

Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts

Joint Meeting of Selectboard & Planning Board Housing Subcommittee
and Affordable Housing Trust Fund

via Zoom, Order of Agenda for Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 5:30 PM

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*****ALL VOTES ARE ROLL CALL*****

1. CALL TO ORDER JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (AHTF members join at 6 PM)
2. MEETING
 - a. Roll Call
3. APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
 - a. November 7, 2023
4. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS/HOUSEKEEPING
5. NEW BUSINESS: (won't necessarily get through the entire list)
 - a. How should the Town fund affordable housing? What role should the Trust and HSC play?
 - i. CPA: Direct grants to projects, vs. lump sum to the Trust; (Should large grants be left to the CPA committee?)
 - ii. Review initiatives: Small leveraged grants/loans to first-time homebuyers vs. loans to developers vs. loans/grants to create ADUs and tiny homes, dedicated funding stream options.
 - iii. Review "no-cost" initiatives (e.g., zoning changes, education, housing seminars, connecting residents to existing programs (such as Federal Home Loan Bank).
 - iv. Regional approach to housing. Pool resources and funds. Transform strategy.
 - v. Master Plan discussion
 - vi. Assign "homework"
6. NEXT / PROPOSED MEETING DATE (S)
7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Citizen Speak Time is an opportunity for the Housing Subcommittee to listen to residents. Topics of particular concern or importance may be placed on a future agenda for discussion. This time is reserved for town residents only unless otherwise permitted by the chair, and speakers are asked to limit their time to 3 minutes each.

8. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TIME

9. MEDIA TIME

10. ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING

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