

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

FY2021 Annual Report

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021



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COMFORT DOG

IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of the following former Town officials during the Fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

Sharon L. Keefner
Commonwealth of MA Social Worker
July 11, 2020

Barbara Louise Muller
BHRSD Paraprofessional
January 31, 2021

Richard L. Jones
Retired Great Barrington Deputy Police Chief
July 26, 2020

Harry T. Jennings
Retired Great Barrington Fire Chief
April 12, 2021

Peter Alfred Missaggia Sr.
Town of Great Barrington Truck Driver
September 17, 2020

Sarah Schuler
BHRSD Teacher
November 11, 2020

Marjorie Ann Keefner-West
Great Barrington 250th Anniversary Committee
Member
December 8, 2020

Thomas Linton
BHRSD Teacher
December 10, 2020

Wieslaw Orłowski
Agricultural Commission Member
December 3, 2020

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CURRENT UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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FACTS ABOUT GREAT BARRINGTON

Settled	1726
Incorporated	1761
Location	Southwest Corner of Massachusetts
Population	6,314 (Annual Town Census)
Legal Voters	5,084
Form of Government	Selectboard/Town Manager and Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$15.99 Fiscal 2021
Public Schools	Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Police	Chief, Two Sergeants & Fourteen Patrol Officers
Town Highways	91.01 Miles, 162 Streets
Public Libraries	Mason and Ramsdell Public Libraries
State Forests	7,264 Acres
Altitude	721 Feet at Railroad Station
Area	45.86 Square Miles
Web Site	www.townofgb.org
Annual Town Meeting	June 6, 2022
Annual Town Election	May 10, 2022

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES

All Office Hours	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Senior Center	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
Transfer Station	Friday 8 AM - 3 PM, Saturday 7 AM - 3 PM & Sunday 10 AM - 3 PM		

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard

Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2022
Leigh Davis	Term Expires 2022
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2023
Garfield Reed	Term Expires 2024
Eric Gabriel	Term Expires 2024

Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee (Great Barrington Rep's)

Diane Singer	Term Expires 2024
Richard Dohoney	Term Expires 2024
Anne Hutchinson	Term Expires 2024
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expires 2022
William Fields	Term Expires 2022

Board of Health

Michael Lanoue	Term Expires 2022
Dr. Ruby Chang	Term Expires 2023
Peter Stanton	Term Expires 2024

Constables

Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2022
John Broderick, Jr.	Term Expires 2022

Finance Committee

Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2022
Meredith O'Connor	Term Expires 2022
Anne O'Dwyer	Term Expires 2023
Michelle Loubert	Term Expires 2024
Philip Orenstein	Term Expires 2024

Great Barrington Housing Authority

James Mercer	Term Expires 2023
Eileen Mooney	Term Expires 2024
Marie Y. Ryan (State Appointed)	Term Expires 2026
Mary Pat Akers	Term Expires 2023
John Grogan	Term Expires 2025

Library Trustees

G. Patrick Hollenbeck	Term Expires 2024
Christopher Tucci	Term Expires 2023
Lauren E. Clark	Term Expires 2022
Margaret Heilbrun	Term Expires 2023
Kathleen Plungis	Term Expires 2024
Jane Stanhope	Term Expires 2022

Moderator

Michael Wise	Term Expires 2022
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Planning Board

Brandee K. Nelson	Term Expires 2022
Jeremy K. Higa	Term Expires 2022
Malcom Fick	Term Expires 2023
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2023
Pedro Rafael Pachano	Term Expires 2024

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ron Majdalany	Term Expires 2023
Carolyn Ivory	Term Expires 2022
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2023
Madonna Meagher	Term Expires 2024
Stephen McAlister	Term Expires 2024

CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

Fred Clark	Term Expires 2024
William Cooke	Term Expires 2024
Garfield Reed	Term Expires 2024
John Katz	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2022

Agricultural Commission

Vivian Orłowski	Term Expires 2022
Krysia Kurzyca	Term Expires 2023
Luke Pryjma	Term Expires 2024
Christopher Royer	Term Expires 2022
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY, Associate Member	Term Expires 2024

Animal Control Officer

Shepley W. Evans	Term Indefinite
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Animal Inspector

Shepley W. Evans	Term Indefinite
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Assessor, Principal

Ross Vivori	Term Indefinite
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Board of Assessors

Ross Vivori	Term Indefinite
John Katz	Term Expires 2022
Bruce Firger	Term Expires 2023

Board of Registrars

Jennifer L. Messina	Term Indefinite
Marie Y. Ryan	Term Expires 2023
Linda A. Coons	Term Expires 2022
Ellen Smith	Term Expires 2024

Cemetery Commissioners

Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2023
Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2023
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2024
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2024

Chief Procurement Officer

Mark Pruhenski	Term Indefinite
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Commission on Disability

Richard Flach	Term Expires 2022
Jeanne Bachetti	Term Expires 2024
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	Term Expires 2024
Denise Flynn	Term Expires 2023
Trevor Cobb	Term Expires 2023

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 2023
Leigh Davis	Term Expires 2024
James Mercer	Term Expires 2023

Martha Fick

Term Expires 2022

Kate VanOlst

Term Expires 2023

Conservation Commission

Andrew Mankin	Term Expires 2022
David Shanahan	Term Expires 2022
Michael Lanoue	Term Expires 2023
Kate VanOlst	Term Expires 2024
Andrew Didio	Term Expires 2022
VACANCY	Term Expires 2023
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024

Conservation Commission Agent

Shepley W. Evans	Term Indefinite
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Council on Aging

Patricia Kinne	Term Expires 2022
Maureen Avery	Term Expires 2022
Jeanne Holcolmb	Term Expires 2023
Barbara Bailly	Term Expires 2024
Eileen Gaarn	Term Expires 2022
Susan Hipwell Morris	Term Expires 2024
Sandra Larkin	Term Expires 2024
Amy Rutstein	Term Expires 2024
David Rutstein	Term Expires 2024

Council on Aging, Director

Polly Mann Salenovich	Term Indefinite
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Cultural Council

Ellen Shanahan, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2024
Patrick Barrett, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2024
Haley Barbieri	Term Expires 2022
Stacy Ostrow	Term Expires 2023
Elissa Haskins-Vaughan	Term Expires 2023
Allison Zivin	Term Expires 2022
VACANCY	Term Expires 2023
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024

Design Advisory Committee

Edwin May	Ex-Officio
James Mercer	Term Expires 2022
Stephen Dietemann	Term Expires 2022
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2022
Rees Shad	Term Expires 2024
Jennifer Clark	Term Expires 2023
Fred Clark	Term Expires 2022

Emergency Management Director

Paul Storti	Term Indefinite
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Fence Viewers

Kurt Barbieri	Term Expires 2022
Bernard Drew	Term Expires 2022

Finance Director

Susan Carmel	Term Indefinite
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Fire Department

Charles Burger, Chief	Term Indefinite
Robert Hammer Jr., Deputy Chief	Term Indefinite
James Mead, Deputy Chief	Term Indefinite

Christopher Laramee, Lieutenant	Term Indefinite
Darrell Marks, Lieutenant	Term Indefinite
Joshua A. Seile, House Captain	Term Indefinite
Justin Bona, Lieutenant	Term Indefinite
Robert Gaughran, Training Captain	Term Indefinite
Joseph Bozza	Term Indefinite
Iovan deRis	Term Indefinite
Trevor deRis	Term Indefinite
Kade Groeber	Term Indefinite
George Houghtlin	Term Indefinite
Kevin Learnard	Term Indefinite
Christopher Lovett	Term Indefinite
Sean McMahon	Term Indefinite
Adam Mead	Term Indefinite
Bradley Mead	Term Indefinite
Brian Mead	Term Indefinite
Justin Osak	Term Indefinite
Elizabeth Pevzner	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, Great Barrington Rep. Term Indefinite
VACANCY, Great Barrington Rep.
VACANCY, Great Barrington Rep.

Gas Inspector

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

Great Barrington Housing Authority Director

Tina Danzy	Term Indefinite
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Health Agent

Rebecca Jurczyk	Term Indefinite
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Health Inspector

Ned Saviski	Term Indefinite
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Historical Commission

Malcolm Fick, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Donald Howe	Term Expires 2022
David Rutstein	Term Expires 2022
Paul Ivory	Term Expires 2023
William Nappo	Term Expires 2023
Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2024
Gary Leveille	Term Expires 2024

Historic District Commission

Donald Howe, Chair	Term Expires 2024
James Mercer	Term Expires 2022
Fred Clark	Term Expires 2023
Abby Schroeder	Term Expires 2023
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate	Term Expires 2022
William Nappo, Alternate	Term Expires 2022

Housatonic Improvement Committee

Daniel Bailly, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Eric Gabriel, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2023
Patrick Barrett	Term Expires 2023
Angela Lomanto	Term Expires 2024
Beverly Nourse	Term Expires 2024
Louise Goldsmith	Term Expires 2022
Daniel Bialowes	Term Expires 2023

Inspector of Buildings

Edwin May	Term Indefinite
Matthew Kollmer	Term Indefinite

Keeper of the Lock-up

Paul Storti	Term Indefinite
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Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Christine Ward	Leigh Davis	Dale Abrams
Brandee Nelson	William Meier	Cindy Schoenfeld
Andrew Didio		

Library Director

Amanda DeGiorgis	Term Indefinite
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Open Space & Recreation Plan Task Force

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

Parking Clerk

Matthew Kollmer	Term Indefinite
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Parks Commissioners

Karen Smith, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Paul Gibbons	Term Expires 2022
Thomas Norton	Term Expires 2023
Sridevi Reddy	Term Expires 2023
Ilana Siegal	Term Expires 2023
Terrance Chamberland	Term Expires 2023
William Meier	Term Expires 2023
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024

Plumbing Inspector

Robert Krupski	Term Indefinite
Robert Gennari, Deputy	Term Indefinite

Police Officers

Paul Storti, Chief	Term Indefinite
Adam J. Carlotto, Sergeant	Term Indefinite
VACANCY, Sergeant	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 O'Brien	Term Indefinite
Christopher Peebles	Term Indefinite
Chad Shimmon	Term Indefinite
Samuel Stolar	Term Indefinite
Timothy Ullrich	Term Indefinite
Victor Zucco	Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Reserve

Brian Arnold	Term Indefinite
Kristopher M. Balestro	Term Indefinite
Olivia Cobb	Term Indefinite
Mitchell Hamilton	Term Indefinite
Maximillian Kolb	Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Special

Timothy Roy	Term Indefinite
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Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Tate Coleman, Chair	Term Expires 2024
Bill Cooke	Term Expires 2024
Deborah Phillips	Term Expires 2024
Ilene Marcus	Term Expires 2023
William Barth	Term Expires 2022
Marybeth Mitts	Term Expires 2024
Pat Konecky	Term Expires 2024
Justin Wald	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2024

Sanitary Inspector

Ned Saviski	Term Indefinite
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Selectboard & Planning Board Housing Subcommittee

Leigh Davis	Garfield Reed
Jonathan Hankin	Pedro R. Pachano

Sign Officer

Edwin May	Term Indefinite
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Strategic Sustainability & Livability Committee

Natalie Narotzy	Jovanina Pagano	Jesse Carter
Mark Phillips	Aretha Whitehead	

Town Clerk

Jennifer L. Messina	Term Indefinite
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Town Collector

Alicia Dulin	Term Indefinite
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Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Town Manager

Mark Pruhenski	Term Indefinite
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Town Treasurer

Alicia Dulin	Term Indefinite
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Tree Committee

Holly Hamer, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Marcia Stamell	Term Expires 2022
Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2022
Eva Ward	Term Expires 2023
Michael Peretti	Term Expires 2024
VACANCY	Term Expires 2023
VACANCY	Term Expires 2023

Tree Warden

Michael Peretti	Term Indefinite
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Truck Weigher

Paul Storti	Term Indefinite
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Veteran's Agent

Laurie Hils	Term Indefinite
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W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee

Randy Weinstein	Gwendolyn VanSant
Barbara Dean	Emily DeVoti
Freke Vuijst	Leah Reed
Stephanie Wright	Tim Likarish
Rev. Sloan Letman IV	Sara Mugridge
Valerie George	Emily Williams
Thasia Giles	

Wire Inspector

Theodore Piontek	Term Indefinite
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Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate Members)

JB Brodeur	Term Expires 2022
VACANCY	Term Expires 2023

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

(Meetings are currently being held virtually via Zoom until further notice)

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.
Cemetery Commissioners	As needed
Commission on Disability	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., Claire Teague Senior Center
Cultural Council	Call of the Chair
Design Advisory Committee	Call of the Chair
Finance Committee	Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee	Meets quarterly, rotates throughout each participating Town
Historical Commission	Call of the Chair
Historic District Commission	Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall
Housing Authority	Call of the Chair
Housatonic Improvement Committee	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	Third Monday of each month at 5:15 P.M. at the Mason Library
Planning Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 P.M.
Regional Transportation Advisory Comm.	Call of the Chair
School Committee	Twice a month at 7:00 P.M., location to be determined for each meeting
Selectboard	Typically 2 nd & 4 th Mondays at 6:00 P.M., call to verify
Strategic Sustainability & Livability Comm.	Third Wednesday of the month at 5:45 P.M. at the Town Hall
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	As needed

SELECTBOARD AND TOWN MANAGER

The COVID-19 pandemic began impacting the town in Fiscal year 2020, and it remained our highest priority for the entire Fiscal year 2021. We were able to maintain the high quality level of services we normally provide to residents in some new and unique ways, like curbside pick-up of library materials, the installation of drop boxes at town hall, online payment options, virtual meeting platforms, and drive-in style annual and special town meetings.

Some of the priorities as identified by the Selectboard this year included the following:

- Affordable Housing Creation
- COVID-19 State of Emergency
- Downtown WIFI Project
- Housatonic Community Center Improvements
- Housatonic Fiber Study
- Housatonic Water Quality Concerns
- Infrastructure Improvements Town-wide
- Outdoor Dining and Entertainment
- Parking in the Downtown Business District

In addition to making significant progress on many of the above noted priorities, here are some highlights from this year:

In response to complaints about the water quality in the Village of Housatonic, the Selectboard instructed staff to complete a Phase 2 study and appraisal of the water system in the winter of 2020/21. The results of those studies were presented in late spring of 2021. The work will continue into the coming year and this will remain a high priority for the Selectboard and staff.

Bridge projects continued to move forward in FY21. The State owned bridge at the intersection of Main Street and State Road was overhauled and included extensive steel repairs, repaired/replaced railings, and a fresh coat of paint. The Division Street moved from design to permitting in FY21 and work is scheduled to begin in the winter of 2021/22.

Outdoor dining continued on Friday and Saturday evenings on Railroad Street with a re-design that included new planters designed and maintained by the students and staff at MMRHS, festive lighting, and safety enhancements. All improvements were funded through a shared-streets grant.

Clean-up work continued at the former Reid Cleaners property on Main Street thanks to an EPA grant.

Three key Department Head positions were filled this year and we congratulated Paul Storti who was promoted to the Chief of Police position, Ross Vivori who is now serving as our Principal Assessor, and Alicia Dulin, who began in late FY21 as our new Treasurer-Collector.

2021 Annual Licenses and Renewals:

- 72 Common Victualler
- 33 Restaurant All Alcoholic
- 7 Wine and Malt
- 7 Package Stores
- 3 Package Stores – Wine and Malt
- 1 Club All Alcoholic
- 1 Innholder All Alcoholic
- 20 Entertainment Permits Weekday
- 13 Inns Or Hotels
- 3 Amusements
- 1 Bowling Alley
- 2 Motion Picture
- 7 Class II Auto
- 2 Class III Auto

We welcomed Carmen Morales to our team as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, and Amy Pulver was promoted to the position of Office Administrator for the Selectboard/Town Manager's office.

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 residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic this year and we look forward to serving you in this capacity for many more years to come.

