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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Meeting via Zoom and in person at 334 Main Street
Great Barrington MA Order of Agenda for Monday January 22,
2024, at 6:00 PM

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and Governor Healey's March 29, 2023 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members in any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Selectboard will be conducted both in-person and via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on town's website, at www.townofgb.org. For this meeting, members of the public and committee members may attend the meeting in person, or, for those who wish to do so remotely may by following the instructions at the top of this agenda. For those who are not in-person every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Selectboard and Board of Health Joint Meeting – December 7th, 2023
 - b. Selectboard Meeting – December 12th, 2023
 - c. Selectboard Meeting Executive Session – November 6th, 2023
3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Housatonic Water Works
 - b. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Season
5. LICENSES AND PERMITS
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Pole petition, work order number #30851677. Request to install 1 SO pole on Pleasant Street beginning at a point approximately 130 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Highland Street and continuing approximately 60 feet in a South-West direction. National Grid requesting to install (1) utility pole within public right-of-way. New utility is at the request of the Town and will provide electric service for a park in Housatonic. Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.
 - i. Open Public Hearing
 - ii. Explanation of the Project
 - iii. Public comments, speak in favor or opposition
 - iv. Questions from the Selectboard
 - v. Comments from other Boards
 - vi. Close Public Hearing
 - vii. Selectboard discussion
 - viii. Motion to continue/deny/grant

7. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. W.E.B. Du Bois Legacy Committee- 2024 Festival Update
- b. W.E.B. Du Bois Legacy Committee- Committee appointments
- c. Vote to submit a 2024 District Local Technical Assistance application to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- d. Letter of request from Todd & Weld LLP for an independent investigation into the December 8th, 2023 complaint and response by the Great Barrington Police Department
- e. Annual Town Manager Performance Evaluation - discuss timeline/process
- f. FY2025 Budget Policy

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Citizen Speak Time is an opportunity for the Selectboard 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 limited to 3 minutes each.

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME

11. MEDIA TIME

12. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (and not return to open session)

- a. Executive Session under MGL Ch. 30A, sec. 21(a) for the following purpose: (3) To discuss strategy with respect to

litigation, regarding Housatonic Water Works. And, (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, regarding Housatonic Water Works.

- i. Motion: Move that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A sec. 21(a) for the following purpose: (3) To discuss strategy with respect to Housatonic Water Works because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Board. And, (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, regarding Housatonic Water Works because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and not to return to open session
- ii. Roll Call Vote
- b. Executive Session under MGL Ch. 30A, sec. 21 (a) for the following purpose: (7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in- aid requirements.
 - i. Motion: Move that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A sec. 21 to approve executive session minutes from the following meetings:
 - February 12th, 2024.
 - ii. Roll Call Vote

13. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 12, 2024 February 26, 2024 March 11, 2024 March 25, 2024 April 8, 2024



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