

Mark Pruhenski
Town Manager

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Great Barrington, MA 01230

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Special Meeting via Zoom and in person at 334 Main Street Great Barrington MA
Order of Agenda for Wednesday, May 10, 2023 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. SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION
 - a. Selectboard vote Board positions
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. February 27, 2023
 - b. April 24, 2023
4. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Housatonic Water Works
 - b. Police Department's Opt-Out Program
6. LICENSES AND PERMITS
 - a. Rebecca Wehry of Bard College at Simon's Rock for 2-One Day All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses for their 2023 Alumni Reunion on Friday June 2 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday June 3 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM at 84 Alford Road Great Barrington 01230
 - b. Jim Frangione for Great Barrington Public Theater for 1-One Day All Alcoholic Liquor License for their Theater Benefit on June 9, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Saint James Place, 352 Main Street.
 - c. Seasonal Real Estate Sign licenses
 - d. Melanie Greenberg for a Driveway Permit application for 267 Long Pond Road

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Selectboard vote to appoint 2-members to the Tree Committee
- b. Berkshire Busk–Request to Hang Banner Across Railroad Street
- c. Proposed Historical Commission Policy for Town historical artifacts
- d. Selectboard Liaison Assignments

8. 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.

9. SELECTBOARD’S TIME

10. MEDIA TIME

11. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, May 22, 2023

Monday June 12, 2023

Monday, June 26, 2023



Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager

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Paul E. Storti
Chief of Police



465 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Telephone: (413) 528-0306
Fax: (413) 528-6342

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Great Barrington Police Department has established an **Opt-Out** opportunity for anyone in our community who does not want solicitors to visit your property. Please fill out your information and submit to optout@townofgb.org or drop off at the Great Barrington Police Department at 465 Main Street Great Barrington, MA.

Name _____

Street _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

When you sign up, your address will be added to our **Opt-Out** address list that we will provide to anyone who notifies us when they wish to solicit door to door. They will be advised to not visit the addresses provided on the list. No other personal information will be provided, only the address. There may be times that we are not notified of solicitors, in that case, please notify the Great Barrington Police Department at 413-528-0306, so we can speak with the solicitors.

Thank you,

Chief Storti

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

The undersigned hereby applies for a License in accordance with the provisions relating thereto:

Applicant's Name: Rebecca Wehry

Organization Name: Bard College at Simon's Rock

Applicant's Address: 84 Alford Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230

Telephone Number: 413-528-7266

Type of License: **ONE DAY BEER & WINE**
(Circle one)

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC
*Beer, Wine, one specialty cocktail

Event: Alumni Reunion 2023

Date: Friday, June 2, 2023 Start Time: 5:00 pm End Time: 10:00 pm

Event Address: 84 Alford Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230

Is the Event on Town property? YES

NO

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:

- 1. TIPS or ServSafe Alcohol certification for anyone serving alcohol.
- 2. Certificate of Insurance showing proof of Liquor Liability coverage.
(If the event is on Town property, the certificate must name the Town of Great Barrington as additional insured.)
- 3. If the event is not on applicant's property, a letter of permission from the owner is required.

Liability: The below individual agrees to take responsibility for the above-noted event and further agrees to indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Town of Great Barrington, its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, penalties, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto, which may occur in connection with this event.

Rebecca Wehry
Signature of Applicant

5/4/2023
Date

FOR TOWN USE:

Approved _____

Denied _____

Postponed _____

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



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Telephone Number: 413-528-7266

Type of License: ONE DAY BEER & WINE ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC
(Circle one)

Event: Alumni Reunion 2023

Date: ~~Thu Sat~~ June 3, 2023 Start Time: 5:00pm End Time: 9:00pm

Event Address: 84 Alford Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230

Is the Event on Town property? YES NO

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:

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Rebecca Wehry
Signature of Applicant

5/4/2023
Date

FOR TOWN USE:

Approved _____ Denied _____ Postponed _____

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

The undersigned hereby applies for a License in accordance with the provisions relating thereto:

Applicant's Name: Jim Frangione

Organization Name: GREAT BARRINGTON PUBLIC THEATER

Applicant's Address: 352 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON MA 01230

Telephone Number: 646-256-3135

Type of License: ONE DAY BEER & WINE ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC
(Circle one)

Event: BENEFIT FOR THEATER

Date: JUNE 9th 2023 Start Time: 6:30 pm End Time: 9:30 pm

Event Address: 352 MAIN STREET (SAINT JAMES ALICE) GB

Is the Event on Town property? YES NO

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:

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Jim Frangione
Signature of Applicant

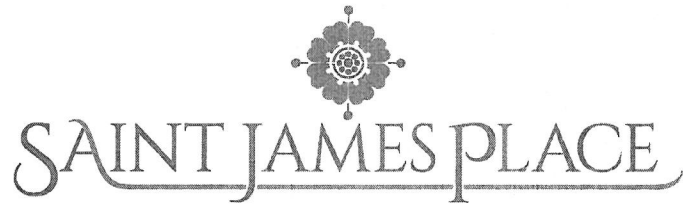
April 28, 2023
Date

FOR TOWN USE:

Approved _____

Denied _____

Postponed _____



April 24, 2023

Jim Frangione, Artistic Director
Great Barrington Public Theater
352 Main Street – Suite 209
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Jim,

Please take this letter as confirmation of the GREAT BARRINGTON PUBLIC THEATER's booking for an event at Saint James Place on Friday, June 9, 2023, and for our willingness to allow you to have alcohol served during your event.