- Stephen C. Bannon- Selectboard Chairman
- Edward D. Abrahams- Vice Chair through May 2021
- William F. Cooke- Stepped down in May 2021
- Kate F. Burke- Stepped down in May 2021
- Leigh S. Davis- Elected to Vice Chair in 2021
- Garfield C. Reed- Elected to the board in May 2021
- Eric F. Gabriel- Elected to the board in May 2021
- Mark A. Pruhenski- Town Manager
- Christopher T. Rembold- Assistant Town Manager/Director of Community Development

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following is a report from the Board of Assessors for the Fiscal Year 2021

A. Total Amounts to be Raised by Taxation

1. Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 34,377,634.00	
2. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 23208.83	
3. State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	\$ 83,081.00	
4. Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	<u>\$ 130,111.92</u>	
Total Amounts to be Raised		\$ 34,614,357.75

B. Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources

1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$ 1,187,368.00	
Total Estimated State Receipts		\$ 1,187,368.00

2. Local Estimated Receipts

a. Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 600,000.00	
b. Other Excise - Meals & Room	\$ 555,000.00	
c. Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$ 75,000.00	
d. Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	
e. Fees	\$ 396,431.00	
f. Rentals	\$ 120,000.00	
g. Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 80,000.00	
h. Licenses & Permits	\$ 120,000.00	
i. Fines & Forfeits	\$ 20,000.00	
j. Investment Income	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	
Local Receipts Not Allocated	\$ 2,024,500.00	
k. Enterprise Funds	\$ 2,372,973.00	
l. Community Preservation Funds	\$ 1,343,500.00	
Total Estimated Local Receipts		\$ 5,740,973.00

3. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:

a. Free Cash	\$ 285,315.00	
b. Other Available Funds	\$ 420,000.00	
Total Available Funds		\$ 705,315.00

4. Other Revenue Sources Appropriated to Reduce the Tax Rate

Free Cash Appropriated before 6-30-19	\$ 2,344,000.00	
Total Other Sources		\$ 2,344,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources		\$ 9,977,656.00

Tax Rate Summary FY21

Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 34,614,035.75	
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources	<u>\$ 9,977,656.00</u>	
Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy		\$ 24,636,379.75

Tax Rate FY20

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	77.9355%	\$ 1,200,780,171.	\$ 15.99	\$ 19,200,474.93
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	17.5118%	\$ 269,810,614	\$ 15.99	\$ 4,314,273.56
Industrial	0.9097%	\$ 14,016,600	\$ 15.99	\$ 224,117.15
Personal Property	3.6430%	\$ 56,129,310	\$ 15.99	\$ 897,503.31
	100.00%	\$ 1,540,736,695		\$24,636,379.75

Tax Rate FY20

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	77.9287%	\$ 1,187,159,704	\$ 15.75	\$ 18,697,769.04
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	17.5038%	\$ 266,651,310	\$ 15.75	\$ 4,199,762.22
Industrial	0.9259%	\$ 14,105,600	\$ 15.75	\$ 222,155.18
Personal Property	3.6416%	\$ 55,475,845	\$ 15.75	\$ 873,744.79
	100.00%	\$ 1,523,392,459		\$ 23,993,431.23

Name	Assessed Value	Amount of Tax
1. Great Barrington Real Estate	\$ 15,852,100	\$ 253,475
2. Big Y Foods	\$ 14,363,300	\$ 229,669
3. Powerhouse Square LLC	\$ 9,944,300	\$ 159,009
4. Stockbridge Road Realty	\$ 9,644,100	\$ 154,209
5. Individual	\$ 8,079,600	\$ 129,193
6. KSNS Stockbridge Road Realty LLC	\$ 7,760,300	\$ 124,087
7. Individual	\$ 7,738,714	\$ 123,742
8. Individual	\$ 6,933,300	\$ 110,863
9. Berkshire Bank	\$ 6,854,000	\$ 109,595
10. Mass Electric	\$ 5,918,960	\$ 94,644

Fire District Tax Rate FY21

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	67.1824%	\$ 547,816,766.00	\$.73	\$ 399,906.24
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	29.7959%	\$ 242,960,635.00	\$.73	\$ 177,361.26
Industrial	0.5627%	\$ 4,588,500.00	\$.73	\$ 3,349.61
Personal Property	2.4590%	\$ 20,051,285.00	\$.73	\$ 14,637.44
	100.00%	\$ 815,417,186		\$ 595,254.55

Fire District Tax Rate FY20

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	68.5034%	\$ 544,807,094	\$ 1.04	\$ 555,599.38
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	28.1725%	\$ 224,055,319.00	\$ 1.04	\$ 233,017.53
Industrial	0.6023%	\$ 4,790,500.00	\$ 1.04	\$ 4,982.12
Personal Property	2.7218%	\$ 21,646,250.00	\$ 1.04	\$ 22,512.10
	100.00%	\$ 795,299,163.00		\$ 827,111.13

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT

I am honored to herewith submit my report as Town Accountant for Fiscal Year 2021 which includes the following unaudited balance sheet as of June 30, 2021. Audited financial statements and other additional financial information will be made available on the Town website at www.townofgb.org.

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

Susan M. Carmel, Town Accountant/Financial Coordinator

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

I respectfully submit the following reports for the Fiscal Year 2021.

- Schedule of Tax Receivables for Fiscal Year 2021
- Report of Receipts for Fiscal Year 2021
- Report of Fiscal Year 2021 Gross Wages paid (except police)
- Report of Fiscal Year 2021 Gross Wages paid to Police

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

Alicia Dulin, Treasurer/Collector

Great Barrington

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Fund Types	Groups	
						Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	11,434,137.94	3,579,502.25	4,180,385.28	5,744,607.64		2,887,432.05		27,826,065.16
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	122,709.02							122,709.02
Real estate taxes	1,368,251.61	29,216.88						1,397,468.49
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(93,180.81)							(93,180.81)
Tax liens	1,042,873.18	16,959.75		167,156.78				1,226,989.71
Tax foreclosures	262,900.05	3,120.26		24,485.69				290,506.00
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	351,495.82							351,495.82
Other excises								0.00
User fees				368,850.09				368,850.09
Utility liens added to taxes				33,693.67				33,693.67
Departmental	70,617.27			60,612.75				131,230.02
Special assessments								0.00
Due from other governments	33,424.00	1,227,435.69	16,642.00					1,277,501.69
Other receivables								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions								0.00
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							18,579,043.83	18,579,043.83
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	14,593,228.08	4,856,234.83	4,197,027.28	6,399,406.62	0.00	2,887,432.05	18,579,043.83	51,512,372.69

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:										
Warrants payable										0.00
Accounts payable	31,867.46									31,867.46
Accrued payroll										0.00
Withholdings	45,886.35									45,886.35
Accrued claims payable										0.00
Due to/from other funds										0.00
Due to other governments										0.00
Other liabilities						6,769.67				6,769.67

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	1,397,755.60	29,216.88						1,426,972.48
Tax liens	1,042,873.18	16,959.75		167,156.78				1,226,989.71
Tax foreclosures	262,900.05	3,120.26		24,485.69				
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	351,495.82							351,495.82
Other excises								0.00
User fees				422,634.26				422,634.26
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental	70,617.27			40,522.25				111,139.52
Special assessments								0.00
Due from other governments		1,227,435.69						1,227,435.69
Other receivables								0.00
Deposits receivable								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds								0.00
Notes payable			3,184,550.00					3,184,550.00
Bonds payable							18,579,043.83	18,579,043.83
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	3,203,395.73	1,276,732.58	3,184,550.00	654,798.98	0.00	6,769.67	18,579,043.83	26,614,784.79
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	379,037.41	815,207.17	1,674,977.91	26,202.59		40,719.63		2,936,144.71
Reserved for continuing appropriations			46,459.39					46,459.39
Reserved for expenditures	4,372,200.00	250,000.00		20,000.00				4,642,200.00
Reserved for petty cash	300.00							300.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Reserved for premiums	9,711.40							9,711.40
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Reserved fund balance		1,182,220.00				292,815.29		1,475,035.29
Undesignated fund balance	6,628,583.54	1,332,075.08	(708,960.02)	5,698,405.05		2,547,127.46		15,497,231.11
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	11,389,832.35	3,579,502.25	1,012,477.28	5,744,607.64	0.00	2,880,662.38	0.00	24,607,081.90
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	14,593,228.08	4,856,234.83	4,197,027.28	6,399,406.62	0.00	2,887,432.05	18,579,043.83	51,221,866.69

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2021

	Balance		Abatements	Transfers	Net	Balance
	<u>7/1/2020</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Tax Titles & Foreclosures</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>
Real Estate						
2021	-	23,746,992.44	128,567.33	-	(22,679,583.25)	1,195,976.52
2020	758,422.86	-	42,544.64	-	(676,107.24)	124,860.26
2019	69,881.39	-	13,043.73	-	(35,457.03)	47,468.09
Totals	828,304.25	-	184,155.70	-	(23,391,147.52)	1,368,304.87

	Balance					Balance
	<u>7/1/2020</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>
Personal Property						
2020	18,918.68	-	-		(8,774.20)	10,144.48
2019	106,522.61				(2,456.30)	104,066.31
2018	10,067.06				(2,456.30)	7,610.76
2017	7,294.11				(140.32)	7,153.79
2016	3,927.06					3,927.06
2015	2,686.63				(33.75)	2,652.88
2014	2,878.42					2,878.42
2013	3,201.10					3,201.10
2012	1,337.07					1,337.07
2011	26.22					26.22
Totals	200,871.96	-	-	-	(13,860.87)	142,998.09

	Balance					Balance
	<u>7/1/2020</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>
Motor Vehicle						
2021	-	869,790.48	(10,598.47)	-	(646,582.66)	212,609.35
2020	132,584.67	97,950.33	(10,273.00)	10,487.88	(209,550.15)	21,199.73
2019	24,626.39	61.67	(449.82)	831.41	(16,237.04)	8,832.61
2018	11,609.31			102.10	(2,359.08)	9,352.33
2017	6,402.48		(214.38)		(208.75)	5,979.35
2016	5,263.78				(157.29)	5,106.49
2015	4,228.11				(100.00)	4,128.11
2014	3,803.92				(100.00)	3,703.92
2013	2,900.62				(50.00)	2,850.62
2012	4,638.56					4,638.56
2011	5,140.33				(46.25)	5,094.08
2010	4,281.75				(46.25)	4,235.50
2009	5,185.21					5,185.21
2008	7,072.21					7,072.21
2007	6,070.23					6,070.23
2006	4,634.28					4,634.28
2005	5,768.97					5,768.97
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
Totals	269,245.09	967,802.48	(21,535.67)	11,421.39	(875,437.47)	351,495.82

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Dulin, Town Collector

Fiscal Year 2021 Vendor Payments

Vendor Name	Total Payments	Vendor Name	Total Payments
140 WEST AVENUE LLC	\$ 3,521.55	BERK. STUMP GRINDING	\$ 2,425.00
47 RAILROAD LLC	\$ 38,590.54	BETA GROUP, INC.	\$ 17,467.09
5-ALARM FIRE	\$ 3,851.99	B-G MECHANICAL SERVICE INC	\$ 2,010.00
A & A MEMORIAL INC	\$ 13,880.30	BIG Y FOODS, INC.	\$ 1,343.81
A1, INCORPORATED	\$ 3,000.00	BILMAR SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC	\$ 706.90
AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.	\$ 48,274.63	BILMAR VETERINARY HOSPITAL	\$ 907.23
AERIAL TESTING COMPANY	\$ 2,572.00	BIOSAFE SYSTEMS	\$ 2,257.20
AFLAC	\$ 41,461.10	BIRCHES ROY FUNERAL HOME	\$ 3,640.00
AFSCME COUNCIL 93	\$ 10,936.24	BIZALION'S FINE FOOD	\$ 1,225.00
ALAN BESAW	\$ 8,717.40	BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$ 6,681.36
ALERT SCIENTIFIC	\$ 995.00	BORDEN & REMINGTON CORP.	\$ 26,819.99
ALL AMERICAN FENCE	\$ 10,385.00	BOSTON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO - W	\$ 812.50
ALL STATE FIRE EQUIP	\$ 1,004.90	BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	\$ 9,088.20
ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS	\$ 13,380.00	BROWNELLS, INC	\$ 621.84
ALLIED ELECTRONICS	\$ 659.18	BUDGET BLINDS	\$ 1,283.75
ALLONE HEALTH RESOURCES INC	\$ 1,057.70	BULLDOG FIRE APPARATUS 2011	\$ 21,844.91
AMERICAN LEGION POST 298	\$ 5,190.00	C. HASSETT ELECTRIC	\$ 812.49
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOC.	\$ 874.00	C.N.WOOD CO., INC.	\$ 32,548.62
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	\$ 866.00	CAB EAST LLC	\$ 716.20
ANDRUS POWER SOLUTIONS INC	\$ 10,876.44	CALIBRE PRESS	\$ 1,782.00
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	\$ 2,099.00	CANAAN AUTO SUPPLY	\$ 20,412.51
APPLIED DYNAMICS CORP	\$ 720.00	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$ 934.36
ARTHUR P. JONES AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$ 16,550.71	CARR HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO INC	\$ 23,394.28
ASSOCIATED ELECTRO-MECHANICS	\$ 9,312.50	CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	\$ 4,845.82
ATG PATRIOT LLC	\$ 229,731.34	CASELLA WASTE SERVICES	\$ 2,493.16
ATLANTIC COAST POLYMERS INC	\$ 3,795.00	CCP INDUSTRIES, INC	\$ 2,375.27
AUTOMATED LOGIC CORP	\$ 1,438.00	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$ 2,200.32
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	\$ 2,048.25	CHAMBERS APRIL	\$ 1,570.24
BACHER CORP OF CONN	\$ 180,259.94	CHERYL CARDINAL	\$ 1,700.00
BALESTRO, KRISTOPHER M	\$ 2,259.19	CHUBB & SON	\$ 65,115.00
BAN DAIJIRO & ROBIN H	\$ 5,182.98	CHURCHILL HEATHER	\$ 2,745.55
BATTEN BROS INC.	\$ 2,480.00	CINTAS	\$ 20,310.18
BAY STATE ELEVATOR COMPANY	\$ 10,513.23	CITY OF PITTSFIELD	\$ 55,910.62
BBE OFFICE INTERIORS	\$ 4,705.25	CIVICPLUS	\$ 2,525.00
BDP INDUSTRIES INC.	\$ 7,048.33	CLINTON CHURCH RESTORATION	\$ 26,654.76
BEACON ATHLETICS	\$ 2,255.00	COLARUSSO BLACKTOP CO	\$ 17,102.30
BEAVER SOLUTIONS LLC	\$ 1,024.00	COLE PARMER INSTRUMENT	\$ 2,290.59
BEN FUNK, INC.	\$ 2,013.06	COMALLI GROUP, INC.	\$ 14,810.97
BERENSON & BLOOM	\$ 9,940.50	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	\$ 13,530.00
BERK COMMUNICATORS, INC.	\$ 1,050.00	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS-LAND COU	\$ 2,060.00
BERK. COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$ 1,339,622.00	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$ 285,000.00
BERK. CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC	\$ 1,600.00	COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 3,000.00
BERK. CHILDREN'S CHORUS	\$ 600.00	COMMUNITY PARADIGM ASSOCIATES,	\$ 13,274.00
BERK. CTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$ 1,745.25	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COALITIC	\$ 1,750.00
BERK. ENGINEERING INC	\$ 600.00	CONNOR STORTI	\$ 747.97
BERK. GAS COMPANY	\$ 44,563.22	CONSTRUCT	\$ 58,368.32
BERK. GMC, INC.	\$ 1,454.63	CORREY DENIHAN	\$ 3,576.29
BERK. GRAPHICS	\$ 1,688.48	COUNTY RAINBOW TAXI, INC.	\$ 9,360.00
BERK. HEALTH GROUP	\$ 1,528,168.00	COVERT TRACK GROUP	\$ 600.00
BERK. HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIS.	\$ 17,699,347.89	CRANES OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	\$ 33,927.85
BERK. MEDICAL CENTER	\$ 3,981.72	CROCKER COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 3,504.00
BERK. MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER CO	\$ 725.50	CROSS ST ASSOCIATES	\$ 992.00
BRTA	\$ 606.01	CROSS ST. ASSOCIATES	\$ 2,750.00
BERK. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSI	\$ 60,755.97	CSS VENTURES INC	\$ 2,275.00
BERK. SOUTH REGIONAL COMM CTR	\$ 75,484.43	CUMMINS NORTHEAST INC	\$ 807.93

Fiscal Year 2021 Vendor Payments

CUSTOM DRUG TESTING, INC	\$	785.00	GRAINGER	\$	7,990.91
CUTTING EDGE VIDEO, INC.	\$	2,400.00	GRAPHIC CONTROLS CORPORATION	\$	1,207.16
CWMARS INC	\$	21,908.21	GREAT BARRINGTON AGWAY	\$	1,995.09
DAEDALUS, INC	\$	1,500.00	GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE DISTRICT	\$	16,141.70
DAVID PRICKETT CONSULTING LLC	\$	167,413.03	GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORICAL SOC	\$	33,265.54
DECKER'S AUTOBODY AND MECHANIC	\$	1,543.56	GREAT-WEST LIFE	\$	158,627.08
DELEGGE FUNERAL HOME II INC	\$	3,565.00	GREENAGERS	\$	15,268.70
DEMCO	\$	2,595.32	GT BARRINGTON LAND CONSERVANCY	\$	52,778.85
DENNIS P MOUNTAIN	\$	2,075.00	GT. BARRINGTON FIRE DIST	\$	377,355.98
DENTERLEIN WORLDWIDE INC.	\$	1,160.00	GUARDIAN UNIFORM AND SUPPLY	\$	10,551.73
DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT AS	\$	12,257.64	H. O. PENN MACHINERY CO., INC.	\$	3,735.83
DEPT OF TREASURY	\$	664,988.01	H.H.H. INCORPORATED	\$	1,294.49
DISTRICT DEPT OF VETERANS' SERVICE	\$	32,195.28	HACH COMPANY	\$	693.28
DOW JONES & COMPANY, INC.	\$	1,200.00	HALLIGAN, INC.	\$	1,000.00
DOWNING & LANE, LLP	\$	14,000.00	HAMMER, BRANDON J	\$	949.66
E G LAHR PR & MEDIA	\$	13,550.00	HARCROS CHEMICALS, INC.	\$	18,307.08
EAGLE SHOE REPAIR	\$	7,152.46	HAUPT TREE COMPANY INC	\$	102,655.52
EASTERN MINERALS, INC.	\$	108,960.76	HEALTH EQUITY	\$	19,752.38
ED HERRINGTON, INC.	\$	4,815.64	HELEN AUDINO	\$	6,182.00
EDC EDUCATIONAL SVCS	\$	634.49	HELLMAN SHEARN & ARIENTI LLP	\$	169,685.00
EDM, INC.	\$	26,472.27	HEVREH OF SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE, IN	\$	5,000.00
EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS	\$	2,157.81	HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEMS	\$	2,031.72
ELDER SERVICES	\$	1,000.00	HILLTOP SECURITIES	\$	13,558.28
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	\$	743.89	HOLLAND COMPANY	\$	5,551.20
ELIAS CASEY	\$	827.83	HOLLAND SUPPLY, INC.	\$	866.29
ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER	\$	4,000.00	HOUSATONIC BASIN SAMPLING & TEST	\$	1,879.00
EMERGENCY REPORTING	\$	6,457.50	HOUSATONIC WATER WORKS	\$	48,085.70
EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETING CO	\$	810.00	I & C SYSTEMS ENGINEERING	\$	2,335.71
EMILY ZELENOVIC	\$	25,000.00	ICMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$	979.20
ENCHANTED GARDENS	\$	750.00	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$	939.60
ENGEL ANDREAS & STEPHANIE	\$	2,005.00	IMAGE TEK LLC	\$	725.00
ENVIROSYSTEMS INC	\$	4,650.00	INGERSOLL LAND CARE	\$	13,913.51
ERIKA WAINWRIGHT	\$	1,625.00	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	\$	44,443.59
EXTENDED STAY AMERICA INC.	\$	1,876.32	INTEGRATION PARTNERS CORP	\$	730.00
EXTREME CANOPY	\$	1,575.00	INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	\$	995.00
F.R. MAHONY & ASSOCIATES	\$	466.36	INTERN'L ASSOC OF POLICE CHIEFS	\$	715.00
FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL	\$	1,000.00	ISLAND TECH SERVICES, LLC	\$	1,598.00
FIBER CONNECT	\$	21,788.00	J & J LOCK	\$	650.00
FIRE TECH & SAFETY	\$	15,100.42	J. DONOVAN & SON, INC.	\$	2,112.18
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO.INC.	\$	23,982.18	J.F. MCDERMOTT CO.	\$	1,948.00
FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY VEHICLE	\$	5,932.58	JACK GONCALVES & SONS INC	\$	79,657.70
FISHER SCIENTIFIC	\$	5,104.38	JEFFREY VAN-DE-VISSE	\$	8,336.59
FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES,INC	\$	49,184.72	JOE WILKINSON EXCAVATING INC	\$	46,437.33
FRANKLIN PAINT CO, INC	\$	603.68	JOE'S MOBILE REPAIR SERVICE	\$	1,200.00
FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$	13,090.00	JOHN GUILFOIL PUBLIC RELATIONS LL	\$	849.88
GADD LAURENCE TRUSTEE	\$	1,777.91	JOHN S. LANE & SON, INC.	\$	2,936.38
GAIL RANZONI	\$	11,950.10	JOHN WALTHER	\$	10,872.85
GALLS	\$	1,791.79	JOHN'S GARAGE AND AUTOBODY	\$	2,915.42
GEIGER COMPUTERS	\$	7,925.00	JOHNSON CONTROLS	\$	7,499.96
GENALCO INC	\$	995.31	JOSEPH O'BRIEN	\$	3,694.23
GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS	\$	1,195.00	JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	\$	5,359.40
GERALD ALAN SWEET	\$	5,429.00	JUREK BROTHERS, INC.	\$	8,497.36
GILMORE'S HEATING, PLUMBING & A/C	\$	15,851.14	KAESER COMPRESSORS, INC	\$	1,758.02
GIR USA INC	\$	1,914.00	KENNETH BABCOCK	\$	4,328.40
GLENDALE BOTANICALS	\$	1,078.00	KIMBALL MIDWEST	\$	633.01
GMH FENCE COMPANY, INC.	\$	1,302.00	KIMBERLY BOLAN AND ASSOCIATES	\$	3,458.00
GORHAM & NORTON, INC.	\$	1,507.12	KMS ACTUARIES LLC	\$	3,750.00

