



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

January 11, 2021 Regular Selectboard Meeting via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bannon opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, those “present” via zoom: Ed Abrahams, Kate Burke, Leigh Davis, Bill Cooke, and Town Manager, Mark Pruhenski.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 10, 2020 Minutes

E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; and L. Davis, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

3. SELECTBOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

- a. L. Davis addressed the accident that happened on Route 7 and Lovers Lane, and the dangerousness of that area of road. The Selectboard will be adding this matter to a future meeting agenda to discuss. L. Davis also said that several complaints have been made to her and the board regarding a large group of out-of-town visitors skating unmasked on Lake Mansfield.
- b. K. Burke would like a member of state DOT to be present at the meeting that addresses the intersection of Route 7 and Lovers Lane.

4. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Housatonic Water Works Updates
 - i. DPC and AECOM are making progress on Phase II study and the system appraisal. A request for information has been sent to HWW to complete the next Phase of the report. Once complete, the firms will present on their findings for the board.
- b. Lake Mansfield Ice Signage
 - i. Department of Public Works put ice conditions signage up at Lake Mansfield.
- c. Library Updates-staffing/services
 - i. Curbside service is available, and staff is available by phone and email channels while the libraries remain closed to the public. 4 library staff members are furloughed, and 2 positions will remain vacant.
- d. Hand Sanitizer Stations-Crosswalk Flags

- i. Health Agent rented 3 hand sanitizer stations for downtown (not currently available for purchase) that will remain there for at least 4 months.
 - ii. Small containers with flags will be made available at crosswalks that do not already have signals in place. These flags can be used as safety measures for those who cross the road.
 - e. Police responded to Lake Mansfield regarding a large group of out-of-town unmasked skaters. M. Pruhenski, Chief Paul Storti, and Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk discussed this matter, and a decision was made that the police department will respond to situations similar to this going forward, rather than the Health Department. If situations arise in which violators do not want to put masks on, police will gather personal information and pass on to the Health Agent to issue fines if applicable.
 - i. L. Davis requested that this information be added to the Police Department's website.
 - ii. B. Cooke highlighted that the parking in this area also poses a problem and M. Pruhenski will discuss this with the Police Department as well.
 - f. Formel Auto Salvage – Many neighbors have submitted complaints regarding uptick of noise, hours of operation, and increased traffic on Van Deusenville Road/Route 41. Town Staff met with new owners to discuss changes that Formels have made to address these complaints.
 - i. Hours of operation have been adjusted to 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, and no hours on Sundays.
 - ii. The auto crusher and rim remover will not be used before 9:00 a.m.
 - iii. Loaders and excavators need to have back-up alarms for the safety of their employees, but the noises have been muffled so that they are loud enough to alert employees, but not loud enough to disturb neighbors.
 - iv. GPS units have been installed on their 6 trucks to monitor their speed of travel.
 - v. Weekly meetings have been taking place between owners and staff to make sure the employees are abiding by new rules. The owners are open to meet with neighbors if these measures are not being followed.
5. NEW BUSINESS
- a. WEB Du Bois Proclamation-GB WEB Du Bois Committee
 - i. Randy Weinstein shared the impact and importance of Dr. WEB DuBois.
 - ii. Gwendolyn VanSant shared a proclamation requesting that the Town of Great Barrington recognize February 23rd as “WEB DuBois Legacy Day” (aka “DuBois Day”), the Town provide a town-sponsored program that celebrates WEB DuBois's legacy, and that the Town encourage

businesses, organizations, and public entities to recognize DuBois Day as a day of reflection and celebration.

E. Abrahams made a motion to endorse the proposed proclamation; B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; and L. Davis, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

b. Borrowing-Karen

- i. Karen Fink provided some background to the Board on the bonds and what the borrowing would be covering.

E. Abrahams made a motion:

I, the Clerk of the Selectboard of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts (the “Town”), certify that at a meeting of the board held January 11, 2021, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 1, 2017 (Article 4) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Highway Dump Truck	\$190,000	8 Years
Antennae Replacement	70,000	6 Years

Further Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$309,500 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 7, 2018 (Article 4, item iv) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
Highway Dump Truck	\$180,000	8 Years

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$4,990,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021 Bonds of the Town dated January 26, 2021 (the “Bonds”) to Piper Sandler & Co. at the price of \$5,426,453.96 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on July 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$515,000	4.00%	2029	\$255,000	4.00%
2022	470,000	4.00	2030	250,000	1.00
2023	445,000	4.00	2031	250,000	1.00
2024	445,000	2.00	2032	250,000	1.10

2025	410,000	4.00	2034	315,000	1.30
2026	375,000	4.00	2037	195,000	2.00
2027	340,000	3.00	2040	195,000	2.00
2028	280,000	4.00			

Further Voted: that the Bonds maturing on July 15, 2034, July 15, 2037 and July 15, 2040 (each a “Term Bond”) shall be subject to mandatory redemption or mature as follows:

Term Bond due July 15, 2034

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2033	\$175,000
2034*	140,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due July 15, 2037

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2035	\$65,000
2036	65,000
2037*	65,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond due July 15, 2040

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2038	\$65,000
2039	65,000
2040*	65,000

*Final Maturity

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated December 29, 2020, and a final Official Statement dated January 7, 2021 (the “Official Statement”), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Selectboard be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time. Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance

federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Bonds (collectively, the “Documents”), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Selectboard, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended, further suspended, supplemented or modified by the Executive Order of the Governor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020.

B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; and L. Davis, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

c. Adoption of the Great Barrington Hazard Mitigation Plan

E. Abrahams made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF ADOPTING THE

the Great Barrington Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan

WHEREAS the Town of Great Barrington recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Great Barrington; and

WHEREAS the Town of Great Barrington has prepared a hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Great Barrington Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the Great Barrington Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Great Barrington from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Great Barrington Selectboard demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Great Barrington Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, THAT: In accordance with M.G.L. c. 40. the Great Barrington Selectboard adopts the Great Barrington Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan.

B. Cooke seconded; Roll Call Vote; E. Abrahams, “aye”; S. Bannon, “aye”; K. Burke, “aye”; B. Cooke, “aye”; and L. Davis, “aye”; All in Favor, 5-0.

- d. Police Oversight/Review Committee discussion
 - i. M. Pruhenski will draft an executive summary regarding a Police Oversight/Review Committee to be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.
 - ii. K. Burke proposed a potential Trust Policy Committee to monitor as well.

6. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

- a. Charlie Williamson shared that he thinks the town should impose flashing lights during low-traffic hours. M. Pruhenski explained that the lights were switched from flashing to solid lights during reconstruction and that the lights should be red for only a short length of time. C. Williamson also discussed the bridge work being done near Domaney’s. He believes that the state should clean up the mess/debris that they have left during the winter. C. Williamson also brought up that the town has 4 mailboxes instead of one. Lastly, C. Williamson brought up the situation in which a town employee embezzled money. Chairmen Bannon explained that this subject matter is being handled in a court trial and cannot be discussed.

7. SELECTBOARD’S TIME

- a. 25 participants (18 attendees and 7 panelists) are present at this meeting.

8. MEDIA TIME

9. ADJOURNMENT Chairman Bannon adjourned meeting by unanimous consent at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brooke M. Morehouse
Recording Clerk*