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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Special Priority Planning Meeting

via Zoom, Order of Agenda for Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM

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*****ALL VOTES ARE ROLL CALL*****

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
2. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
3. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Housatonic School Request for Proposal Opening, Process and Timeline
 - b. Main Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements
 - c. Priority Planning

5. 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.

6. SELECTBOARD'S TIME
7. MEDIA TIME
8. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 25, 2022

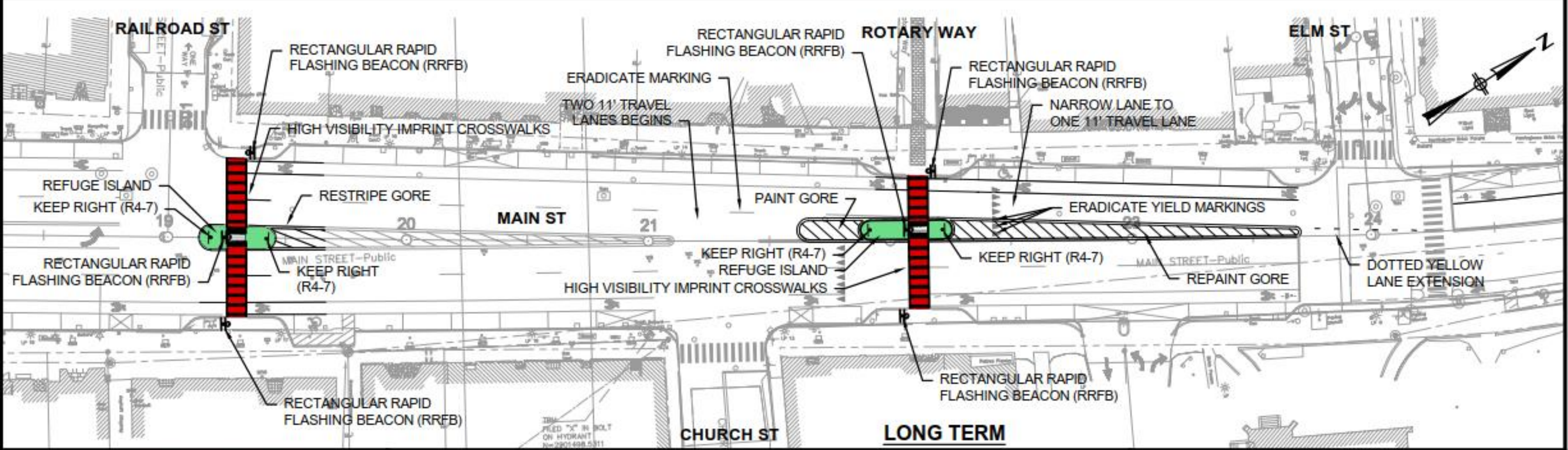
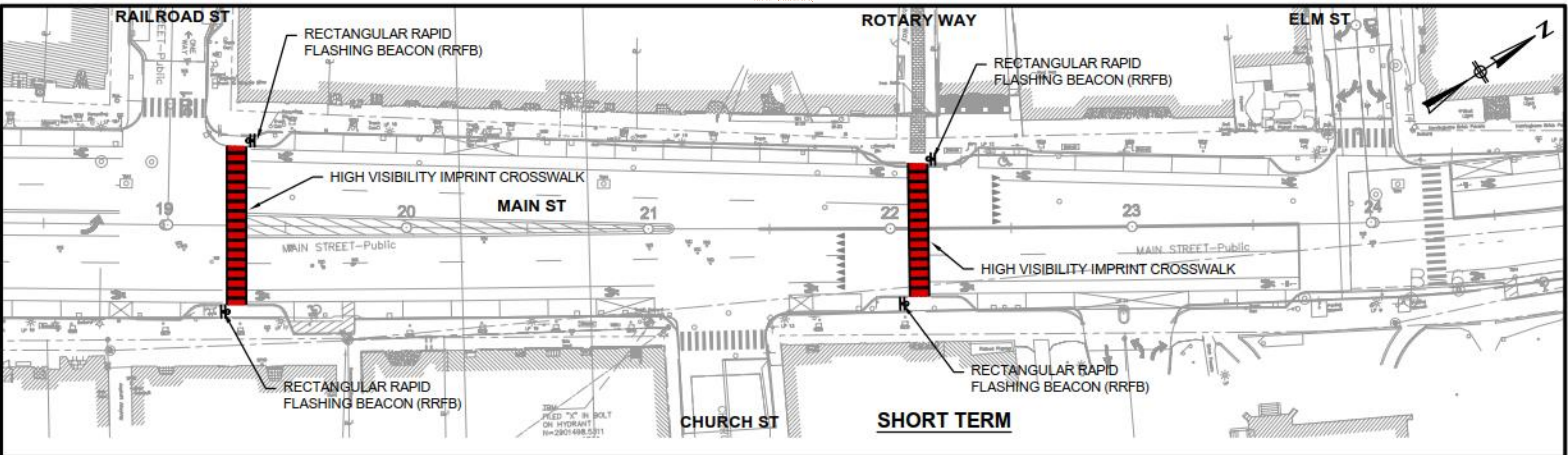
August 8, 2022