Fiscal Year 2021 Vendor Payments

KOFILE PRESERVATION	\$ 3,315.00	MUNICIPAL POLICE INSTITUTE,INC	\$ 1,350.00
KOMLINE-SANDERSON	\$ 1,266.57	MURPHY & COMPANY	\$ 1,875.00
KP LAW, P.C.	\$ 38,142.20	MUSE DAVINA	\$ 1,542.08
KWIK PRINT, INC.	\$ 6,126.00	MYRON WARTELLA	\$ 1,304.18
LAPINSKI ELECTRIC, INC.	\$ 12,351.19	NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$ 2,875.69
LARKIN LTD	\$ 8,335.90	NATIONAL GRID	\$ 150,703.05
LAROCHELLE CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$ 78,029.03	NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION	\$ 68,555.00
LAW OFFICES OF IRIS A. LEAHY, ESQ	\$ 3,702.00	NEOPOST USA INC	\$ 7,324.25
LAWRENCE CHARETTE ELECTRIC	\$ 10,792.00	NETWORK ENGINEERING, LLC	\$ 26,373.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$ 1,210.13	NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS INC	\$ 18,463.78
LAZAN GLOVER & PUCILOSKI LLP	\$ 25,000.00	NEW HAVEN WINDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CC	\$ 1,095.66
LEAD FOR AMERICA	\$ 5,000.00	NEW YORK LEAK DETECTION, INC.	\$ 1,975.00
LEE AUDIO 'N	\$ 12,720.57	NEWEGG BUSINESS INC.	\$ 6,757.55
LEE HARDWARE	\$ 14,273.49	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$ 600.00
LEE ROGERS	\$ 850.00	NEXUS CONSULTING LLC	\$ 2,138.00
LHS ASSOCCIATES INC	\$ 5,910.98	NICHE ACADEMY	\$ 990.00
LIPTON ENERGY	\$ 24,163.54	NONPROFIT CENTER OF THE BERKSHIR	\$ 2,000.00
LL DATA DESIGNS LLC	\$ 3,580.00	NORTHEAST MUNICIPAL LLC	\$ 3,095.09
LOCKE LORD LLP	\$ 21,480.00	NORTHEAST PAVING	\$ 228,079.40
LOIS PLATT	\$ 905.00	NORTHEAST RESCUE SYSTEMS	\$ 62,728.00
LORD KRISTIE A ETAL	\$ 2,422.79	NORTHERN CONSTRUCTION SERVICE, I	\$ 5,000.00
M RABINOWITZ & R WEISS	\$ 653.16	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,565.35
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	\$ 12,814.68	O'CONNELL OIL ASSOC INC	\$ 50,581.08
MADSEN OVERHEAD	\$ 1,504.00	OLDE VILLAGE MONOGRAMMING INC	\$ 2,270.20
MAINTENANCE MAN ASSOCIATION INC	\$ 7,360.00	ONSOLVE, LLC	\$ 5,510.00
MAPCON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$ 2,256.00	OSTERMAN PROPANE,INC	\$ 1,253.01
MARCOTTE FORD SALES INC	\$ 350,623.38	OTT TO PRINT GREEN, INC.	\$ 892.00
MARGERY KIRCHNER	\$ 1,521.84	OVERDRIVE, INC	\$ 18,736.89
MARK PRUHENSKI	\$ 1,597.65	PATRIOT PROPERTIES, INC	\$ 9,800.00
MARKINGS, INC.	\$ 906.40	PCMG	\$ 712.80
MARNEY SCHORR	\$ 1,047.00	PERMA LINE OF N.E.	\$ 7,478.72
MASS CHIEF'S OF POLICE ASSN	\$ 640.00	PETER JENSEN LLC	\$ 8,350.41
MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN INC	\$ 5,561.00	PETER TAGGART	\$ 2,976.10
MASS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRI	\$ 702.00	PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTE	\$ 19,653.68
MASS DOR	\$ 242,195.93	PITTSFIELD OVERHEAD DOOR CO INC	\$ 663.14
MASS FIRE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$ 3,108.45	PLIMPTON & HILLS	\$ 1,224.38
MASS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	\$ 620.00	PMAM CORPORATION	\$ 600.00
MASS MUNICIPAL MGMENT ASSOC	\$ 2,407.00	POLICEONE	\$ 2,100.00
MASS POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMI	\$ 1,800.00	POLLACK MARC N	\$ 1,587.26
MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF POLIC	\$ 10,192.00	PRECISE PAVING INC.	\$ 156,119.18
MATTHEW W KOLLMER	\$ 1,193.92	PRECISION AUTOCRAFT, INC	\$ 6,743.39
MAYFLOWER VALUATION LTD	\$ 4,800.00	PREFERRED PRINT SOLUTIONS	\$ 3,668.65
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOVE	\$ 3,656.87	PRIORITY DISPATCH CORP	\$ 1,259.68
MCVAC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 3,971.62	PROPET DISTRIBUTORS, INC	\$ 1,286.00
MHQ MUNICIPAL VEHICLES	\$ 111,858.54	PURE AQUA INC.	\$ 680.00
MICHAEL T QUINLIVAN	\$ 5,000.00	QUILL CORPORATION	\$ 6,080.99
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	\$ 6,706.00	R.I. BAKER COMPANY, INC	\$ 13,022.93
MIDWEST TAPES	\$ 11,937.23	R.W.'S INC	\$ 4,055.00
MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP	\$ 208,764.00	RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT	\$ 76,207.10
MILLER'S PETROLEUM	\$ 1,406.25	RAIS	\$ 15,491.84
MILTON C. WALSH & ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,394.00	RAYMOND FERRIN	\$ 2,314.80
MIRABITO ENERGY PRODUCTS	\$ 40,276.59	RDM SOFTWARE CONSULTING INC	\$ 1,475.00
MONTANO BETTINA	\$ 3,200.61	REAL ESTATE RESEARCH CONSULTANT	\$ 9,740.00
MOTION INDUSTRIES, INC	\$ 1,738.01	RECORDED BOOKS, INC.	\$ 6,250.00
MOTOROLA, INC.	\$ 78,937.61	RECYCLE AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.	\$ 7,125.54
MOUNT EVERETT SANITATION	\$ 8,202.50	RECYCLE AWAY, LLC	\$ 2,616.29
MULTICULTURAL BRIDGE INC	\$ 13,842.75	RIBCO SUPPLY	\$ 1,825.95

Fiscal Year 2021 Vendor Payments

RIVISTAS, LLC	\$ 2,689.97	TPX COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 17,610.76
ROGER TRUCKING	\$ 4,875.00	TRAFFIC LOGIX CORPORATION	\$ 400.00
RP MA SOLAR. LLC	\$ 216,421.28	TRAFFIC SAFETY STORE	\$ 1,216.91
S & A WHOLESALERS OF	\$ 970.25	TRANSCOR-IT HAYWOOD ASSOC INC	\$ 3,180.66
SAFETY FIRST FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTIN	\$ 2,836.30	TRAUTMANN ROBERT	\$ 4,047.79
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	\$ 3,103.04	TRC	\$ 47,712.81
SARAT FORD SALES INC	\$ 5,024.06	TREVOR DERIS	\$ 2,272.55
SBETC	\$ 5,075.00	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$ 18,750.50
SCANLON & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$ 25,500.00	TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPT.	\$ 5,356.87
SCHMIDT EQUIPMENT INC	\$ 2,483.99	TRUPANION	\$ 1,025.99
SCHOLASTIC, INC.	\$ 2,450.72	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES,INC	\$ 54,772.00
SCOTT D BURNS	\$ 11,982.20	ULINE	\$ 1,713.83
SENTRY UNIFORM &	\$ 2,647.40	UNIBANK	\$ 1,061.00
SERVICE MATTERS LLC	\$ 1,046.50	UNIVAR USA INC	\$ 5,800.64
SEWARD'S TIRES, INC.	\$ 4,988.45	UNWIN OVERHEAD DOOR	\$ 3,808.93
SEWER EQUIPMENT OF AMERICA	\$ 1,122.68	US BANK NA	\$ 7,846,086.84
SHAFIROFF LINDA M TRUSTEE	\$ 4,313.89	US TREASURY, DHHS, CMS	\$ 1,580.30
SHALLOW CREEK KENNELS, INC.	\$ 8,000.00	USA BLUEBOOK	\$ 3,620.33
SHANNON CHEMICAL CORPORATION	\$ 3,412.72	VALERIO DOMINELLO & HILLMAN, LLC	\$ 43,944.23
SHOPPERS GUIDE	\$ 1,974.95	VALLEY ROLL-OFF	\$ 61,012.70
SILO MEDIA	\$ 655.00	VALLEY VETERINARY SERVICES	\$ 2,059.92
SIMA MANSOURI	\$ 3,139.85	VERIZON	\$ 23,960.51
SOUTHERN BERK. POWER	\$ 635.25	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 7,720.47
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE AMBULANCE, I	\$ 42,000.00	VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE	\$ 18,000.00
STADIUM SYSTEM INC	\$ 1,934.50	W.B. MASON COMPANY	\$ 18,492.70
STANDARD & POOR'S	\$ 15,500.00	WANDA L. HOUSTON	\$ 1,000.00
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES,INC	\$ 19,114.55	WARD'S NURSERY	\$ 4,070.46
STAPLES	\$ 5,558.02	WARRIOR OPERATING INC	\$ 89,931.90
STERI-TECH MEDICAL INNOVATIONS L	\$ 700.68	WERTLIEB GERALD	\$ 6,135.70
STEVE'S AUTO REPAIR, INC	\$ 1,158.10	WEST FARM EQUIPMENT, INC	\$ 1,892.81
STICKS CARPENTRY & RENOVATION	\$ 900.00	WHEELER & TAYLOR, INC.	\$ 1,649.00
STRYKER SALES, LLC	\$ 1,525.75	WILKINSON APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES IN	\$ 3,000.00
SULLIVAN ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,352.88	WINDFLOWER ACRES LLC	\$ 1,484.35
SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS COF	\$ 5,157.50	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	\$ 7,308.13
SUZI BANKS BAUM	\$ 2,325.00	WOODARD & CURRAN	\$ 42,088.00
SYNAGRO NORTHEAST INC	\$ 163,839.12	WP COMPANY LLC	\$ 1,300.00
SYNCB/AMAZON	\$ 29,484.33	XAVUS SOLUTIONS	\$ 1,500.00
T SQUARE DESIGN STUDIO INC.	\$ 4,050.00	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$ 2,623.18
TATRO FLOORING	\$ 6,212.00		
TERMINIX	\$ 514.00		
THE BOSTON GLOBE	\$ 2,751.79		
THE BRIEN CENTER FOR MENTAL HEAL	\$ 1,000.00		
THE FORT MILLER CO	\$ 4,050.00		
THE GORMAN GROUP LLC	\$ 1,893.90		
THE MAHER CORPORATION	\$ 961.56		
THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY	\$ 2,579.20		
THE PITTSFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK	\$ 2,980.22		
THOMPSON & JOHNSON	\$ 3,612.14		
THOMSON GALE	\$ 4,051.37		
TIGHE & BOND INC	\$ 201,202.58		
TIME WARNER CABLE	\$ 14,002.70		
TOWN OF EGREMONT	\$ 3,664.80		
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH	\$ 814.40		
TOWN OF SHEFFIELD	\$ 6,186.80		
TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE	\$ 42,225.68		
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$ 3,401.18		
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$ 934.02		

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.

The FY 2021 year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) was noteworthy—as was FY 2020—for the concerns and challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Meetings continued primarily in remote-only formats.

Highlights of the Finance Committee's work this fiscal year include:

Finance Committee's fiscal year began with an update at the July 2020 meeting by the Finance Director regarding the Town's revenues (not surprisingly, in the last quarter of FY 2020 [April-June 2020], hotel and motel tax revenues were down—although they were not down for the year overall). During the FY 2022 budget meetings, the Committee was updated regarding cannabis sales revenues (in FY21, the town collected approximately \$1.4 million in tax revenue and \$1.5 million in community impact fees from retailers). The committee also was mindful of the recent increase in real-estate sales in the town (and the region), and at several meetings discussed the potential impacts.

The Committee was regularly updated by the Town Manager regarding staff/employee furloughs and building closures due to Covid; the Finance Director updated the Committee on the Town's Covid-related expenses and funding sources, including CARES Act Funding and FEMA reimbursements).

The Finance Director informed the committee that the Town had received a AAA bond rating, which was good news regarding refinancing of our debt payments and any future borrowing for capital expenses.

The Town also implemented a new quarterly (vs. bi-annual) property tax billing system for FY 2021-22; this also changes the timing for setting the annual tax rate, which in the future will be done in late November/early December.

The Committee continued to follow up on two significant budget items that had been added to the FY 2021 budget: Transportation for Vocational Programs and funding to support the Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad (SBAS). The Finance Committee continued to ask for updates re: these expenses. Town staff was able to find a transportation provider for the vocational students at half the original cost. SBAS again came to the Town requesting support.

Toward the end of the year—at its spring meetings-- the Committee began the process of researching and evaluating the Senior Tax Deferral Program. No votes or recommendations were made on this program in FY 2021, as the discussion and research, was anticipated to continue well into FY 2022.

The Wastewater Treatment FY 2021 budget was increased at the second Town Meeting by \$50,000, as the facility reported and anticipated greater hauling needs with the growing number of residents in the Town.

Reserve fund transfers for FY 2021: In the budget planning for FY 2022, the FC reserve fund was returned to its pre-FY 2021 amount \$100,000 (it had been increased for FY 21 in recognition of the possible unanticipated expenses that might arise due to the Covid pandemic). The committee approved a total of \$15,000 in transfers from the reserve fund (a single transfer of funds for technologies related to Town employees working from home due to Covid).

Town Audit: The Committee did not have the FY 2019 or FY 2020 audit for review during the year, as both the forensic nature of the audit and Covid-19 restrictions made for delayed completion of both audits.

Meetings: The committee generally maintained its schedule of the 3rd Tuesday of each month as our regularly scheduled meetings. The Selectboard Chair, Town Manager, and Town Finance Director continued to be regular participants at these sessions, as were Selectboard Chair Stephen Bannon and Selectboard Member Ed Abrahams. As was the case in the latter half of FY 2019-20, due to the Covid pandemic, almost all of the FY 2020-21 meetings were remote and the meeting schedule was slightly more variable than in most years.

Budget Meetings: The committee met frequently with the Selectboard throughout the budget process in January and February 2021. Beyond the uncertainties and meeting adjustments brought on by the Covid pandemic, this was again a challenging budget year. The Finance Committee, along with the Selectboard, sent a budget to Town Meeting that included an increase in town operating expenses of 5.8% over the prior year. The town's share of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District budget

increased by approximately 5% percent over FY2021, although with additional funds available in Free Cash to offset the increase, the anticipated increase in the tax rate was the smallest percentage in many years.

Finance Committee membership: Will Curlettti, whose term on the committee ended in May 2021, did not run for re-election to the committee; he is thanked for his years of service on the Committee. Michelle Loubert, whose term also ended this year, was reelected to the Committee as a

write-in candidate. Anne O'Dwyer was elected to Chair and Michelle Loubert to Vice-Chair.

