

HOUSATONIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday July 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm

At Great Barrington Fire Station 37 State Rd, Great Barrington, MA 01230 and via Zoom

Town of Great Barrington is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Housatonic Improvement Committee

Time: Jul 15, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8755172252?pwd=UTVBTE1wRmtxOE05bzZtdkRpY1JWZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 517 2252

Passcode: 123123

Dial in, (audio only): 929 205 6099

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's June 16, 2021 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members in any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Great Barrington Housatonic Improvement Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on town's website, at www.townofgb.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: See instructions at the top of the agenda. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Order of Agenda

- I. 6:30 pm Open Meeting
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call Vote
- IV. Approve meeting minutes
- V. Great Barrington Planning board and Chris Rembold discussion of Housatonic

VI. Housatonic vision board discussion: Links below

CEDS links

5 year CEDS for brief review:

https://berkshireplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/program_documents/brpc_initiative/berkshire-comprehensive-economic-development-strategy-ceds/default/2017-2022_CEDS.pdf

most recent CEDS update:

https://berkshireplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020-Annual-Report-Berkshire-County-2017-2022-CEDS_final.pdf

Berkshire Blueprint 2.0 links

There are links to both an executive summary and full report:

<https://1berkshire.com/relocate/blueprint/>

Berkshire Mall Reuse Study

Conducted by BRPC a couple of years ago, possible model for a “top 5 recommended uses” report:

<https://berkshireplanning.org/projects/berkshire-mall-redevelopment-research/>

Saving Places

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/six-reasons-save-old-buildings#.YNEXUdVKjIU>

Town Master Plan:

Master Plan Volume

1: https://www.townofgb.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf636/f/uploads/master_plan_volume_1_0.pdf

Master Plan Volume

2: https://www.townofgb.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf636/f/uploads/master_plan_volume_2_0.pdf

See Documents attached:

How to save a building (1)

Economic development findings (1)

VII. All things Housatonic

VIII. Set Next Meeting Date

IX. Citizen Speak Time

X. Adjournment (Roll Call Vote)

Pursuant to MGL. c. 30A sec. 20 (f), after notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall

inform other attendees of any such recordings. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.