sale Permits, Tax Bills (Real Estate &amp; Motor Vehicle), Sewer Bills</i>		
Town Clerk	Jennifer Messina	x 3
<i>*Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, Dog Licenses, Voter Registration</i>		
Town Manager	Mark Pruhenski	x 2
Town Planner	Christopher Rembold	x 7
Tree Warden	Michael Peretti	528-5552
Veteran's Services	Laurie Hils	528-1580
Water Department (G.B. Fire District)	Cindy Ullrich	528-0133
Wire Inspector	Theodore Piontek	274-6605



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