Committee Assignments: Tom Blauvelt continued his position on the Community Preservation Committee. The Economic Development Committee, on which a Finance Committee member was represented, was disbanded in December of this year.

Anne O'Dwyer, Chair

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In FY20 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 the Community Preservation Committee supporting the Ramsdell Library CPA application to restore the windows.
 - Reviewed and approved the updated plan, submitted by the MASSDOT Cultural Resources Supervisor, for a proposed Route 7/Maple Avenue roundabout.
 - 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).
2. Manage and Care for Town Museum Collection
 - Continued archival work of cataloging Historical Commission artifacts that are housed on the second floor of Ramsdell Library.
 - Continued work preserving the Don Victor photograph collection by moving storage to shelves purchased and assembled for the purpose.
 - 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 eighth year of the Commission's smartphone Historical Walking Tour of Great Barrington's Main Street business district.
 - Issued press release for the Historical Resource Survey, Phase I.
 - Commissioned Bernie Drew, as part of his archival work, to develop materials for a book documenting historical structures and artifacts that have been demolished or lost over time. The purpose of the resulting book will be to help foster a respect for historical artifacts by drawing attention to all we have lost in the past.
 - Participated with the New England Association of Circulation Executives in a dedication of a memorial bench at the Newsboy Statue.
4. Historic Preservation: promote the preservation of significant structures in town.
 - Applied for CPA funds for the preservation of the Belcher Square Trolley Shelter.
 - Applied for CPA funds for a second phase of the Historical Resources Survey that would focus primarily on non-building structures.
 - 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.
 - The Commission reappointed Don Howe as its representative on the Community Preservation Committee and thanked him for his exacting and time-consuming work during his previous term.

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. 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 2021 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 37 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:
FY2021 Submitted \$70,203.26 from 7/1/2020 to
6/30/2021

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

Applications for VA Health Care	19
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	38
DD 214s	59
Request for Grave Markers	46
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	53
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	67
Assisted with Dr. Appointments	15

Home and Office Visits	294
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1402

For FY 2021 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 2021 DVS
budget was \$32,195.28 – this number was based on
population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Laurie J. Hils

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 and Housatonic. Sources of
revenue come from the Massachusetts Cultural Council
solely; at this time 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.

COVID has altered the schedule for the Cultural Council,
as it has for undoubtedly all of our town residents. While
normally all grant applications close in October, this year
the application process was extended until December 14,
2020. As of February 15 2021, the Council is still in the
process of making funding decisions on the 37 grant
applications received; one grant was a duplicate
application. Those grantees not funded were notified on

February 13 and will be granted a two-week appeal
process. After that, the Council will determine funding
amounts during March 2021. The Massachusetts Cultural
Council has allotted the Great Barrington Cultural Council
\$5,100.00 to spend for the 2021 grant cycle.

While the Council does not meet every month due to the
nature of our work, which is normally completed between
October and January, it usually meets on the first Tuesday
of the month at 6:30 p.m. Until the Governor's March 12,
2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open
Meeting Law is lifted and meetings no longer must meet
virtually, the meetings will continue to be conducted via
Zoom. The Council is actively seeking new members.
Currently the Council has 7 members, but the
Massachusetts Cultural Council allows for 21 members
for each local cultural council.

CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

The goals of the Claire Teague Senior Center are to serve
the needs of the senior population of Great Barrington by
providing resources such as recreational, educational,
social, and nutritional and transportation services.
Though some programs were temporarily cancelled or
were limited in numbers due to covid-19 restrictions we
were able to provide a vast amount of services this year.

Transportation Program-

This year brought many changes to the senior
transportation program. Due to the closing of Southern
Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corporation, the Town
of Great Barrington Council on Aging took over the
management of senior transportation. The Senior Center
began developing and managing the transportation
program for Gt Barrington and Housatonic seniors and the
disabled beginning November 1st. GBCOA provides trips
to medical appointments, pharmacy pick up, shopping,

rides to senior center programs and meal site and other
recreational trips.

Total Trips	1,488
Medical	622
Social/Recreational	413
Shopping	356
Vaccination Clinics	60
Individual Riders	75

Vaccination Roll Out-1000

The COA became a contact point and call center for the
vaccination roll-out beginning January through March.
The estimate for the number of seniors that were assisted
in registering or referral information for vaccination
appointments is well over 1000.

Nutrition-3000

The congregate meal sites were discontinued temporarily
and made available as pre-packed ready to go meals that
were drive through and pick-up. Approximately 3000

ready to go meals were distributed at the senior center. The congregate meal sites were reinstated June 15th 2021.

Brown Bag Program-780 Bags distributed and picked-up Several community organizations made donations, Wheel and Taylor provided pre packed holiday meals, we continued to pick up weekly Big Y Baked Goods, and Berkshire Bounty provided pre packed meals and produce. Berkshire South delivered meals to homebound seniors and brought many meals to the senior center.

SHINE

The SHINE Program (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) was limited to phone meeting only. We have two SHINE Counselors that were able to assist all those that requested a meeting.

AARP TAX Preparation Program- 152 filings and over 300 appointments.

Foot Nurse-144 Appointments

Events: Thanks goes out to the Gt Barrington Police Department for a successful event with the senior center with food fun and education.

GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARIES

Friends and Trustees: Both the Friends of The Great Barrington Libraries and the Library Trustees continued to contribute many hours raising awareness of the libraries. We greatly value their support and input.

Staff: 2021 saw the departure of two part time staff members, Edward Hunt and Janice Robbins. Frances Hernandez was promoted to the Operations Coordinator position at Ramsdell. The staff have continually adapted to new protocols and more during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am thankful for their continued dedication, drive and willingness to adapt.

Notable: The libraries have seen much over FY21. We spent much of the fiscal year figuring out how to offer services safely and provide what was needed to our community. We learned that virtual programming was a big win with adults but harder to do with children.

We added more digital holdings to our collection including the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, AcornTV, The Great Courses and IndieFlix. For children we added Scholastic Teachables and BookFLIX.

The Great Barrington Libraries joined the Massachusetts Library System sponsored national CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) for our tenth year. We had 258 registered children who read over 251,515 minutes. The theme for this year was “Imagine Your Story”, which encouraged children to use their imaginations. Due to the pandemic, summer reading took place virtually. There were weekly ticket drawings and the children worked on finishing a sticker puzzle that was shared weekly via Facebook and Instagram. The summer reading program took place in the summer of 2020.

Great Barrington Libraries total circulation for FY 2020 was 55,040 items.

Holdings: Total Holdings: 216,887 (this includes eBooks and eAudio available via C/W MARS)

- Mason Library holds 64,717 physical items.
- Ramsdell Library holds 19,286 physical items
- Both Libraries have access to 132,884 eBooks and eAudi

Materials Purchased in 2020 for Mason					
Adult Books	1,216	Children's Books	1,746	YA Books	384
Adult Audio Books	120	Children's Audio Books	35	YA Audio Books	10
Adult DVDs	324	Children's DVDs	143		
Adult Serials	342	Children's Serials	37	YA Serials	5

Materials Purchased in 2020 for Ramsdell					
Adult Books	285	Children's Books	244	YA Books	20
Adult Audio Books	43	Children's Audio Books	3	YA Audio Books	-
Adult DVDs	111	Children's DVDs	3		
Adult Serials	184	Children's Serials	-	YA Serials	-

Hours and Visitors: Ramsdell Library provided curbside service for most of FY21 due to the pandemic. This occurred on Wednesdays from 1-5pm. Ramsdell re-opened for visits in June 2021 and saw 117 patrons that month. We provided 1,606 curbside pick-ups.

Mason Library provided both curbside and reduced open hours. Throughout FY21, Mason provided 4,207 curbside pick-ups and had 7,410 visits.

Both the hours and number of visitors are much reduced given that the libraries were closed to the public at various times during FY21.

Programs/Events: The Great Barrington Libraries sponsored a total of 251 events/programs, both virtual and outdoors, and had approximately 2,225 people attend these events.

Finances: On July 1, 2020, GB Libraries had \$31,717.48 in State Aid money. We spent \$18,168.94 last year and received \$13,908.20. As of July 1, 2021 we have \$27,456.74 in that account. This account paid for programs and our new website. 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 \$1,773.63. This number is reduced due to the pandemic.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to all the employees and volunteers of the libraries for their support, cooperation and good humor throughout this year. It has been a journey and a challenge but they have risen to the occasion.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda M. DeGiorgis, Director

FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee's main objective for this year was to prepare for negotiations with Spectrum for the upcoming renewal of the cable contract in 2023. A sub-committee was established, towns were asked for budgeted funds for lawyer fees and meetings were set. A subscriber survey is being prepared and it is important for every subscriber to look for this survey with their cable bill and respond. The committee welcomes all suggestions and requests.

CTBS, under the direction of Richard Frederick has made great strides with programming and coverage. Even if you

are not a cable subscriber, you can go to their website (ctbstv.org) and watch live programming and search their archives for meetings and shows you may have missed. On cable, they are found at channels 1301, 1302 and 1303.

Our dealings with customer problems end up with the Spectrum representative requesting that all problems should be reported to Spectrum. Call them with your problem, but it would be wise to keep track of your situation and to contact a Great Barrington/Housatonic representative if there are further problems.

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.

The GBHA received two major grants in 2020. The Health & Safety grant for \$21,000 that reconfigured ADA accessible walkways at Dewey Court has been completed. The Flag Rock Creative Place Making Grant of \$124,000 for repurposing land on site to be dedicated to exercise

equipment and play spaces for all tenants is in the engineering phase.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the GBHA partnered with Community Health Programs for testing and then with Fairview Hospital for vaccine clinics at all the GBHA sites.

The Resident Services Coordinators (RSC) Karen Lewis and Peggy Zamierowski have been creating new initiatives and are working to enhance and personalize our tenant services.

We welcome volunteers who are interested in public housing and helping our community.

If you need further information contact us at (413) 274-1142. Tina Danzy, Executive

W.E.B. DU BOIS LEGACY COMMITTEE

The Committee's stated mission is "to preserve and promote Great Barrington native W.E.B. Du Bois's legacy as a scholar and activist for freedom, civil rights, progressive education, economic justice, and racial equality."

In February, the Town of Great Barrington partnered with the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center to present the annual W.E.B. Du Bois Festival, including Dr. Du Bois's 153rd Birthday Celebration, "Timeless Messages of Prophecy & Protest." The Mahaiwe hosted the program "Deeper Than the Skin," with musician-activists Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway. Singers Wanda Houston and MaryNell Morgan provided their powerful, original rendering and exploration of the Sorrow Songs from Dr. Du Bois's essential 1903 text *The Souls of Black Folk*. The town

proclaimed Du Bois Day an official holiday and bestowed its annual Legacy Award to Reggie Harris and Clinton Church Restoration founder Wray Gunn. Students and staff at the newly renamed W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School offered reflections, as did Du Bois's great-grandson Jeffrey Peck.

In October, the Town of Great Barrington commemorated the 52nd Du Bois Boyhood Homesite anniversary. The Du Bois Legacy Committee provided guided tours and moving tributes honoring Dr. Du Bois by students from W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School.

Ongoing projects include pursuing a Sister Cities agreement between the Town of Great Barrington and the City of Accra, Ghana, and a statue honoring Dr. Du Bois, perhaps to grace the Town library.

PLANNING BOARD

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 the Planning Board held 25 meetings and two special joint meetings with the Selectboard, all through the remote meeting format. Over this period, the Planning Board endorsed 16 ANR plans (subdivision Approval Not Required) that created a total of 11 new building lots. The Planning Board approved 15 Site Plan Review applications, made recommendations on eight special permits, and issued three special permits (one being for the conversion of the nursing home at 148 Maple Avenue). The Site Plan approvals included permitting two new accessory dwelling units and a 3-family residence, all on parcels within walking distance of downtown. A rear lot special permit was issued in June 2021 to create a building lot near Round Pond but which also facilitated

the permanent conservation of 350 acres of land including Tom Ball Ridge.

The Board and the Town Planner drafted several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting which were ultimately voted on at the September 15, 2021 Special Town Meeting. The proposals recommended by the Board passed, and these included amendments to the Downtown B zone; the setback and height regulations for accessory buildings; allowances for "tiny homes" as accessory dwelling units; revised design review procedures; revised Planning Unit Residential Development (PURD) regulations; and a new section to convert nursing homes to multifamily uses. The Board also developed amendments to the B-3 zone which were adopted at the June 2021 Town Meeting.

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. Members of the Planning Board are active on other town boards and commissions. The Board is represented as follows: by Jeremy Higa on the Community Preservation Committee; Brandee Nelson on the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force; Pedro Pachano and Malcolm Fick on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and both Mr. Pachano and Jonathan Hankin on the Design Advisory

Committee and the Selectboard/Planning Board joint subcommittee on housing. Garfield Reed was elected to the Selectboard for a three-year term, and his former seat as the Planning Board Associate Member remains vacant as of this writing.

We again thank our extraordinary recording secretary Kim Shaw for continued dedication and service to both the Planning Board and the Design Advisory Committee.

Brandee Nelson, Chair

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This Department facilitates and implements the goals of the Town's Master Plan, particularly with regards to conservation, economic development, and housing. We also provide support and technical assistance to applicants, homeowners, businesses, and to Town staff and Boards regarding planning, zoning, and community and economic development matters. The department continues its long time role coordinating the Town Manager's Development Review Team (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief) which provides technical project reviews. This Department also coordinates capital improvement plans and supports the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as many other boards and commissions. Highlights for FY21 include:

The COVID-19 emergency and resulting migration out of cities to rural areas has impacted our local housing and real estate market, increasing prices dramatically and reducing available inventory. The Town has responded to the housing crisis in a number of ways, including funding an emergency rental assistance program, using CPA funds through the Town's Affordable Housing Trust. The Town completed a Housing Needs Study, published in November 2020. Also, CPA funds were used to purchase seven acres of land in Housatonic for a new homeownership development, and for which Affordable Housing Trust designated Habitat for Humanity as the developer of up to 20 homes. Also, Town Meeting transferred a foreclosure property, 40 Grove Street to the Affordable Housing Trust, and after an RFP the Trust designated Habitat as the developer of that site as well. Habitat, in partnership with a new first-time low- or moderate-income homebuyer, will renovate the existing structure and it will remain an affordable home. And, in

May of 2021, the 45 affordable rental apartments on Bentley Avenue officially opened.

We continue Economic Development efforts through the implementation of a brownfields assessment grant from the US EPA, focusing on the contamination at Cook's Garage in Housatonic, Ried Cleaners in downtown, and the former Carpenter's Variety on Main Street near BCC. A major cleanup occurred at Ried Cleaners where our partners at EPA removed over 300 tons of contaminated soil from the lot, getting us much closer to a remediated site that can get back on the tax rolls.

The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed in FY21 and approved by FEMA in January 2021. It is valid for five years. That Plan, funded in part by the State's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, included actions to help the Town adapt to and mitigate the natural, social, and economic impacts of climate change. We began to take those actions in the spring of 2021, beginning by forging communication channels with hazard mitigation and social justice partners. This process developed actions relative to food access and open space improvements to help our community cope in times of scarcity and in a warming climate. Parks and open space initiatives also included design for to transform a portion of Lake Mansfield Road into a recreation path. The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force shared the conceptual plans via on-site signage and illustrations, a website and a virtual walking tour.

A number of Zoning bylaw amendments that were recommended by the Planning Board were ultimately approved by the September 2020 Special Town Meeting, and amendments to the B-3 zone were approved by the June 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

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 2021, and in the fall and winter dedicated itself to reviewing CPA applications and preparing for the June 2021 Annual Town Meeting, at which FY22 funds would be appropriated. In the two-step application process, the CPC reviewed nine Step 1 applications for eligibility, and invited all to submit Step 2 applications. After thorough review the CPC recommended all nine projects to Town Meeting. 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. All projects were approved by Town Meeting:

COMMUNITY HOUSING

1. Construct, Inc – emergency rental assistance and microloan program \$50,000

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

2. Town, Historical Comm. – historic research of landscape/open space sites \$6,000
3. Town, Ramsdell Library – archeological study \$9,800
4. First Congregational Church Manse – restoration of stone and masonry \$240,859
5. Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center – replace emergency exit doors \$15,000
6. Clinton Church Restoration – phase two of restoration project \$200,000

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

7. Town – to make improvements to the Housatonic rail trail \$30,000
8. Town – for water quality studies at Lake Mansfield \$70,000
9. Town, Conservation Comm. – McAllister wildlife refuge project next phase \$31,300

Total \$652,959

Since its inception in Great Barrington, the CPA has generated close to \$5 million. Voters have appropriated funds 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, multiple historic sites preserved, including rare structures, significant Town properties, and unique buildings, 8 walking trails built, planned, and improved and 100+ acres of open space and recreation areas preserved.

Thomas Blauvelt, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is charged with the following:

- 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.

Last year, FY 2021, the Conservation Commission reviewed and/or issued:

- 32 Wetland Protection Act Requests for Determination of Applicability
- 13 Wetland Protection Act Notices of Intent
- 1 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Request for Determination of Applicability
- 2 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Notices of Intent
- 2 Enforcement Orders and/or Restoration Plans

- 0 Beaver Permit
- 0 Emergency Certification
- 2 Certificates of Compliance
- 3 Amended Order of Conditions
- 8 Recommendations to various Town Departments or Boards
- 2 McAllister Wildlife Refuge matters and/or other Conservation Property Issues
- 127 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 2022, we look forward to extensive invasive plant species removal in several locations at the McAllister Wildlife Refuge and completion of a long awaited McAllister loop trail as well.

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.

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

The members of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF) are pleased to submit this report of Fiscal Year 2021 activities and accomplishments to the community. LMITF was formed by the Selectboard for the purpose of developing and implementing a comprehensive Lake Mansfield Improvement Plan, coordinating the lake-related efforts of various boards and committees, and addressing a wide range of concerns including public safety, use and accessibility, water quality (runoff, buffer zone erosion, and invasive weeds), lake improvements, protection of the watershed, and stewardship of the recreational spaces.

