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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING
GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM

- I. **6:00 PM** - Call to Order.
- II. Public Hearing FY20 Budget – Conducted by Finance Committee
 - Public Input
 - Close Public Hearing
- III. Deliberations.
- IV. Citizen Speak Time.
- V. Adjournment.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA
GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE and SELECTBOARD
JOINT FY 20 BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. Approval of FY20 Joint Budget Meeting Minutes of Finance Committee and Selectboard
 - January 15, 2019
 - January 22, 2019
 - January 29, 2019
 - February 6, 2019

III. Discussion Re: Outstanding FY20 Budget Matters

- Fellowship Funds
- Board of Health
- Police Department

IV. Selectboard & Finance Committee - Discussion/Vote on the FY20 Budget.

V. Citizen Speak Time.

VI. Adjournment.

VII. Selectboard - CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION and Not to Return to Open Session - Town Manager's Conference Room

Executive Session, under MGL c.30A, §21(a)(3) and (6), to discuss litigation strategy relating to pending litigation known as (1) Babcock v. Carlotto et al U.S.D.C. for Massachusetts No. 1:16-CV-10951, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating and/or negotiating position. A vote regarding whether to go into executive session is expected; and votes may occur during the executive session.

Chair's Declaration:

I declare, under MGL c.30A, §21(a)(3) and (6), that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss pending litigation because discussion of the foregoing in open session could have a detrimental effect on the litigating and/or negotiating position of the Town with the Board and Not to Return To Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Motion Convening the Executive Session:

I move that the Selectboard go into executive session under MGL c.30A, §21(a)(3) and (6) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Chair and with the Board Not to Return To Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote:

NEXT SELECTBOARD'S REGULAR MEETING – Monday, March 11, 2019, 7:00 PM.

Pursuant to MGL 7c. 30A sec. 20 (f), after notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any such recordings. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

NOTE: BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (BHRSD) BUDGET VOTE - MARCH 7, 2019, 7:00 PM AT MONUMENT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 2nd floor, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA. This hearing is being held in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-4 of the Town Code. The purpose of the public hearing is to review any warrant article calling for the expenditure of funds which will be considered by the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting. All persons shall be provided an opportunity to be heard on any article.

Thomas Blauvelt
Chairman

Please publish February 22, 2019

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 6, 2019

INDEX OF WARRANT ARTICLES

1. Authorize Revolving Fund Limits
2. Elected Officials' Salaries
3. MassDOT Chapter 90 Funds
4. FY20 Operating Budget
5. FY20 Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget
6. FY20 Regional School Assessment
7. Authorization for Capital Barrowing
8. Authorize use of Free Cash to reduce the Tax Levy
9. Establish Capital Stabilization Fund
10. Authorize Appropriation into Capital Stabilization Fund

ARTICLE 1:

To see if the Town will vote, to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019 for the revolving funds as established in the towns by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, commissions, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FY20 SPENDING LIMIT</u>
Plumbing Inspections	Building Department	\$15,000
Wiring Inspections	Building Department	\$40,000
Gas Inspections	Building Department	\$12,000
Cemetery	Public Works Department	\$5,000

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

Selectboard: \$12,500 (\$2,500 per Selectboard member)

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	
Town Manager/Selectboard	\$347,977
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	\$100,300
Town Accountant	\$144,300
Technology	\$208,628
Assessors	\$156,710
Treasurer/Collector	\$215,941
Town Clerk/Elections	\$128,588
Conservation Commission	\$35,460
Historic District Commission	\$2,500
Various Boards/Commission	\$14,470
Planning Board	\$5,250
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,350

Office of Planning/Community Development	\$106,490
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	\$1,664,761
Fire Department	\$587,470
Communications/Emergency Management	\$27,027
Building Inspector	\$167,167
Animal Control	\$12,520

<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>	\$2,290,428
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<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	\$118,820
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Council on Aging	\$155,995
Veterans' Affairs	\$138,100
Human Services	\$35,000

CULTURAL/RECREATION

Libraries	\$563,710
Parks/Recreation	\$98,750

MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance	\$1,696,750
Debt Service	\$1,661,150
Retirement	\$856,960
Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs	<u>\$14,000</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND: \$11,556,572

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Salaries	\$472,655
Expenses	\$648,268
Insurance/Benefits	\$286,610
Miscellaneous/Transfers	\$158,000
Debt Service	<u>\$644,066</u>

TOTAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: \$2,209,599

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Sixteen Million, One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$16,133,027) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars (\$597,134) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Sixteen Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars (\$16,730,161) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,652,000 or any other sum of money, in the following approximate amounts and for the following purposes:

Street/Road/Sidewalk Improvements	\$6,840,000
Building Improvements	\$1,070,000
Police Cruisers (2)	\$125,000
Highway Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander (3)	\$410,000
Fire Turnout Gear	\$70,000
Police Portable Radios (6)	\$45,000
Telecommunication Upgrades	\$50,000
Parks and Open Space Improvements	\$42,000
TOTAL CAPITAL:	\$8,652,000

And for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2020, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (requires 2/3 majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding any capital-related project or piece of equipment or debt service payment related thereto, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.