

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

**Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes for meetings of 11/16/21, 12/13/21, 2/7/22 and 3/15/22
3. Recognition of departing Committee members
4. Finance Committee member committee reports
5. Discussion of replacement Finance Committee representative on Community Preservation Committee
6. Updated income criteria for senior tax exemption
 - https://www.townofgb.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf636/f/uploads/41c_gb-senior-tax-exemption_0.pdf
7. Brief status update on study relating to an OPEB funding trust (postretirement medical benefits)
8. 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

9. Presentation by Peter Dillon, Superintendent of Schools, Berkshire Hills Regional School District, regarding proposed \$1.5 million borrowing for the feasibility study regarding a new or renovated high school.
 - Background information on feasibility study process available here:
<https://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building>

10. Proposed Amendments to Fiscal Year 2023 Budget
 - Additional funding for students attending Taconic High School Vocational Program
 - Great Barrington Fire Department – additional funding for water and hydrant rental
 - Department of Public Works – request for additional \$70,000 in Capital Budget.

11. Fiscal Year 2022 Reserve Funding requests
 - Department of Public Works - \$50,000 for fuel and utility costs
 - Great Barrington Fire Department - \$25,000 for equipment repair and maintenance

12. Update from Finance Director – Budget report as of March 31

13. Future meeting schedule – Committee Reorganization Tuesday May 17 @ 6:30 pm

14. Citizen Speak Time

15. Media Time

16. Adjournment

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.