This year LMITF focused on continued planning to transform the Lake road and on designing stormwater runoff improvements for the beach parking lot area. The improvements will stabilize the lake edge and establish a non-vehicular recreation path along the Lake, in place of the road. Our engineering and landscape architecture team completed conceptual designs by late calendar year 2020 and the LMITF conducted outreach beginning in the spring of 2021. The outreach included posting plans and

renderings along the side of Lake Mansfield Road, where recreation area users could view the proposed designs *in situ* and understand the purpose of the proposed changes. The plans and renderings were also posted online, and a survey was created to garner additional input. With this input in mind, more detailed designs will be produced in FY22.

In other news, thanks to a generous donation from the Shoval family, new playground equipment will be installed, in late calendar 2021. Finally, a proposal for a multi-year round of water quality monitoring was funded with CPA money, and this project will begin in FY22.

Lake Mansfield continues to be an important recreation area for our community. The summer of 2020 saw an average of 140 people per day at the beach area, and countless others using the recreation area in all four seasons. We look forward to seeing you too at Lake Mansfield!

Respectfully submitted by the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

In FY2021, 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. Pollinators provide essential services for fruit and vegetable crops and thus contribute to our food security and agricultural economy. In FY2021, the Town also received a grant to develop a food system plan to enhance climate resilience, environmental sustainability and community food

security. Specific Agricultural Commission activities included:

Collaboration with School and Community Initiatives

- ♦ Supporting *Sustainable Monument 2025* plan presented to the BHRSD School Committee in July 2020. This student/faculty/staff/community-based plan aligns with the Agricultural Commission's earlier presentation on the "Resilient Living Laboratory Campus and Green STEAM Curriculum" to the Monument Next Steps Committee.
- ♦ Joining the Massachusetts Pollinator Network (MAPN) as a founding member. MAPN is coordinated by Dr. Rosemary Malfi, Ph.D. under the auspices of the Northeast Organic Farming Association.

- ♦ Supporting Gideon's Garden's Great Barrington-based educational and hands-on work with youth in growing fresh food for community distribution.
- ♦ Representing the Agricultural Commission in local food system planning organized by the Berkshire Food Access Collaborative and in the Climate Action Resilience & Equity (CARE) Strategic Design Session about climate justice, food access and public spaces.

Conference Participation and Co-Sponsorship

- ♦ Participating in the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Interactive Livestream NOFA Summer Conference 2020. Workshops included "Planting for Pollinators," "Municipal Planning for Food Access," "Beyond Soil Conservation: 21st Century Soil Health Policy takes Root in the Northeast."
- ♦ Co-sponsoring community online access to the ThinkFOOD 2020 Conference: "Eating to Save the Planet." The virtual conference took place October 3-5, 2020, organized by the Center for Food Studies at Bard College at Simon's Rock.

Grant Award and Planning

- ♦ Receiving a grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the Town of Great Barrington to develop *Growing Better Great Barrington: A Food System Plan for Climate Resilience, Environmental Sustainability and Community Food Security*.
- ♦ Collaborating with leaders from the Conway School of Sustainable Landscape Planning + Design to discuss preparations for the *Growing Better Great Barrington* planning process.
- ♦ Compiling a list of more than 80 town and community stakeholders for community participation in developing *Growing Better Great Barrington* project priorities and reviewing research findings.
- ♦ New Commission Members
- ♦ Recommending one new member (Christopher Royer) and one returning member (Luke Pryjma) for appointment to the Agricultural Commission by the Selectboard in February 2021

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Orlowski, 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). The goal of the committee is to encourage improvements or additions to the downtown building stock which are complementary to the historic nature of downtown.

In the past year we experienced a good deal of change over as Chair Pedro Pachano and longtime committee member

Holly Hamer resigned. Co-Chair Rees Shad was elected to fill Mr. Pachano's role, and Jennifer Clark stepped up and accepted the role of Co-Chair.

While we have worked to maintain a regular meeting schedule many meetings have been cancelled for lack of applications in need of review. Nevertheless, over the course of the five meetings we were able to have, the DAC reviewed 14 sign applications.

Rees E. E. Shad, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the reporting year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, the Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals held only six meetings. The Board:

Granted a special permit to construct an addition and expand a pre-existing nonconforming house on Pearl Street;

Granted a special permit to construct an addition and expand a pre-existing nonconforming house on Castle Hill

Avenue; and, granted a special permit to alter a nonconforming barn on Mahaiwe Street.

Two of the joint meetings with the Selectboard were executive sessions relative to the GJO, LLC litigation regarding the property at 11 Roger Road. Another joint meeting was the appointment of a new Associate Board member—JB Brodeur filled the seat vacated by John Katz.

Ron Majdalany, Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In December 2020, Chief William Walsh retired after 40 years of service for the Town of Great Barrington. I had the pleasure of working under Chief Walsh's command for over 25 of those years and committed to continue many of the progressive programs he started.

In order to further our transparency, we have added all of our yearly statistics to our website. A detailed breakdown of all of the police department activity can be located under the tab "statistics", then "statistical data 2020-2021":

<https://greatbarringtonpolice.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/157/2021/10/Statistical-summary-2020-2021-2.pdf>

The GBPD has continued the One Mind Campaign Pledge which seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. The commitment required 10% of our officers to be trained in Mental Health First aid and we fulfilled that requirement. As of today, we have far exceeded that pledge with almost 90% of officers trained as Crisis Intervention Officers.

We want to make the community aware that both our parking lot and front lobby are available to be used as safe exchange zones for buyers and sellers utilizing websites such as Craigslist or the Facebook Marketplace.

We have started a community outreach team to have conversations to build relationships with all community members. As part of this outreach we have had several "chat" conversations, started a comfort dog program, and held open houses where community members can visit the police department to see the operations and meet officers. We have joined forces with Rural Recovery Resources to help combat addictive disorders in our community. To expand services for families with children under 18, we have partnered with Family Resource Center of Great Barrington. These partnerships will round out our community engagement efforts and we will continue to seek to find others.

Moving into the next year we will continue to expand our outreach services and identify areas that the police department can improve the services to our community. We have worked hard to help offset operational expenses with grant funding. In fiscal 2021 we received over \$80,000.00 in grant funds from state and federal organizations. Additionally, we have helped 2 of our community partners with their grant projects in which each were awarded close to a million dollars. In each circumstance we will utilize some of the funding.

Paul E. Storti, Chief of Police &

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

We continued to collaborate with local schools, colleges and other institutions in developing safety plans for critical incidents. This includes obtaining and updating Emergency Operation Plans for institutions, site visits, and training. We received \$2,700 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency we purchased a portable radio and charging bank. All applicable new town employees received training 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. 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.

Chief Paul E. Storti, Director of Emergency Management

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Great Barrington Fire Department had another busy year filled with new milestones but unfortunately also the retirements of several senior members.

Despite the challenges of COVID Great Barrington Firefighters remained committed to serving the community and with every call for service being answered. The department responded to 1063 incidents in Fiscal Year 2021. The breakdown by category is shown:

Structure Fires	12
Other Fires	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents	38
Rescues	21
Medical	518
Spills, Leaks & Hazmat	32
Hazardous Situations	14
Service & Good Intent	104
False Alarms	302

large voids created from renovations over the years, the fire consumed a large portion of the building and the remainder was damaged by smoke.

FY21 marked the first full year of one on duty Firefighter/EMT responding to all priority EMS incidents from 6 AM to 10 PM. Our Firefighter/EMT is first on scene 70% of the time and able to provide lifesaving aid and additional manpower for the ambulance crew. In June the fire department obtained its ambulance license with Car 8 getting certified to the BLS level. This enables the fire department to provide a higher level of care at EMS emergencies and also help transport on a Southern Berkshire Ambulance when they are short staffed. That has been utilized many times.

Fire prevention continues to be a priority for the Department. Great Barrington continues to do fire inspections for the Town of Sheffield for \$24,000 a year which is beneficial to both communities. Inspections started off slowly due to COVID 19 but quickly turned into the busiest months ever due to the real estate boom. A total of 991 inspections were performed in accordance with Massachusetts General Law and 527 CMR. The following breakdown shows the inspections by type:

Type	Great Barrington	Sheffield
Periodic Safety	195	39
Smoke & CO Detectors	226	128
Final For CO	33	7
Fire Supression Systems	4	1
Fire Alarm Systems	10	1
Blasting/Fireworks	4	0
Tank Removals	5	2
Oil Furnaces	18	14
Propane Tanks	76	39
Plan Reviews	58	2
Complaints	13	0
Other	65	9

The Great Barrington Fire Department, along with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee (SBREPC), continued to be a regional resource for COVID. We acquired and distributed PPE and provided hotel rooms for first responders and healthcare workers to quarantine in when needed.

Despite the challenged presented by COVID over 2,400 hours were dedicated to training. The Great Barrington Firefighter's Association through fund raising hired a third party training company to teach two weekend

classes. They were joint trainings with Monterey and Egremont Fire Departments. Both classes focused on search and rescue of civilians and firefighters. We would like to thank Vijay Mahida for allowing us to use the old Searles School for the drills. The Department believes well trained firefighters are the most important component of providing quality services to the community and we are dedicated to providing opportunities to hone our skills.

Our turnout gear was upgraded in the fall. The new gear is designed to be lighter and less restrictive, providing less of a strain on our firefighters working in the most strenuous of conditions. It replaces well-worn gear that was ten to fifteen years old, long past its recommended life. We always appreciate the support from the community which provides us with the equipment to safely do our jobs.

Unfortunately we had two high profile retirements. Deputy Chamberland retired in July after 42 years of service. Up until his retirement he was one of our most consistent firefighters, responding to almost every call, training, fundraiser, and community event. Deputy Hall retired in May after 38 years of service. He was a leader in training, becoming one of our first certified EMTs, firefighters, and fire officers, and pioneered training in rope rescue as that clearly became a need for the community. I would like to thank them for their decades of service and the legacies they leave behind. Captain Jim Mead and Lieutenant Bob Hammer were promoted to

Deputy Chief to replace them. Christopher Laramie was also promoted to Lieutenant. They are all experienced firefighters who are serving well in their new roles.

Recruitment is always one of our biggest focuses. Firefighter Trevor deRis graduated from the fire academy in December as our newest certified firefighter and we are thrilled to welcome him to our team. We are always looking for more firefighters. 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 our 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 theme of Fiscal Year 21 was strategic mitigation, as we moved through the public health challenges of a continuing, global pandemic. We began the Fiscal Year in the midst of Governor Baker's and the Dept. Public Health Phased Re-Opening Plan which allowed activities and

businesses to resume based on the associated risk level. The Health Department helped businesses implement the latest safety standards, masking orders, and gathering size limitations throughout the Re-Opening process. The Public Health Nursing team for Great Barrington

collaborated with Fairview Hospital to stand up emergency COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the W.E.B Du Bois Middle School from February through June, 2021. Fiscal Year '21 closed with the ending of the State of Emergency on June 15, 2021 where all Dept. of Public Health Safety Standards and Orders were rescinded. To aid in this transition, (COVID-19 continues to substantially transmit in our community, despite the State of Emergency ending) the Great Barrington Board of Health began approving Public Health Advisories during each monthly meeting. The aim of these Advisories is that they are used as a tool for visitors, residents, and business owners in navigating the ever-changing COVID-19 information and data.

Ned Saviski joined the Health Department as the lead Health Inspector in July, 2020. Mr. Saviski began the arduous FDA Food Inspector certification process in January, 2021. This training is comprised of 30 online- at your own pace modules, a 6 week live online class, and 10 hours of one on one learning with another FDA inspector. As the primary Food Establishment Inspector, Mr. Saviski brings the highest level of food safety training to Great Barrington's restaurants, bakeries, cafés, and grocery stores.

Great Barrington was the recipient of two Public Health Excellence Grants this Fiscal Year. With one award we

were able to expand our Public Health nursing team, positively impacting the hours spent on disease monitoring and follow up (contact tracing). With the second award, a new Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative was established. The SBPHC has two full time public health nurses providing high quality services to the 10 South County Towns. Notably, GB has access to analyzed COVID-19 data specific to our town. We can now compare our COVID-19 data with the data of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative towns as well as with the data of Berkshire County as a whole. This epidemiology has brought Great Barrington to a high level of appropriate and effective public health policy implementation.

We are looking forward to providing Great Barrington with additional public health services in the year ahead!



BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building Permits for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

<u>PERMIT</u>	<u>TOTAL PERMITS</u>	<u>BUILDING PERMIT FEE</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
New structure	08	\$ 29,022.00	\$4,184,047.00
Add/alt/repair	128	\$59,514.00	\$9,095,490.00
Insulation	45	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 305,200.00
Windows	25	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 310,292.00
Siding	04	\$ 532.00	\$ 95,900.00
Roof	69	\$ 4,711.00	\$ 898,702.00
Solar	43	\$ 6,671.00	\$1,172,179.00
Foundation	03	\$ 567.00	\$ 95,037.00
Stove	17	\$ 595.00	\$ 59,353.00
Chimney/liner	08	\$ 336.00	\$ 46,900.00
Shed/accessory bldg.	04	\$ 1,036.00	\$ 160,260.00
Pool	06	\$ 600.00	\$ 522,800.00
Pool/demo	00	0.00	00.00
Commercial	87	\$70,553.00	\$10,872,358.00
Trench	71	\$ 2,130.00	0.00
Alarms/sprinkler	01	\$35.00	\$ 4,172.00
Signs	46	\$1,750.00	\$ 79,535.00
Sel. Demo	05	\$ 210.00	\$ 41,500.00
Demo	04	\$ 220.00	\$ 33,500.00
Fence	02	\$ 119.00	\$ 26,425.00
Home occupation	01	\$ 35.00	
Coi	106	\$8,160.00	
Tent	18	\$ 700.00	
Sheet metal	15	\$2,667.00	\$ 377,480.00
Retaining wall	02	\$ 546.00	\$ 87,500.00
Play structure	01	\$ 35.00	\$ 3,500.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>\$194,622.00</u>	<u>\$28,472,130.00</u>

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 this department did 198 inspections and collected \$11,880.00 in fees.

Robert Krupski, Plumbing Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

During the year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 this department did 179 inspections and collected \$10,740.00 in fees.

Robert Gennari, Gas Inspector

WIRE INSPECTOR

During the year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 this department did 681 inspections and collected \$40,860.00 in fees.

Ted Piontek, Wire Inspector

PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works (DPW) includes the Divisions of Highway, Wastewater, Public Grounds (cemeteries, parks, and public buildings grounds), Public Buildings (facilities). The Department also manages Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling and Engineering design projects for the Town. The annual report for the Wastewater Division will be covered in a separate document.

Highway Division: 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+ cross-walks), 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".

Public Grounds Division: (Cemeteries, parks, public building grounds) along with providing support for the Highway Department during winter maintenance activities, maintains approximately 130 acres \pm of cemeteries (7), parks and green areas and building grounds throughout the Town. This includes weekly maintenance and repairs. 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 also responsible for the sale of cemetery lots and provides assistance during services.

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.

- The DPW completed several planned road and improvement projects including:
 - Repaving of Bridge St
 - Repaving of Taconic Parking Lot
 - Repaving of Bentley Ave
 - Repaved Main St in Housatonic and installed a new Crosswalk
- New equipment purchased by the Department included:
 - 3 F550s
- Ongoing projects included:
 - Highway Garage remediation
 - Comprehensive Pavement Management Plan Phase 2
 - Rebuilt to the Historic Steps at Town Hall
 - Landfill Monitoring
 - Repair of the Historic Retaining Wall on Taconic Ave
 - Pollinator Plant Installation Main St
 - Extension of River Walk Trail in Housatonic
 - Installation of new Windows at the Police Station

- Storm Water Asset Management Plan
- Parks Asset Management Plan
- Projects under design for future improvements include:
 - Division St Bridge Repairs
 - South Main St Improvement's
 - Installation of a new AC unit at the Mason Library
 - ADA Access to Ramsdell Library
 - Design for Upgrades to Memorial Field
 - Design for Upgrades at the two softball fields at Olympia Meadows
- Annual contracts managed by the Department include:
 - Custodial Supplies
 - WWTP Chemicals – Various suppliers
 - Sludge Management Contract
 - Catch Basin Cleaning

- Refuse Collection (buildings)
- Diesel Fuel
- Heating Oil
- Gasoline
- Elevator Service
- Building Alarm Services
- Building Sprinkler Systems Service
- Landfill monitoring
- Uniform Services
- Backup Generators annual maintenance contracts
- Annual Boiler Maintenance
- Heavy Equipment Services

Sean T. VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

From December, 2020 to November, 2021, the wastewater treatment facility processed 425.191 million gallons of wastewater, 1.659 million gallons of septic tank waste, and disposed of 3.034 million gallons of sludge and grit. During this period, the treatment facility discharged a high quality, effluent to the Housatonic River.

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 again asking the public to please dispose of baby wipes, cleaning wipes, flushable wipes, and medical 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 Treatment Director

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 21 the Parks and Recreation Committee finished the following projects:

- Installed a new fence at the Junior Softball Field
- Completed construction of the River Walk Trail extension through Olympia Meadows
- Began preliminary design to rebuild Grove St and Dewey Park

- Completed the comprehensive Parks Asset Management Plan
- Completed redesign work on Memorial Field including ADA access.
- Completed design and bid documents for the softball fields at Olympia Meadows
- Installed new benches and fence at Dewey Park
- Continued programming at the Memorial Field Skatepark, Lake Mansfield, and Housatonic Park
- Completed design work for the new playground at Lake Mansfield (install Spring of 2022)
- Finalized Gaga Pit details for installation Spring 2022
- Assumed management of the Housy Dome and did upgrade to all LED lighting

TOWN CLERK

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2020 and ended June 30, 2021 there was one (1) State Primary Election, one (1) Special Town Meeting, one (1) State Presidential Election, the Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting.