We look forward to welcoming the GREAT BARRINGTON PUBLIC THEATER's return to Saint James Place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth Keyes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Seth Keyes
General Manager

Saint James Place
352 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-1996 x 101

Company Name

Alden Country Real Estate Services
Barnbrook Realty
Berkshire Property Agents
Cohen & White Associates LLC
Fairground Real Estate
Great Barrington Owner LLC
Helen Mullany Real Estate LLC
Kinderhook Group Inc.
Lance Vermeulen Real Estate Inc.
MacCaro Real Estate
Roberts & Associates Realty, Inc.
Stone House Properties LLC
Wheeler & Taylor Realty Co. Inc.
William Pitt Sotheby's Real Estate

Selectboard

Fee \$50.00

Application for Access to a Public Way / Driveway Permit

Number _____

INSTRUCTIONS

RETURN FIVE (5) COPIES OF THIS FORM AND ALL ACCOMPANYING PLANS, ALONG WITH THE \$50.00 FEE to the Department of Public Works office in Town Hall, 2nd Floor, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. Plans must show the location of the driveway on the property and must also indicate all details needed in order to determine that driveway regulations are met, including paving material, width, grade, drainage, culverts, angle to street, etc. See Chapter 153 of the Town Code for driveway regulations.

Application Date 2/24/2023

Name of Applicant / Property Owner Melanie Greenberg

Mailing address 267 Long Pond Drive

Phone number 646-761-2635

Location of proposed driveway / highway entrance Adjacent to Existing Parking area / garage

Contractor who will perform the work Morgan Hartman Land Designs, LLC

Address & phone number of contractor 398 North Hoosac Rd. Williamstown, MA 01267
(413) 558-8455

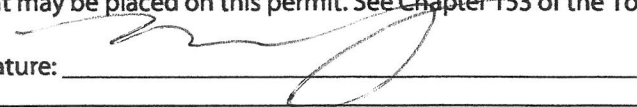
Proposed construction date 3/10/2023

Type of driveway (gravel, asphalt, etc.) Asphalt + chip seal

Print Form

Submit five (5) copies of completed form and plans.

Applicant hereby agrees to notify the Great Barrington DPW Superintendent of the date and time of driveway construction at least 24 hours before construction is begun. Applicant further agrees to conform to all requirements of the Town of Great Barrington regulations governing access to public ways and to all conditions that may be placed on this permit. See Chapter 153 of the Town Code for regulations and design requirements.

Applicant's Signature: 

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

RECOMMENDATION OF DPW / HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

After consultation with review staff, and after full consideration of the application and the applicable requirements, I recommend that this application be:

