

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

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1. Call to Order and roll call vote
2. Welcome new members & Committee reorganization
3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 19, 2022
4. Discuss replacement Finance Committee representative on Community Preservation Committee
5. Town Manager:
 - update on process to appoint replacement for resigning Finance Committee member
 - Status update on legal review of Town's discretion over Unused Free Cash related to Cannabis tax revenue
 - Update on request for OPEB data
 - Discuss potential use of Finance Committee reserve fund for purchase of bottled water for certain customers of Housatonic Water Works
6. Discussion and comment on list of future Committee priorities
 - Budget & Financial Policy for Fiscal Year 2023
7. Specific discussion of next steps on OPEB funding trust study (postretirement medical benefits)
 - Review of state guidelines in Informational Guideline Release 19-10 from May

2019 included in the packet.

8. Quarterly update of local option tax revenue for short term rentals and traditional lodging (included in packet)
9. Update from Finance Director
10. Future meeting schedule – discuss continuation of 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm
 - June 21
 - July 19
 - Aug 16
 - Sept 20
 - Oct 18
 - Nov 15
 - ** Dec 13 ** (2nd Tuesday)
11. Citizen Speak Time
12. Media Time
13. Adjournment

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