<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u># of Voters</u>	<u>%Voted</u>
State Primary Election September 1, 2020		
4,938	2,241	45%
Special Town Meeting September 15, 2020		
4,962	179	3.6%
State Presidential Election November 3, 2020		

5,155	4,127	80%
Annual Town Election May 11, 2021		
5,075	1,087	21.4%
Annual Town Meeting June 7, 2021		
5,087	191	3.7%

A Special Town Meeting was held on September 15, 2020 with voters (3.6%) acting on 32 articles of which 15 were zoning bylaw changes. There were 7 citizen petition articles that were continued until the Annual Town Meeting in 2021. The Annual Town Meeting was held on June 7, 2021 with voters (3.7%) acting on 33 articles. There was only 1 zoning bylaw change and there were 5 citizen petition zoning articles. Both meetings were held outside in the parking lot of the Monument Mountain Regional High School due to the COVID pandemic.

The most notable article for the Special Town Meeting was a zoning article to amend Section 7.18 Marijuana Establishments. There was a long discussion on this article but in the end it failed to pass. The most notable article for the Annual Town Meeting was the article on borrowing for a municipal parking lot land purchase and the zoning citizen petition article to amend Section 7.18, Marijuana

Establishment regulations. For this meeting the warrant articles were done in reverse. The citizen petition articles were discussed and voted on first and then the rest of the articles were done. There was approved borrowing for a backhoe/loader, a sidewalk plow & sander, a police cruiser and a transfer station ticket kiosk.

There were 159 births, 165 deaths and 44 marriages recorded during the fiscal year. The Clerk's office issued 766 dog licenses, 95 business certificates (DBA's) and processed 195 public record requests. The Annual Census was 6,314 with 5,084 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 and volunteers whom we could not run the elections or town meetings without. Their hard work and dedication during this difficult year helped us to get through it all. This year we were very excited to be able to have Monument Mountain Regional High School students helping us with the elections and the town meetings. We appreciate all they did for us and we were glad they could help out!

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

During the fiscal year there were five voter registration sessions. As of June 30, 2021 there were 5,084 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

<u>Party</u>	<u># of Voters</u>
America First Party	1
American Independent	2
Conservative	1
Constitution Party	1
United Independent Party	27
Democratic	2134
Green Party USA	2
Green Rainbow	9
Libertarian	13

MA Independent Party	1
Republican	300
Inter 3 rd Party	2
Pirate Party	1
Socialist	2
Unenrolled	2587
Working Families	1

The annual census/street list was completed in June of this year. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2021 was 6,314.

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

Town Of Great Barrington
Annual Town Meeting
At Monument Mountain Regional High School
Parking Lot (Outside Meeting)
600 Stockbridge Road
June 7, 2021 At 6:00 PM

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 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.

Selectboard member Leigh Davis read the following Official Land Acknowledgement: "As we gather this evening for our annual town meeting, where we will decide upon the future direction of our community, it is important that we also look to, and learn from, the lessons of the past. We want to acknowledge that we gathered on the traditional lands of the Mohican People, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We commit to continuing to learn how to become better caretakers of the land we inhabit, to understand the history and traditions of those who cared for it before us, and to learn from the successes and failures of preceding generations, in the pursuit of a more just, equal, Great Barrington."

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Jennifer Messina, Finance Director Susan Carmel, Town Counsel David Doneski, Town

Manager Mark Pruhenski and Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold. He also announced the Selectboard and Finance Committee members were also seated on each side of the stage.

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. 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 pink 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 parking lot and they will report their numbers at the microphone when ready.

A motion was made by Trevor Forbes, seconded by someone in the audience to change the order of the warrant articles and to proceed with Articles 25-32 (citizen petition articles) as first order of business. Mr. Wise stated this needed to be a majority vote.

VOTED AT 6:14 PM

ARTICLE 25: (2/3 Majority, Zoning by Petition)

On a motion by Michelle Loubert and seconded by someone in the audience, to see if the Town will vote to amend sections 7.18.4 and 7.18.5 of the Great Barrington Zoning bylaw 7.18 Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and modify section 3.1.4 Table of Uses accordingly or to take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose of the Amendment: The undersigned propose this amendment in response to the concerns expressed by some residents in numerous public meetings and forums as to the negative impacts of marijuana businesses in our community, particularly those located or proposed to be located in or near our residential neighborhoods. Our Master Plan states, "Great Barrington's vision includes protecting and enhancing our compact village centers, historic treasures, natural resources, farms, and open spaces, all of which contribute to Great Barrington's distinctive character. Our goals include directing development and growth into village centers, supporting existing residential neighborhoods, and ensuring that new developments in resource areas are sited and build it in a way that sustains our rural countryside and agricultural areas."

The Master Plan further states, “Residents expect and deserve quiet neighborhoods free from odor, glare, noise and other impacts of commercial activity. Proper buffering and design standards can help ensure business remains healthy and residential property values remain stable, while still encouraging concentration of development in the core areas.” The undersigned bring forward the below changes to Zoning by law 7.18 in an effort to better align this bylaw and the Table of Uses with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~.

Proposed insertions are underlined.

1. Amend Portions of Section 7.18.4 as follows:

7.18.4. Locational requirements. Marijuana establishments may be located in accordance with Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, except as follows:

1. No marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center may be located closer than ~~200~~ 500 feet from a preexisting public or private school providing education in Kindergarten or any of Grades 1 through 12 child care facility, including preschools and daycare centers, or any facility in which children commonly congregate, including, but not limited to, a public library, a playground or park, and athletic field or recreational facility, a place of worship, or a town-owned beach.
2. The distance in paragraph 1 is to be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the proposed marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center and the nearest point of the property line of the protected uses stated above in paragraph 1.
3. The Selectboard may, by special permit pursuant to Section 10.4, authorize a deviation from this distance requirement if it finds the marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center will not be detrimental to a protected use.
4. No Marijuana Establishment of Medical Establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center will be allowed in any Residential District as described in Section 2.0 of the Zoning Bylaws.
4. 5. Other types of marijuana establishments licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission may be permitted in accordance with the appropriate use category in the Table of Use Regulations.

2. Amend portions of Section 7.18.5 as follows:

7.18.5. Physical Requirements. In addition to pertinent requirements of implementing regulations of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission. Marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers shall comply with the following:

1. All aspects of a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center relative to the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, sales, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing marijuana, marijuana accessories, related supplies, or educational materials shall take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building or fenced area dedicated to the cultivation of marijuana and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business.
2. No unprotected storage of marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials is permitted.
3. No use shall be allowed by a Marijuana Establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center which creates a nuisance to abutters or the surrounding area, or which creates any hazard, including but not limited to fire, explosion, fumes, gas, smoke, odors, obnoxious dust, vapors, offensive sound or vibration, flashes, glare, objectionable effluent or electrical interference, which may impair the normal use and peaceful enjoyment of any property, structure or dwelling in the surrounding area.
4. No odor from marijuana or its processing can be detected by a person with an unimpaired and otherwise normal sense of smell at the exterior of a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or at any adjoining use of property.
5. No noise from the establishment of its operations, including but not limited to ventilation, can be detected by a person with unimpaired and otherwise normal hearing at the exterior of a Marijuana Establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or at any adjoining use or property.”
6. Marijuana Establishments or Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers with grow operations in a translucent building shall not illuminate grow operations between dusk and dawn.
3. 7. Marijuana not grown inside a securable structure shall be enclosed within a six-foot fence, and inasmuch as possible the plants shall be screened from view, at grade, from a public way or from a protected use.
- 4 8. No outdoor cultivation of marijuana shall be allowed within ~~fifty (50)~~ two hundred (200) feet of any property line.
9. No outdoor home cultivation of marijuana shall be allowed within (50) feet of any property line.

The following people spoke on this article:

Michelle Loubert, Denise Forbes, Bruce Loubert, Stephanie Boszko, Malcolm Fick, Trevor Forbes, and Karin Passmore

Trevor Forbes made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience, to amend this article to reduce the buffer zone between residential marijuana cultivation and the property line to 25 feet from the 50 foot offset allowed for in Article 25.

The following people spoke on the amendment:

Brandee Nelson, Jonathan Hankin, Michael Monroe, Stephanie Boszko, Michelle Loubert, and Sharon Gregory

The Moderator asked for a vote on this amendment. He stated it need to be a majority vote. He asked for the tellers to do a hand count of the yes/no slips.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 6:45 PM

YES- 65NO- 85

Michelle Loubert made a motion, seconded by someone in the audience that the vote on citizen petition Article 25 be taken by secret ballot. The Moderator stated this vote needed to be a majority vote.

MOTION FAILED AT 6:46 PM

The following people spoke on the main motion:

Edward Abrahams, Daniel Bailly, Jonathan Hankin, Trevor Forbes, Anne Alquist, Pedro Pachano, and Garfield Reed

Pedro Pachano stated "call the question" to end the debate and to vote on the main motion. The Moderator stated it required a 2/3 majority vote.

MOTION PASSED AT 7:04 PM

The Moderator asked for a vote on the main motion to Article 25 and stated it required a 2/3 majority vote. He asked for the tellers to do a hand count.

2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE FAILED AT 7:08 PM

YES- 66NO- 90

ARTICLE 26: (Zoning by Petition)

On a motion by someone in the audience and seconded by someone in the audience, to take no action on the following article:

A Town Bylaw Amendment to limit the role of unsubstantiated opinion as a factor in the award of Special Permits by the Town Planning Board

"1. In voting on whether to grant Special Permits to development and/or business interests the members of the Planning Board in its capacity as sole Special Permit awarding authority must address abutters' specific quality of life concerns by reference to strict criteria and without recourse to vague, qualitative language elsewhere in the Bylaws which allow unsubstantiated claims as to the benign effect of a development on a neighborhood, to wit: claims by a developer that (A) a development 'will not be more detrimental than a previous use'; (B) as a standard for judging effects of increased traffic at a property proposed for a development (or change of use) words to the effect that 'proposed traffic will not be severely impacted by the [new] use'; (C) language currently in the bylaws and related to a development's proposed parking arrangement meet stringent standards (eg that a provision for not less than 1.5 parking slots per unit in a residential development be stipulated as a condition of award), standards moreover which realistically reflect the likelihood of the scale of vehicle ownership by tenants and users; (D) credible provision by the developer for such adequate parking specifically be made on published plans and in writing; (E) claims by a developer that a development is 'consistent with the neighborhood character' be deprioritized as a basis for awarding a Special Permit and replaced by a provision which requires the Planning Board to ascertain a 'neighborhood's character' before accepting assurances about what is, or is not, actually being changed, by whom and how much. To the extent that unsubstantiated claims by developers or their counsel or personnel on the basis of these above captioned Bylaw references occur they shall henceforth be adjudged inadequate as a standard for the award of Special Permits.

"2. The above-referenced 'strict criteria' for awarding Special Permits shall be the subject of review by the Selectboard as a basis for establishing public, Town-wide criteria for allowing fair and consistent Town development in which the views of all parties have equal weight in the outcomes that result from the award of Special Permits."

VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION AT 7:09 PM

Articles from September 15, 2020 Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 26: (Zoning by Petition)

On a motion by Michael Kernan and not seconded by anyone that the Town residents vote to amend Zoning Bylaw §9.11 as set forth below, and to amend the Zoning Map accordingly:

1. Amend a portion of Section 9.11, Mixed Use Traditional Zone (MXD) as follows:

9.11.2 Location. The MXD shall consist of the land shown on the ~~2015~~ 2016 Town of Great Barrington Assessors' Map 22 as Parcels 2, 3A, 4-13 4-6, ~~18-63~~ 63, ~~66-88~~ 66-72, 81-88, 88A and on Map 25 as Parcels 1-4.

2. Amend the Zoning Map by placing the following parcels in a R3 zone, as follows: the land shown on the 2016 Town of Great Barrington Assessors' Map 22 as Parcels 7-13, 18-62, 73-80.

Purpose of the Amendment: At the 2016 Annual Town Meeting the Town Planning Board put through a proposal that created the MXD zone. The stated purpose of the 2016 proposal cites "the recommendations of the 2013 Master Plan to update the zoning in certain commercial areas within walking distance of a village center, to preserve and enhance the mix of residential and retail uses, and to reflect the context of the built fabric." This MXD zone does not accomplish its stated purposes. It joins together two drastically different neighborhoods: the Mahaiwe Triangle (mostly residential parcels on Pope, Mahaiwe and Manville Streets, and 14 residential parcels along nearby Main Street) with commercial parcels west of Maple Avenue and south of Manville Street. The Mahaiwe Triangle is not a commercial area; it consists of one-family residences 60-120 years old with a smattering of houses legally converted into two-family and professional space.

As two separate pending lawsuits are demonstrating, this MXD zone has created a loophole by which land developers are acting without any effective zoning regulations. By examining the Table of Use Regulations in Zoning Bylaw §4.1.2, it is appropriate to place the Mahaiwe Triangle in a R3 Zone.

	Min lot	Width	Front	Side	Rear	Bldg %	Story	Height
R3	5000	50	25	10	30	25	2.5	35
B2	43,560	50	50	20	30	25-40	2.5	35
MXD	5000	50	15	10	10	75	3.5	40

MOTION FAILS, NO SECOND AT 7:10 PM

ARTICLE 27: (Zoning by Citizen Petition)

On a motion by someone in the audience and seconded by someone in the audience, to take no action of the following article:

To seek a zoning change to the i2 zoning district. Under use regulations 3.0c section 13(marijuana establishment and Manufacturing) in the i2 Zone. The current zoning is listed as a no. We would ask the planning board to change this to a SB zone.

VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION AT 7:11 PM

ARTICLE 28: (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Michelle Loubert and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town take no action on the following article:

To see if the Town will vote to amend sections 7.18.4 and 7.18.5 of the Great Barrington Zoning bylaw 7.18 Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and modify section 3.1.4 Table of Uses accordingly or to take any other action relative thereto.

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- 4 8. No outdoor cultivation of marijuana shall be allowed within ~~fifty (50)~~ two hundred (200) feet of any property line.

VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION AT 7:12 PM

ARTICLE 29: (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Michael Kernan and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town vote to amend Chapter 241 of the Town Code, Division 3 Miscellaneous Rules and Regulations, as set forth below:

Amend Section 241-1 Placement on Agenda, as follows:

Every Great Barrington committee or board, whether appointed or elected, shall place on their agenda of public meetings an item for citizen speak time. Except for procedural and housekeeping matters, Town residents shall have the right to address a Board on any item that requires a vote at a time before a Board votes on that item. Such residents will be allowed as much time as the proponent of an item is permitted to have.

Purpose of the Amendment: Under current law and procedure, residents have the right to speak at a public hearing or on a special permit or during Citizen Speak at the end of the evening's meeting or when recognized by the Chair of a Board. There are often items on the agenda of a public meeting for which a Board will have a discussion and vote. Each Board allows the proponent of an item to present its proposal and to present evidence and testimony relative to such proposal. During and after such presentation, a Board may ask questions of the proponent. Rarely does a Board allow residents the right to speak at that time, before a vote on the item. Residents may speak as of right during the Citizen Speak portion at the end of a meeting. But this may be of little consequence to the merits of a proposal as a vote has already been taken. There are often meetings where a Board member may commend a resident on their comment and how the comment was relevant to the proposal. Unfortunately, the vote had already been taken.

This amendment will give residents the right to speak on a particular item at a time when the discussion of an item is still a viable matter. That is, the right to speak and offer comment on matters that affect them, before a Board has voted. In this way, a Board will have the benefit of hearing more than one side of an issue, not just the proponent but also those affected by such proposal. A Board must listen to more than just the proponent of a proposal.

The following people spoke on this article:

Michael Kernan, James Bailly, Brandee Nelson, and Denise Forbes

The Moderator asked for a vote on this article and stated it required a majority vote. He asked for the tellers to do a hand count.

VOTED AT 7:25 PM
YES- 85 NO- 57

ARTICLE 30: (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Michael Kernan and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town vote to amend Chapter 189 of the Town Code, Division 2 Selectmen's Regulations, as set forth below:

Amend Section 189-1 Meetings, subdivision C, paragraph (4), as follows

(4) Although the press and the public have the right to be present at any open meeting, they have no right to participate unless they are recognized by the Chairman. Except for procedural and housekeeping matters, Town residents shall have the right to address the Board on any item that requires a vote at a time before the Select Board votes on that item. Such residents will be allowed as much time as the proponent of an item is permitted to have.

Purpose of the Amendment: Under current law and procedure, residents have the right to speak at a public hearing or on a special permit or during Citizen Speak at the end of an evening's meeting or when recognized by the Chair of the Select Board. There are often items on the agenda of a public meeting for which the Select Board will have a discussion and vote. The Select Board allows the proponent of an item to present its proposal and to present evidence and testimony relative to such proposal. During and after such presentation, the Select Board may ask questions of the proponent. Rarely does the Select Board allow residents the right to speak at that time, before a vote on the item. Residents may speak as of right during the Citizen Speak portion at the end of a meeting. But this may be of little consequence to the merits of a proposal as a vote has already been taken. As an example there was a recent meeting where a Board member commended the resident on their commitment and how the comment was relevant to the proposal. Unfortunately, the vote has already been taken.

This Amendment will give residents the right to speak on a particular item at a time when the discussion of an item is still a viable matter. That is, the right to speak and offer comment ~~43~~ matters that affect them, before the Board has voted. In this

way, the Board will have the benefit of hearing more than one side of an issue, not just the proponent but also those affected by such proposal. The Board must listen to more than just the proponent of a proposal.

Michael Kernan and Pedro Pachano spoke on this article.

Pedro Pachano proposed an amendment for a minimum of 2 minutes for residents to speak but the Moderator stated the amendment was not acceptable. Mr. Wise called for a vote on the main motion.