August 22, 2022

September 12, 2022

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Pedestrian Crossing Treatments
Great Barrington, MA

Plot Date: 2/7/2020 11:33 AM

**Conceptual
Crosswalk Improvements**

PROJECT/TASK <small>UPDATED: 7-18-22</small>	RATED 1-3 & LONG-RANGE	RESPONSIBLE DEPT.	COMMENTS/UPDATES	STATUS
High Priority Projects				
#1 Housatonic Water Works	1	TM/DPW	SB is holding regular strategy sessions w/our atty. and considering several options at this time.	WIP
Affordable Housing- Aging in Place	1	SB/AHTF/PB/Planning	Discuss multi-pronged approach, to address supply, regulations, taxation, town sites, short term rentals, etc	WIP
Ambulance Service Study	LONG-RANGE	Fire Dept.	ARPA funds for ambulance replacement approved (\$136k). No FY23 subsidy needed. Long-term planning ongoing.	WIP
Cook's Garage Property	1	TM/Treasurer-Coll./Planning	Develop reuse/disposition goals. Town Meeting 2022 authorized disposal of property by SB.	WIP
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency	1	Health Department	Added back to the priority list at 1-31-22 meeting. COVID Task Force disbanded in June 2022. Email updates only.	Completed
Hous. Com. Center (updates/conf. room/grants)	2	TM/DPW	All light fixtures replaced w/LED's in June 2021. WIFI installed and Mtg. room painted and set-up.	WIP
Hous. School- Updates	1	TM/Planning	Roof protected with rubber membrane. RFP issued in January. Four (4) proposals rec'd.	WIP
Housatonic Fiber	1	Planning Dept	Make-ready study is near complete for cost estimates for pole route to Housatonic.	WIP
Infrastructure (Bridges/Roads/Sidewalks/Complete Streets)	1	TM/DPW	Division St. bridge demo is underway. Pre-fab bridge expected to arrive in early Aug. LM Road design in progress.	WIP
Main Street Pedestrian Safety and Traffic	1	DPW/PD/TM	Final design app'd by SB in June 2022- engineers completing design docs now. Funding approved in FY23.	WIP
MMRHS Entrance	1	SB/TM/BHRSD	Working w/Legislators, DOT, BHRSD Admin, and Traffic Engineer to explore safety improvements.	WIP
Parking Concerns	2	TM/Planning Dept.	Discuss next steps & strategies to manage parking, wayfinding/awareness, working with private sector.	WIP
Ramsdell Library Entrance/Accessibility	1	TM/DPW	Design presented to SB and Trustees in April 2022. Awaiting feedback from Trustees. Funding approved at June ATM.	WIP
Reid Cleaners Property	1	TM/Planning Dept.	QEP selected- will develop cleanup scope. Cleanup projected to begin early calendar 23.	WIP
Short-term Rental Regulations	2	SB/TM/Planning Bd.	SB presented a draft bylaw at the 2022 ATM. Bylaw approved w/implementation scheduled for 1/1/23	Completed
Systemic Racism Proclamation	1	TM	Proclamation approved in July 2020. Trust Policy Committee formation on hold after 3 rounds of advertising .	WIP
Trip Hazards Main Street	1	DPW	DPW working to address hazards over time. Funding approved for high priority hazards in FY23.	WIP
Moderate Priority Projects				
5G Technology	LONG-RANGE	Planning Dept.	Discuss with Planning Board.	WIP
Business Improvement District	LONG-RANGE	Planning Dept.	Moved in June '21 to long range.	
Committee Charters- Policy for Member Removal	2	SPM	Updated charters expected in early 2022 for approval by SB for some boards and committees	WIP
Open Space and Recreation Plan	2	Planning Dept.	Update OSRP. Restart the update in spring 2022	WIP
Downtown (Pride/energy/marketing/entertainment)	2	Planning/Cultural District	Active outdoor dining/entertainment program. Crosswalk project and Cultural District flags, marketing etc. (Ongoing)	Completed
Econ. Dev/Sm. Biz Assistance and Job Creation	LONG-RANGE	Planning Dept.	PACE adopted in January 2022. Seeking grants per LRRP report recommendations.	WIP
Elevator Repairs	1	DPW	Phase 2 of front entrance work to begin. Now that TH front steps are completed, elevator work will go out to bid.	WIP
Fire Department Study	2	TM/Fire Dept.	Initial recommendations complete. Chief Burger is working on strategic plan to be presented to SB soon.	
Fire Station (Old) Easement- Telephone Pole/utility	3	TM/DPW	On hold at the moment. Will work with DPW Superintendent, N-Grid, and Property Owner if/when needed.	
Hosting Community Discussions w/BRIDGE	2	TM	Proposal from BRIDGE. No dates/trainings scheduled at this time.	
Inclusiveness/Diversity (Town Hall/Town-wide)	1.2.3	TM	Translation tablets @ all town buildings. Trust Pollicy posted in PD and Town Hall lobbies.	WIP
Marketing to young families	LONG-RANGE	TM/Planning Dept.	Welcome new residents initiative launched in winter 2021. New residents tab on website homepage.	
Master Plan Review w/PB	2	Planning Dept.	For continued discussion at SB/PB joint meetings. Plan for joint meeting in fall 2022?	
Mission Statement for SB and Town	1		Updated Mission Statement approved by the SB in June 2022.	Completed
Neighborhood Meetings/Mtgs in Housatonic	1	TM	Being held virtually as-needed during COVID.	WIP
Open Mtg/Public Records training for boards	1	TM/Town Clerk	Two trainings were held and open to all town board members and staff. April 4th and April 12, 2022	Completed
Rest of River Status	1	Planning Dept./TM	EPA issued permit consistent with settlement; pending appeals. Committee continues review of technical documents	WIP
Selectboard Policies	1	TM/SB	Working document. Awaiting Social Media policy.	
Sign Zoning (+Banners)	LONG-RANGE	Building Dept.	Determine if sign code re-write is desired	WIP
Website and URL for email addresses	LONG-RANGE	IT Director/Town Clerk	Dot-gov domain registration application submitted in Jan. 2022	WIP
Zoning Enforcement	1	Building Dept.	Active enforcement of zoning issues and signs. Proactive vs. Reactive approach	WIP

