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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Meeting
via Zoom Only
Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 PM

Order of Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. REST OF RIVER: Vote to eliminate the \$1.5M monetary fund for future Housatonic Rest of River Committee Work
3. 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.
4. SELECTBOARD'S TIME
5. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

October 30, 2023

November 6, 2023

November 20, 2023

December 4, 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Elimination of the Monetary Fund for Future Housatonic Rest of River Committee work

BACKGROUND: In May 2022, the Select Boards of each of the five Housatonic Rest of River ("ROR") Committee towns (Lenox, Lee, Stockbridge, Great Barrington, and Sheffield) voted to establish a fund for the ROR Committee to continue its work representing the towns in the ROR cleanup actions. A \$1.5 million portion of the overall settlement payment from GE was earmarked for this fund.

At its meeting earlier this month, the ROR Committee recommended that each Town Select Board vote to eliminate the fund.

RECOMMENDATION: The Selectboard vote as follows:

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Select Board and the Rest of River Municipal Committee ("ROR Committee") authorize the elimination of an administrative ROR Monetary Fund of \$1.5 million (which was to be funded following receipt of the funds in the escrow account established pursuant to a February 2022 Escrow Agreement) and was intended to pay for all legal, consulting, or other expenses, fees or costs incurred by the ROR Committee in the administration, review, and legal work related to any revised Permit issued by EPA for the remedial work in the Housatonic River.

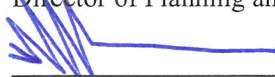
WRITTEN BY:


Assistant Town Manager /
Director of Planning and Community Development

DATE:

10/17/20

APPROVED BY:


Town Manager

DATE:

10/17/23