VOTED AT 7:30 PM

ARTICLE 31: (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by Mary Beth Merritt and seconded by someone in the audience that the Town vote to approve the following resolution:

Whereas the storage and disposal of hazardous and toxic waste, including PCB's from a variety of sources to include the "Rest of River" cleanup by GE is deleterious to the health of all life;

Whereas the storage and disposal of such waste is antithetical to the Food Sovereignty and Pollinator Friendly resolutions as adopted by the Town of Great Barrington;

Whereas we have sovereign rights as promulgated and protected under the Constitution of the United States of America, among them Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Without our health, healthy water, land and air, we are denied those inalienable rights;

Therefore, we, the citizens of the Town of Great Barrington, do here by adopt this resolution that prohibits the disposal, dumping or storage of hazardous and toxic waste from any source on the land or in the water in the Town of Great Barrington (including Housatonic) under any circumstances to ensure our rights and the rights of future generations to a healthy life.

The following people spoke on this article:

Mary Beth Merritt, David Doneski, Town Counsel, Denise Forbes, Jorge Alcala, Edward Abrahams and Jonathan Hankin

VOTED AT 7:37 PM

ARTICLE 32: (majority, Citizen Petition)

On a motion by someone in the audience and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town no action on the following article:

We sign this petition to close down and outlaw all privately owned "prisons-for-profit" state-wide in MA. These institutions are literally ruining the lives of countless inmates (and their loved ones), whereas properly run and supported State correctional facilities do help rehabilitate people giving them hope in the present, and futures they can look forward to, namely, the chance to contribute to society and live more and more meaningful lives for themselves and others.

VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION AT 7:37 PM

Mr. Wise introduced Town Manager Mark Pruhenski who went through the Financial Overview handout of the budget.

ARTICLE 1: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town amend Chapter 36 of the Great Barrington Code, Revolving Funds, by adding a new fund to section 36-1 for the Council on Aging transportation program, as shown in the warrant for this Town Meeting but with the addition of the word "Transportation" before "Program" in the Department Receipts column.

Add to list in section 36-1:

Program or Purpose	Representative or Board Authorized to Spend	Department Receipts
Council on Aging	Town Treasurer	Program Fees and Charges

Finance Director Susan Carmel spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:41 PM

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 2: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town set the FY2022 spending limits for Town revolving funds as set forth in the Warrant, namely, Plumbing Inspections \$15,000, Wiring Inspections \$55,000, Gas Inspections \$12,000, Cemetery \$5,000 and Council on Aging Transportation \$50,000.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2022 Spending Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Building Department	\$15,000
Wiring Inspections	Building Department	\$55,000
Gas Inspections	Building Department	\$12,000
Cemetery	Public Works Department	\$ 5,000
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	\$50,000

Finance Director Susan Carmel spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 7:43 PM
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 3: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O' Dwyer and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as indicated below:

Elected Officials' Salaries:

Selectboard: \$23,500 (\$4,700 per Selectboard member)

Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 7:45 PM
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 4: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O' Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience, 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 7:46 PM
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 5: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience, 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	\$438,820
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	160,300
Finance Director/Town Accountant	153,845
Technology	235,000
Assessors' Office	176,505
Treasurer/Collector	224,547
Town Clerk/Elections	129,801
Conservation Commission	31,847
Various Boards/Commission	22,970
Planning Board	5,350
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,300
Office of Planning/Community Development	138,910

Public Safety

Police Department	1,839,010
Fire Department	674,020
Communications/Emergency Management	21,005
Building Inspector	176,912
Animal Control	12,200

Department of Public Works

2,451,878

Public Health

Health Department

113,503

Community Services

Council on Aging	156,469
Veterans' Affairs	155,700
Human Services	30,000

Cultural/Recreation

Libraries	576,665
Parks/Recreation	118,000

Miscellaneous

Insurance	1,804,700
Debt Service	2,067,842
Retirement	999,289
Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs	<u>12,500</u>
Total General Fund Budget	\$ 12,928,888

The Moderator stated he would go line by line and if there were any holds for the voters to call out hold.

One held item was:

Planning Board: James Bailly, Brandee Nelson and Edward Abrahams spoke on this item.

James Bailly made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to move \$1,350 from the Planning Board budget to the Veterans' Affairs budget. Brandee Nelson and Edward Abrahams spoke on this amendment.

Mr. Wise asked for a vote on this amendment to the Planning Board budget.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 7:57 PM

The other held items were:

Office of Planning: Pedro Pachano and Christopher Rembold spoke on this item.

Police: Charles Williamson, Susan Carmel and Mark Pruhenski spoke on this item.

Department of Public Works: Anne O'Dwyer spoke on this article.

A motion was made by Ms. O'Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience to amend the main motion by increasing the Department of Public Works budget by \$25,000 to be allocated to the Public Buildings- Repair- Buildings & Grounds account (line 01192-52410) for a total of **\$2,476,878**.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this amendment.

AMENDMENT PASSED AT 8:03 PM

The other items that were held:

Veteran's Affairs: James Bailly spoke on this item.

Libraries: Michael Monroe and Susan Carmel spoke on this item.

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on the article with the amendment for the Department of Public Works budget increase and he stated this had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:07 PM**ARTICLE 6:** (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience, 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	\$ 503,450
Expenses	743,400
Insurance/Benefits	319,950
Miscellaneous/Transfers	183,600
Debt Service	<u>664,100</u>
Total Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget	\$2,414,500

DPW Superintendent Sean Van Deusen spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 8:10 PM

ARTICLE 7: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience, that the sum of \$1,532,600 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring various items of capital equipment, as follows:

- (i) making various street and bridge improvements at an approximate cost of \$720,000, 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 \$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 \$420,000 shall be transferred from Chapter 90 funds, so-called.
- (ii) making various building improvements at an approximate cost of \$265,000, 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 one new police cruiser at a cost of approximately \$48,150, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.
- (iv) acquiring (3) new portable radios for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$25,100, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$25,100 of Free Cash.
- (v) replacing (7) vehicle laptops/tablets for the Police Department vehicles at an approximate cost of \$32,100, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$32,100 of Free Cash.
- (vi) acquiring a new combination backhoe/loader for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$145,450, 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.
- (vii) acquiring a new truck lift for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$79,500, 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) acquiring (1) new sidewalk plow and sander for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$124,300, 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.
- (ix) acquiring a ticket kiosk for the Transfer Station at an approximate cost of \$53,000, 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.
- (x) making park and open space improvements at an approximate cost of \$40,000 and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$40,000 of Free Cash.

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.

Street and Bridge Improvements	\$ 720,000
Building Improvements	265,000
Police Cruiser	48,150
Police Portable Radios (3)	25,100
Laptop/Tablets for Cruisers (7)	32,100
Backhoe/Loader	145,450
Truck Lift	79,500

Sidewalk Plow and Sander	124,300
Transfer Station Ticket Kiosk	53,000
Parks Improvements	<u>40,000</u>
Total	\$1,532,600

The Moderator stated he would go line by line and if there were any holds for the voters to call out hold.

The held items were:

- (i) Anne Alquist and Sean Van Deusen spoke on this item.
- (ix) William, Dunbar, Sean Van Deusen and Carol McGlinchey spoke on this item.
- (x) Karen Smith and Anne Alquist spoke on this item.

After all the held items were discussed, the Moderator asked for a vote and again stated this vote had to be by secret ballot and a 2/3rds majority vote. He then asked for the voters to use their blue yes/no cards to vote on this article and asked the tellers to collect the cards from the voters.

VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 8:32 PM

YES – 139 NO – 9

ARTICLE 8: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$17,928,812) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Dollars (\$503,586) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Eighteen Million, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$18,432,398) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon did a brief overview on the school budgets.

VOTED AT 8:29 PM

ARTICLE 9: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by someone in the audience, that the sum of \$405,500 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring capital equipment in the Wastewater Department, as follows:

(i) developing and implementing a Sewer System Management/Maintenance Plan at an approximate cost of \$185,500 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(7), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(ii) replacing the sewer line at Castle Hill Avenue at an approximate cost of \$20,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town authorize the use of \$20,000 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

(iii) rehabilitating various sewer manholes at an approximate cost of \$200,000, 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.

The Moderator stated this vote had to be by secret ballot and a 2/3rds majority. He then asked for the voters to use their purple yes/no cards to vote on this article and asked the tellers to collect the cards from the voters.

VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 8:39 PM

YES – 136 NO – 4

ARTICLE 10: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Michelle Loubert, that the Town authorize the use of \$3,525,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2022.

VOTED AT 8:33 PM

ARTICLE 11: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the use of \$350,000 in Free Cash, representing amounts received under host community agreements with marijuana establishments, to fund various community programs under an application and approval process to be administered by the Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 8:35 PM

ARTICLE 12: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Michelle Loubert, that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 to support the operation of the Southern Berkshire Ambulance service (Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad, Inc.).

VOTED AT 8:36 PM

ARTICLE 13: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town raise and appropriate \$65,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2022 tuition and transportation costs for out of district vocational education, in accordance with Chapter 74 of Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTED AT 8:37 PM

ARTICLE 14: (4/5 majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town authorize the payment of prior fiscal year invoices from the FY21 operating budgets of various Town departments as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

\$427.83 to the Great Barrington Fire District
\$325.00 to Andrus Power Solutions
\$87.00 to the Great Barrington Fire District
\$690.50 to Lapinski Electric, Inc.
\$7,330.00 to Haupt Tree Company

Account Number:

01192-52310
01192-52700
01422-52115
01422-52490
01422-53810

WASTEWATER DIVISION:

\$792.00 to GIR USA, Inc.
\$58.89 to the Great Barrington Fire District

Account Number:

60442-52400
60442-52310

TECHNOLOGY:

\$1,000.00 to Halligan

Account Number:

01136-53000

VOTED by 4/5ths MAJORITY AT 8:38 PM

ARTICLE 15: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Stabilization Fund.

VOTED AT 8:39 PM

ARTICLE 16: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

VOTED AT 8:40 PM

ARTICLE 17: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the sum of \$1,190,000 is appropriated to purchase land for and construct a municipal parking lot, 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 \$865,000 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 \$325,000 shall be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate Fund; and provided that 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.

The following people spoke on this article: Mark Pruhenski, Dale Culleton, Pedro Pachano, Holly Hamer, Denise Forbes, Anne O'Dwyer, Betsy Andrus, SBCC Director, Stephanie Boszko, Eileen Mooney, Christopher Rembold, Garfield Reed, Mark Cohen, Anne O'Dwyer, Jennifer Clark, Janice Martinson (on behalf of Mahaiwe), James Harris, Laurie Harrison, Michael Citrin, Jorge Alcala, and Daniel Bailly

The Moderator stated this vote had to be by secret ballot and a 2/3rds majority. He then asked for the voters to use their green yes/no cards to vote on this article and asked the tellers to collect the cards from the voters.

MOTION FAILED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 9:38 PM

YES – 47 NO – 68

ARTICLE 18: (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 FY22, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY22 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$ 60,000
From FY22 revenues for community housing reserve	\$ 60,000
From FY22 revenues for open space reserve	\$ 60,000

Appropriations:

From FY22 revenues for administrative expenses	\$ 20,000
Balance of FY22 revenues for FY22 budgeted reserve	\$ 345,000

Karen Smith spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:22 PM

ARTICLE 19: (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY22 and the fund balance the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

		Source of Appropriation	
Project	Total Appropriation	FY22 Revenues	Fund Balance
<i>Affordable Housing</i>			
1 Construct, Inc., for a rental assistance program and a microloan program	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Subtotal, Affordable Housing	\$50,000		
<i>HISTORIC RESOURCES</i>			
2 Town, Historical Commission, for historic properties research and documentation	\$6,000		\$6,000
3 Town, for archeological study at the Ramsdell Library	\$9,800		\$9,800
4 First Congregational Church of Great Barrington, for restoration of stone and masonry walls at the Manse	\$240,859	\$240,859	
5 Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, to replace emergency exit doors	\$15,000	\$15,000	
6 Clinton Church Restoration, Inc., for second phase of restoration work	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Subtotal, Historic Resources	\$471,659		
<i>OPEN SPACE & RECREATION</i>			
7 Town, for improvements to the Housatonic Rail Trail	\$30,000		\$30,000
8 Town, for Lake Mansfield water quality studies	\$70,000		\$70,000
9 Conservation Commission for the McAllister Wildlife Refuge preservation project	\$31,300	\$31,300	
Subtotal, Open Space & Recreation	\$131,300		
TOTAL	\$652,959	\$537,159	\$115,800

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold spoke on this article.

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

The held items were:

#8 Mary Beth Merritt and Christopher Rembold spoke on this item.

#9 Krystyna Kurzyca, Mary Beth Merritt and Shepley Evans spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Mary Beth Merritt and seconded by someone in the audience to delete #9 (\$31,300) from Article 19. The Moderator asked for a vote on this amendment and stated it needed a majority vote.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 9:35 PM

The Moderator asked if there was any other discussion and there was none so he asked for a vote on the main motion.

VOTED AT 9:36 PM

ARTICLE 20: (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the vote taken under Article 19 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on June 22, 2020, which approved the appropriation of \$185,000 from FY21 Community Preservation Act revenues to the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the purpose of acquiring land on North Plain Road for affordable housing, so as to permit the expenditure of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for design, engineering and/or other predevelopment expenses for an affordable housing project on that acquired land.

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:38 PM

ARTICLE 21: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend Chapter 91 of the Great Barrington Code, Town Clerk's Fees, by revising the fees listed in section 91-1, Schedule, for birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage certificates as shown in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Town Clerk Jennifer Messina spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:32 PM

ARTICLE 22: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town accept as a town way in Great Barrington that portion of Manville Street which was discontinued by the vote under Article 17 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on May 7, 2018, that is, Lots 2A, 3A, 5A, and 6A as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Surveyed for 26 Manville LLC Great Barrington, Massachusetts" and dated March - 2021, which is on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Selectboard to acquire, by gift and for no consideration, easements in that portion of the street for all the usual purposes of a public way in the Town.

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold spoke on this article.

VOTED by 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:44 PM

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 23: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement, Tax Increment Financing Plan and/or a Special Tax Assessment Agreement and related agreements, with 79 Bridge Street Realty, LLC, or its Nominee, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the redevelopment of the property at 79 Bridge Street, Great Barrington; and authorize the Selectboard to negotiate the final terms of and execute any such agreements and plan, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement the agreements and the 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.

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:46 PM

ARTICLE 24: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the Amendment: These amendments will update the rules for the B-3 zone, which was adopted in 2007 in order to stimulate development at two large, abandoned sites—the former Searles-Bryant school and the Log Homes property—both on Bridge Street.

While well intentioned and aspirational in nature, in fact, the B-3 zone has not served its primary purposes. The current regulations are a set of design controls, open space and affordable housing bonus provisions, and strict parking requirements, all wrapped into a complicated special permit process. The B-3 zone also included several lots on Church and School Street, none of which is large enough to lend itself to the sort of transformative development that the B-3 zone was designed to encourage; unfortunately, the B-3 rules could be used in a way to demolish small existing buildings in order to build new.

Fifteen years since its passage, both of the key campus sites have been partially developed, and permits are in place that would enable more development to be completed. Bryant was saved and reused, and Searles is permitted to be saved and reused as a hotel. Affordable housing was built on the Log Homes site and will be occupied by the time of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and riverfront open space has been preserved for public enjoyment on both sides of the River. The forward progress in this zone has come not because of the B-3 zone provisions but despite them.

The Planning Board proposes to update the regulations to clarify the purpose of the zone and significantly streamline the development process

Proposed additions are underlined

Proposed deletions are ~~struck through~~

Amend Section 9.4 as follows:

9.4 DOWNTOWN MIXED-USE B3 DISTRICT

9.4.1 Purpose. The Downtown Mixed-Use B3 District is a transitional area between the downtown business core and ~~the~~ residential neighborhoods. It is designed to protect the traditional character of these respective areas ~~and~~ to assist in revitalizing, ~~preserving, and expanding the larger tracts of former industrial land in this area, and to allow parcels to contain~~ a mix of uses, either vertically or horizontally, to promote a variety of housing and business opportunities. ~~character of the traditional downtown core. The district is designed to enhance the downtown by providing a pleasing mix of land uses that work together and result in a lively, prosperous town center, that serves as an attractive place to live, work, shop, and recreate. Mixed uses may occur vertically or horizontally. Development and redevelopment in the district is intended to respect the traditional scale, massing, and character of the downtown. The district is intended to foster the redevelopment of existing buildings or redevelopment that creates~~ a positive pedestrian environment with active pedestrian amenities. Specific objectives of the Downtown Mixed-Use District are to:

1. Allow for different types of compatible land uses close together or in the same building to encourage pedestrian and public transit travel and reduce the use of personal automobiles;
2. Encourage infill and redevelopment of commercial, residential, and mixed-use development while preserving and enhancing the overall character of the district;
3. ~~Allow flexibility in development standards in recognition of the challenge of developing~~ Encourage the development of small scale mixed-use buildings;
4. Encourage shared parking to promote a compact walkable town center, maximize pedestrian safety, and minimize the number of curb cuts.
5. ~~Maintain or increase the supply of affordable dwelling units.~~

9.4.2 Location. The Downtown Mixed-Use B-3 District is shown on a map entitled "Proposed B3 District," which is hereby incorporated into the Zoning Bylaw, and includes the following land as shown on the 2006 Great Barrington Assessors' Maps:

Map 19	Parcels 118, 119, 120, 121, 127, 128, 130, 135A, 136, 137, 138, 138A, and 139
Map 20	Parcels 2, 5, 8, 8A, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 61

9.4.3 Definitions. ~~For the purposes of this Section, the terms defined in Section 11, "Downtown Mixed Use B3 District" shall apply.~~

9.4.43 Permitted Uses. Permitted uses in the Downtown Mixed-Use B3 District are enumerated in Section 3.1.4, the Table of Use Regulations. The permitted uses are intended to promote multifamily residential uses, mixed uses and compatibility between residential and nonresidential uses.