Completed Projects				
ADA Committee/Disability Related Issues	1	TM/BLDG	Commission formed.	Completed
CodeRED Protocols	1	TM/EMD/FIRE/PD/BOH/DPW	Updated on 6-11-19 and effective on same. Outreach ongoing to large employers.	Completed
Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day	LONG-RANGE	TM	Proclamation approved by SB	Completed
Court House Improvements	1	TM/DPW	Bathroom work completed. Carpeting and blinds completed.	Completed
COVID-19 State of Emergency	1	ALL	State and local State of Emergency lifted on June 15, 2021	Completed
Email Signatures for staff and SB	1	TM/IT Director	Standardized email signature for all gb.org accounts in place. Desktop only.	Completed
EV Charging Station	2	DPW	DPW incorporating into plans for Taconic lot and future plans for Town Hall lot	Completed
Fire Station- Castle St. (lease status and surplus items)	1	ALL DEPTS/DPW	Building cleared on 11-20-20 and sold. Remediation work is beginning.	Completed
Forensic Audit	1	TM/Finance Director/Treas	Substantially complete at this time. Information has been handed over to authorities.	Completed.
Front Entrance to Town Hall (Steps)	1	DPW	TH front steps are completed January 2022	Completed
Grove Street Property	1	TM/Treasurer-Col/DPW	Habitat designated as new owner.	Completed
HR Director (Shared Position)	2	TM	Position was fully funded by CC Grant. Job Desc. Completed and position posting in July 21.	Completed
Joint Meetings w/Planning Board	1	TM	Regular meetings held every other month.	Completed
Personnel Policy/Manual	1	TM/Treasurer-Coll./Fin. Dir.	Final Draft approved by the SB in February 2021.	Completed
Privacy Issues in Town Hall Offices	1	TM/DPW	Addressed by office move with Town Clerk and Assessor	Completed
Senior Work-off Program (Re-boot)	1	TM	New forms, SWO member assigning tasks and working closely w/Seniors	Completed
Standardize hours for Town Hall	1	TM	8:30--4:00 M-F Full time staff on until 5:00	Completed
Sewer Rate Study	2	DPW/TM	Sewer rate study completed in winter 2021.	Completed
Town Counsel Policy (on use/access/etc.)	1	TM	SB Policies and Procedures approval on 7-22-19	Completed
Town Meeting(s) Schedule (2-night?)	1	TM/SB/Planning Bd	2-Night ATM schedule approved by SB w/input from PB and Moderator	Completed
Water Bottle Ban/Water in Public Buildings	1	TM	Water Stations installed and functional. Ban in full effect 11/1 Water stations in 3 locations	Completed
Website Designate as Posting Board (Agendas)	1	Town Clerk	Approved by SB and Attorney General. Official posting location as of 1-1-20	Completed
Key				
Current High Priority Projects noted in Pink				
Moderate Priority Projects noted in Yellow				
Completed Projects noted in Green	SB= Selectboard	TM= Town Manager		