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## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### BOARD OF HEALTH ZOOM MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 TIME: 6:30PM

#### *Remote Meeting via Zoom Video/ Telephone Conference:*

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#### **ORDER OF AGENDA**

ALL VOTES WILL BE TAKEN VIA A ROLL CALL

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

6:34pm

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- Composting Program at GB Transfer Station
- Health Inspector: Stephen Browning
- 2024 Rabies Clinic
- -Covid-19 Antigen Tests
- IMA Public Health Alliance

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH QUESTIONS/ UPDATES:**

#### **BUSINESS:**

1. Appointment of Colin Sykes as a Temporary Agent of the Great Barrington Board of Health. (Discussion/

Vote). **Approved.**

2. **Special Permit #941-24:** Application from the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire, c/p Philip Orenstein, Interim Executive Director, to permit a hotel use at 453 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington. Application is filed in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 C(8), 7.10, and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. **(Discussion/ Vote) \*\* Recommendation to the Selectboard\*\*** **No objections - Approved.**
3. **Special Permit #940-24:** Application from the Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires, c/o Sarah Downie, Vice President, to Modify special permit #297-86, granted in 1986, to remove one acre from the sit's open space. The site is identified as Assessor's Map 32, Lot 5H on Christian Hill Road in Great Barrington, and is known as Forest Row. Application is filed in accordance with Section 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. **(Discussion/ Vote) \*\* Recommendation to the Selectboard\*\*** **Peter Recuses himself.**  
**Approved: 2-0**
4. **Special Permit #939-24:** Application for the W.E.B DuBois Center for Freedom and Democracy, Great Barrington, for the restoration and exterior alterations of the nonconforming structure at 9 Elm Court, Great Barrington, in the Village Center Overlay District. **(Discussion/ Vote). \*\* Recommendation to the ZBA\*\***  
**Lead - Approved: 3-0**
5. **Recommendation of the Board of Health on joining the Berkshire Mosquito Control District. (Discussion/ Vote)** **No Recommendation**
6. **Discussion of Indoor Air Quality Testing of Public Buildings. (Discussion/ Vote)**  
**Continued to Next meeting.**

**CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**

Please state your name and address for the Public Record and adhere to any other rules set by the Chair of the Board of Health.

• Matt O'Brien; 33 Vandusenville Rd.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

• Vivian Orlewski; Thank you for not joining the mosquito control district.

**PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNMENT:** (Roll Call Vote)

**Adjourned - 7:55pm 3-0.**

**To convene into Executive Session and not to return in open session.**

Executive session under MGL Ch.30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose: (3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, regarding Housatonic Water Works Company.

**Motion:** Move that the BOH will meet in executive session and not return to public session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A sec 21(a) for the following purpose: (3) to discuss strategy with respect to Housatonic Water Works Co. Because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Board of Health. The Massachusetts Association of Health Boards will be present in this executive session. **Roll Call Vote.**

**Adjourned - 9:30pm Vote 3-0**

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**Virtual meeting March 14 BOH**