Projects that incorporate both multifamily residential uses or assisted living facilities with any of the following non-residential uses, where at least 25% of the street-level floor space is utilized for these non-residential uses, shall be considered Mixed Use for this district, and shall be permitted by-right, subject to Site Plan Review, notwithstanding the permissions set forth for any individual use in Section 3.1.4:

- (1) Offices, including medical offices
- (2) Retail stores, including banks, but excluding stores and establishments with drive-through windows
- (3) General service establishments and/or personal service establishments
- (4) Bakeries and/or artisan food or beverage producers
- (5) Restaurants and cafes, indoor or outdoor
- (6) Community, education, or recreational uses, including museums, parks, playgrounds, health clubs and gym/fitness centers
- (7) Municipal buildings and facilities.

9.4.54 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 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.~~

~~**9.4.6 Open Space.** The Minimum open space required shall be 20% of the total lot area, subject to reduced requirements earned through incentives described in this section and granted by special permit. For the purpose of this section, "open space" shall be defined as yards, playgrounds, walkways and other areas not covered by parking and driveways; such open space need not be accessible to the public.~~

~~**9.4.75 Parking.** Parking requirements for residential dwelling units shall be one parking space for each unit. 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. The off-street parking requirements in Section 6.1 shall not apply in the B-3 District except as provided in this section. Off-street parking requirements in the B-3 District shall be as follows:~~

- ~~1. For new buildings, required off-street parking spaces shall not be located within the front yard area.~~
- ~~2. Only one space shall be required for any dwelling unit, whether in residential-only or in mixed-use buildings.~~
- ~~3. For permitted uses in existing buildings (those in existence as of May 1, 2021) that are not substantially expanded, the existing parking spaces shall be retained, but no new spaces shall be required. A substantial expansion is defined, for the purpose of this section, as one which involves increasing the gross floor area of a structure by more than 25% or 500 square feet, whichever is less.~~
- ~~4. For permitted uses in new buildings or existing buildings that are substantially expanded, as defined in this section, or for any building greater than 5,000 square feet gross floor area, parking is required as follows:~~

~~(a) one parking space shall be required for each dwelling unit;~~

~~(b) the parking requirements for business or industrial uses in Section 6.1.2 through 6.1.6 shall be calculated as follows: the sum of the required parking for each use multiplied by 0.5 with the product rounded down to the nearest whole number, plus handicapped parking as may be required by law or building code (Example: 3 spaces required for retail, 4 spaces required for offices: $(3 + 4) \times 0.5 = 3.5$, so 3 spaces, + 1 handicapped space, = 4 spaces are required); and~~

- ~~5. The parking requirements of paragraphs 2, 3, or 4 of this section may be waived if the SPGA grants a special permit pursuant to section 6.1.9.~~

9.4.86 Site Plan Review. ~~All redevelopment and development on a parcel or parcels in excess of 10,000 square feet of land~~ shall be subject to site plan review by the Planning Board. No building permit for such a development shall be issued by the Building Inspector until the Planning Board has conducted site plan review in accordance with Section 10.5.

9.4.97 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 Selectboard SPGA may grant a special permit in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.4.

9.4.10 Development Incentives. To encourage specific attributes of development beneficial to the Town, the following incentives are offered by special permit:

1. Incentives for mixed use. Due to the proximity of this B3 District to the downtown core, and to promote the public enjoyment of development in this district, the following incentives are offered to promote mixed use, affordable housing, community supporting activities, river appreciation and community open space. Uses may simultaneously qualify for one or more incentives defined in this subsection.

2. Density incentives reduce land area per dwelling unit as set forth in Section 9.4.5. The maximum density incentive is a 50% reduction in required land area per dwelling unit.

a. Mixed use: for each 1,000 square feet of nonresidential use, reduce the minimum land area required per unit by 1%.

b. Affordable housing: for each unit of affordable housing reduce the minimum land area required by 5%.

c. Density incentives are cumulative.

3. Open space incentives reduce total open space requirements as set forth in Section 9.4.7. The maximum open space incentive is a 50% reduction in total open space requirement.

a. Community supporting activity: for the first use that the SPGA certifies as a legitimate community supporting activity, reduce the minimum open space required per unit by 5%. For additional uses occupying at least 1,000 square feet that the SPGA certifies as a legitimate community supporting activity, reduce the minimum open space required per unit by 5% for each 1,000 square feet. For the purpose of this section, a "community supporting activity" is defined as use or ownership by either a nonprofit organization or an educational or arts organization which provides services to the community.

b. River appreciation: for a nonresidential use that facilitates the public enjoyment of the riverfront, as determined by the SPGA, reduce the minimum open space required per unit up to 15%.

c. Community open space: for a nonresidential use that allows permanent public access to open space within the development, as determined by the SPGA, reduce the minimum open space required per unit up to 15%.

d. Open space incentives are cumulative.

9.4.11 Affordable Housing. To promote the development of affordable housing units in the Town. All new residential development in this district containing more than four dwelling units shall contribute to affordable housing:

1. New construction of more than four and fewer than 10 dwelling units shall include either: A contribution to an established Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be used for the development of affordable housing in accordance with this Section; or construction and offering of at least one affordable unit within the development in accordance with this Section.

2. Any project of 10 or more dwelling units shall designate 10% of the units within the development as affordable units, and includes a contribution to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust fund for fractional units as defined herein

The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit or the SPGA shall deny any application for a special permit for development or redevelopment under this section if the applicant does not comply with the following requirements:

1. For construction of 10 units or any multiple of 10, one of each 10 units shall be an affordable unit. For each unit sold prior to provision of the required affordable housing units, a performance security, in the amount of 3.5% of the sales price of each unit, shall be placed in escrow to be held by the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Such contributions to escrow shall be made at time of closing for each unit sold and shall be returned to the developer in proportion to the completion of the affordable housing units. For purposes of this section, "completion" means a certificate of occupancy under the State Building Code has been issued.

2. When the total number of units is not evenly divisible by 10, applicants under this section shall either:

a. Construct one additional affordable unit in addition to those required pursuant hereto; or

b. Contribute, at time of closing, 3.5% of the sales price of each fractional unit to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Fractional units are determined as follows:

1. For construction of more than four but less than 10 dwelling units, the number of fractional units is the total number of units.

2. For construction of more than 10 units or any multiple of 10, the number of fractional units is determined by subtracting the largest multiple of 10 from the total number of units.

3. Income and asset limits for purchasers or renters: To ensure that only eligible households purchase or rent affordable housing units, the purchaser or renter of an affordable unit shall be required to certify that his/her annual income does not exceed 80% of the area-wide median household income adjusted for household size, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and using HUD's rules for attribution of income to assets, as may be revised from time to time.

4. The maximum housing cost for affordable units created under this section shall be as set forth in the Local Initiative Program Guidelines of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD"), dated November 2006, or as subsequently amended.

5. Preservation of affordability. Each affordable unit created in accordance with this section shall have limitations governing its resale. The purpose of these limitations is to preserve the long term affordability of the unit and to ensure its continued availability for low and moderate income households.

6. The developer or redeveloper of any project under this section shall execute and properly record a LIP Regulatory Agreement and Deed Rider in the form required under the Local Initiative Program Guidelines, which constitute "affordable housing restrictions" as defined in G.L. c. 184, s. 31, and provide for affordability in perpetuity.

7. The purchaser of any affordable unit under this section shall execute and properly record an Affordable Housing Deed Rider for Projects in Which Affordability Restrictions Survive Foreclosure, or as it may be subsequently amended, in the form used for so-called Local Action Unit (LAU) homeownership projects under the regulations of the DHCD. This deed rider establishes the formulas for maximum resale price, and provides an option to purchase to the municipality if an eligible purchaser cannot be found.

9.4.12 Affordable Housing; Specific Requirements. The purpose of this subsection is to provide for the development of affordable units in compliance with various initiative programs developed by state and local government. This subsection does not apply to construction of four or fewer dwelling units on the same lot. Provided that there are more than four dwelling units in a development subject to this Section, at least 10% of the units shall be established as affordable units:

1. Affordable housing units shall be constructed and made available for occupancy coincident with and in proportion to the development of market rate units.

2. All affordable units shall be situated within the development in no less desirable locations than market rate units in the development;

3. All affordable units shall be no less accessible to public amenities, such as open space, than the market rate units;

4. All affordable units shall be integrated with the rest of the development;

5. All affordable units shall be compatible in design, appearance, construction and quality of materials with other units; interior features of affordable units shall comply in all respects to the minimum design and construction standards set forth in Section III of the Local Initiative Program Guidelines cited below.

9.4.13 Affordable Housing Units; Marketing Plan. Applicants under this section shall submit a marketing plan to the Building Inspector or SPGA for approval, which describes how the affordable units will be marketed to potential home buyers or tenants. This plan shall include a description of the lottery or other process to be used for selecting buyers or tenants and shall comply with all applicable provisions of state law regarding marketing of, and tenants or buyer selection for, affordable units.

1. Local preference shall be given to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Amend the Column for the B3 district in Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, as follows

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT
		B3
A. Residential uses		
(1)	Dwelling, Single family	Y
(2)	Dwelling, Two-family	Y ²
(3)	Dwelling, multifamily 3 to 8 units	Y
	9 units or more	Y
(4)	Assisted living residence	PB -Y
(5)	Live/work units	Y
(6)	Lodging house or tourist home for transient guests	SB
(7)	Mixed use	SB Y
(8)	Open Space Residential Development	N
(9)	Planned unit residential development (PURD)	SB
(10)	Publicly Financed Nonprofit Age-Restricted Housing	SB -Y
(11)	Trailer or mobile home	N
B. Community, educational, & recreational uses		
(1)	Camping facilities	N
(2)	Cemeteries	N
(3)	Child care center	Y
(4)	Clubhouses or fraternal lodges not conducted for profit	SB
(5)	Commercial amusements, fairgrounds	N
(6)	Community center operated by a municipal or private not-for-profit organization	SB
(7)	Educational use, exempt	Y
(8)	Educational use, nonexempt	SB
(9)	Golf or country clubs	N
(10)	Hospitals, sanitariums, nursing or convalescent homes or philanthropic institutions, provided that no principal building so used shall be within 50 feet of any lot line	SB

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT
		B3
(11)	Municipal parks and playgrounds, including recreational buildings therein	Y
(12)	Public libraries, public museums, municipal buildings and facilities	Y
(13)	Riding stables on less than 5 acres, provided that any buildings or structures are set back not less than 50 feet from any lot line	N
(14)	Ski tows, provided that any buildings or structures are set back not less than 50 feet from any lot line	N
(15)	Summer camps operated for children on sites not less than 10 acres in area	N
(16)	Use of land or structures for religious purposes	Y
C. Office, retail and consumer service establishments		
(1)	Banks and other financial institutions	Y
(2)	Fast-food eating establishments	N
(3)	Fuel storage and sales, excluding motor vehicle fuel stations	N
(4)	Garages, public	SB
(5)	Garden centers, including associated landscaping services	Y
(6)	General service establishment	SB
(7)	Greenhouses, commercial, on less than 5 acres, provided that no heating plant for a greenhouse shall be within 50 feet from any side or rear lot line	Y
(8)	Hotels	SB
(9)	Institutional administrative offices or planned professional office developments or research centers, provided that in R2 & R4 Districts such uses are subject to special requirements	SB
(10)	Kennel	SB
(11)	Large-scale commercial development	SB N
(12)	Lumberyards	SB N

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT
		B3
(13)	Marijuana Establishment, Retail and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center	Y
	Marijuana Establishment, Cultivation *	N
	Marijuana Establishment, Manufacturing	SB
(14)	Motels or overnight cabins	SB
(15)	Motor vehicle fuel station	N
(16)	Motor vehicle general and body repair	N
(17)	Motor vehicle sales rooms including used car lots	N
(18)	Offices	Y
(19)	Parking lots, commercial	SB
(20)	Personal service establishment	Y
(21)	Professional offices	Y
(22)	Restaurants and other places for serving food, other than fast-food eating establishments	SB
(23)	Retail stores or centers and/or wholesale sales and service with total aggregate floor area less than or equal to 20,000 square feet	Y
(24)	Retail stores and shops for custom work or making of articles sold on the premises	Y
D. Agricultural uses		
(1)	Agriculture, as defined by MGL c. 40A, s. 3, on tracts larger than 5 acres, including sales of products raised on premises on stands or structures erected in accordance with front yard setback requirements, provided that soil fertilizer shall be stored not less than 100 feet from any lot line, unless kept in air-tight containers	Y
E. Utilities, communication and transportation		
(1)	Aviation field, public or private	N
(2)	Essential services	Y
(3)	Freight terminals, truck or rail	N
(4)	Low-power FM broadcast radio licensed by FCC	

Permitted Use			ZONING DISTRICT
			B3
	a	Y	
	b	SB	
(5)	Passenger stations		SB
(6)	Personal wireless tower or structure as a principal (or accessory) use in the Overlay District, and the initial and any subsequent personal wireless service facility located upon that tower or structure (see Section 9.3 of this Bylaw)		
(7)	Solar Energy Systems:		
	Roof-mounted (any size)		Y
	Accessory use, up to 750 sf project area ⁶		Y
	Accessory use 750 sf project area or larger ⁶		Y
	Commercial scale		PB
F. Industrial, manufacturing and storage uses			
(1)	Contractor’s and Landscaper’s yards		N
(2)	Gravel, loam, sand and stone removal for commercial purposes		N
(3)	Light manufacturing		SB
(4)	Saw (log) mill and manufacture of forest products, provided that any saw (log) mill shall be located at least 200 feet from any lot line, and no piles of sawdust or other refuse shall be maintained within 100 feet of any lot line		N
G Accessory uses			
(1)	Any structure or use customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal permitted use in the district		Y
(2)	Accessory Dwelling Unit		Y
(3)	Home occupation (low impact)		Y
(4)	Adult day care		PB
(5)	An accessory use to a by-right use, whether or not on the same parcel, which is necessary in conjunction with scientific research or development or related production,		SB

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT
		B3
	provided that the SPGA finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good	
(6)	Drive-up or drive-through facilities	SB
(7)	Family day care (small)	SB-Y
(8)	Family day care (large)	SB
(9)	Home occupation (moderate impact)	SB
(10)	Incidental stripping of sod or removal of topsoil, gravel, loam, sand, stone or other earth materials	Y
(11)	Keeping of horses, for whatever purpose, subject to Board of Health regulations and only on lots of 5 acres or more	Y
(12)	Private garage or off-street parking for private automobiles registered at the premises	Y
(13)	Swimming pools, inground or aboveground. Pool must be equipped with safety covers, alarms, fencing, or other means of protection as required by the Building Code, so designed and built to restrain entry by unauthorized persons.	SB-Y
(14)	Wind Energy Generator	SB

Amend Section 11, Definitions, by deleting the following

~~DOWNTOWN B3 MIXED USE DISTRICT:~~ The following definitions apply in the Downtown Mixed Use B3 District:

~~AFFORDABLE UNITS:~~ Housing units that are affordable to and occupied by individuals and families whose annual income is less than 80% of the area-wide median income as determined by HUD, adjusted for household size and using HUD's rules for attribution of income to assets. Affordability shall be assured in perpetuity through the use of an affordable housing restriction as defined in G.L. c. 184, s. 31. Affordable units shall 1) meet the standards set out in 760 CMR 45.03, Local Action Units, as set forth in 760 CMR 45.00, Local Initiative Program, and further described in the DHCD's Local Initiative Program Guidelines, dated November 2006, or as subsequently amended; or 2) be created as affordable units within an approved MGL c. 40B Comprehensive Permit application. Such units shall be created and restricted so as to be eligible for inclusion, as low or moderate income units, on the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory as maintained by the DHCD.

~~COMMUNITY SUPPORTING ACTIVITY:~~ Activity sponsored by a nonprofit or educational or arts organization that provides services to members of the community either directly (for example, by providing medical services at a reduced cost) or through programs available to community members (for example, by offering theater programs, or classes in which community members may participate).

~~MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND:~~ A trust fund established by the Town in accordance with G.L. c. 44, s.55C for the specific purpose of providing for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town for the benefit of low and moderate income households.

~~**QUALIFIED PURCHASER:** An individual or family with household income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income, with adjustments for household size, as reported by HUD and the DHCD's Local Initiative Program.~~

~~**QUALIFIED TENANT:** An individual or family with household income that does not exceed 60% of the area median income, with adjustments for household size, as reported by HUD and the DHCD's Local Initiative Program.~~

Planning Board member Jonathan Hankin spoke on this article.

VOTED by 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:48 PM

Motion to adjourn by someone in the audience and seconded by someone in the audience.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:49 PM

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

Total Registered Voters: 5,087

Total Voters: 191 (3.7%)

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

<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>CONTACT:</u>	<u>TELEPHONE:</u>
Board of Health	Rebecca Jurczyk	528-0680
Cemeteries	Steven Larkin	528-1800
DPW Superintendent	Vacant	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	John Mulumphy	528-2500
Housatonic Community Center	Francis Tarnawa	274-8375
Housatonic Water Works Company	James Mercer	528-1780
Housing Authority	Tina Danzy	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
TOWN HALL:		528-1619
Assessor's Office	Ross Vivori	x 2300
Conservation Commission	Shepley Evans, Agent	x 2801
Selectboard	Amy Pulver	x 2900
Town Accountant	Sue Carmel	x 2500
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Alicia Dulin	x 2200
<i>*Parking Clerk, Tag Sale Permits, Tax Bills (Real Estate & Motor Vehicle), Sewer Bills</i>		
Town Clerk	Jennifer Messina	x 2100
<i>*Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, Dog Licenses, Voter Registration</i>		
Town Manager	Mark Pruhenski	x 2900
Town Planner	Christopher Rembold	x 2400
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