() approved as submitted

() approved with conditions attached

() disapproved for reasons attached

() resubmitted with changes suggested per attached

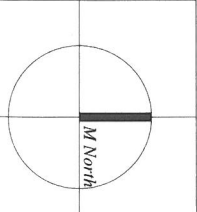
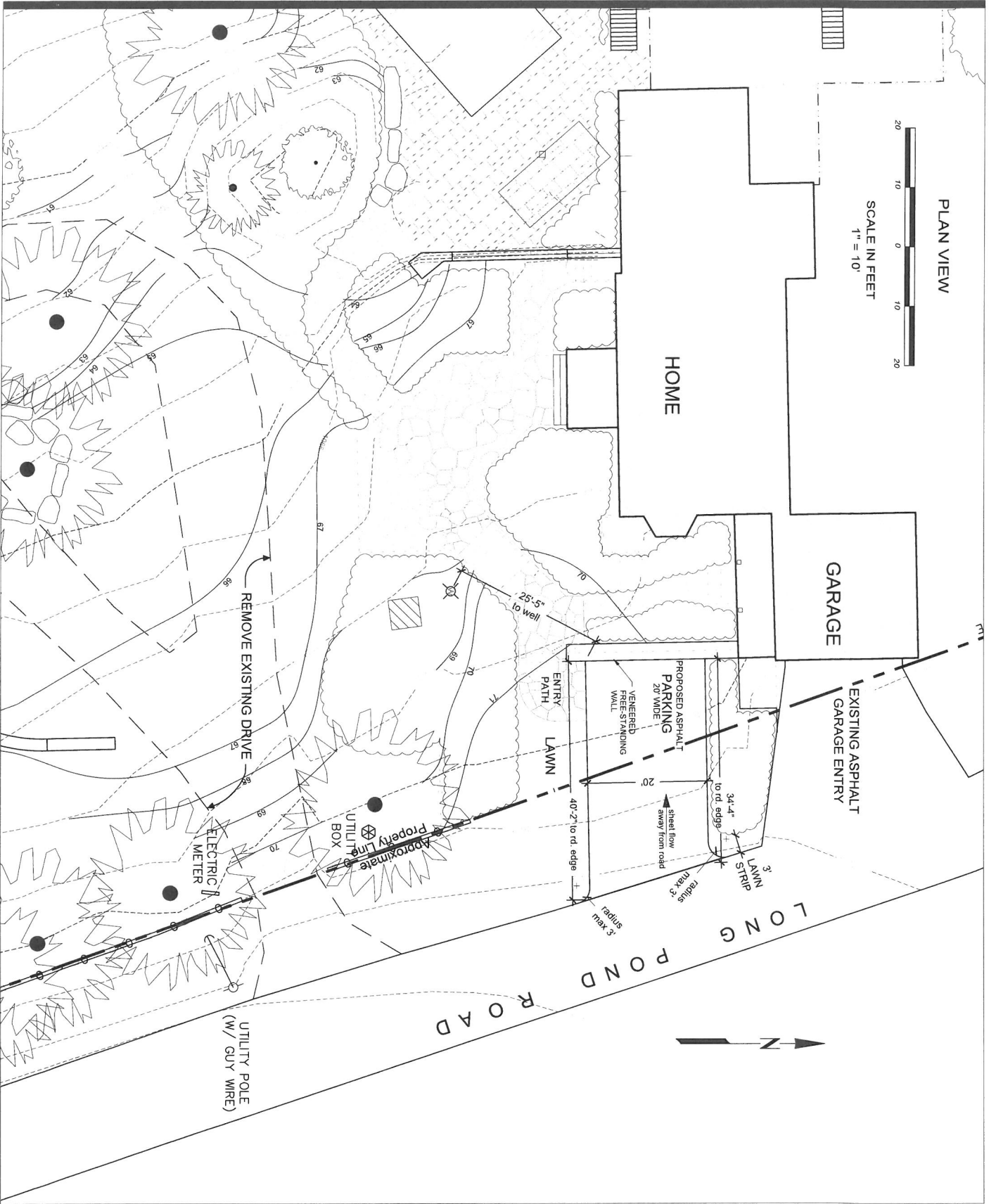
Staff Reviews Received:

	Received	Conditions Recommended	Other Permits Required
Conservation:	()	()	()
Fire Chief:	()	()	()
Planning:	()	()	()

PERMIT FOR ACCESS TO A PUBLIC WAY / DRIVEWAY

Pursuant to its vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed, at its meeting on _____, the Great Barrington Selectboard granted permission to construct or alter this access to a public way at the address and in the location indicated in this application, in accordance with the plans accompanying this application, and subject to any conditions attached.

For the Selectboard: _____ . its



Walter Cudnohufsky Associates
 Planners
 Landscape Architects/
 Planners

Box 489, 455 Bow Hill Road
 Ashfield, MA 01150
 PHONE: 413-628-4600
 FAX: 413-628-0117
 E-MAIL: wca@wca.com
 WEB SITE: www.wca.com

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No.	Description	Date

Date: 4/17/2023

Scale: 1" = 10'-0"
Greenberg Residence
 267 Long Pond Road
 Great Barrington, MA

Driveway Plan

Joe Aberdale
DPW Superintendent
E-mail: jaberdale@townofgb.org
www.townofgb.org



Town Hall, 334 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Telephone: (413) 528-0867x1

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MEMO

To: Selectboard & Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager
From: Joe Aberdale, DPW Superintendent
Date: April 25th, 2023

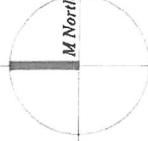
Subject: Driveway Permit 267 Long Pond Road, Great Barrington

267 Long Pond Road currently has 2 existing driveways. The northerly one is requested to remain and is currently in excess of 30+ feet wide. The southerly driveway is identified as to be abandoned. The location of the new driveway has good visibility in both directions of Long Pond Road.

The DPW has no objection to the proposed driveway location. DPW would recommend as part of the permit if granted:

- That the southernmost driveway to be abandoned be removed from the Town right-of-way no more than 30 days after the new driveway has been installed.
- That the Town's driveway design requirements in the bylaws be followed.

The driveway bylaw allows 2 driveways per lot at a minimum of 8' wide to a maximum of 16' wide. The proposed driveway is proposed at 20' wide, exceeding the bylaw by 4'. It is the Selectboards' prerogative if they would like to grant a driveway width in excess of the maximum 16' specified in the bylaw.



**Walter
Cudnohufsky
Associates**
*Landscape Architects/
Planners*

Box 499, 455 Bag Hill Road
Andover, MA 01810
PHONE: 413-628-4650
FAX: 413-628-4170
E-MAIL: wcu@wcu.com
WEB SITE: www.wcu.com

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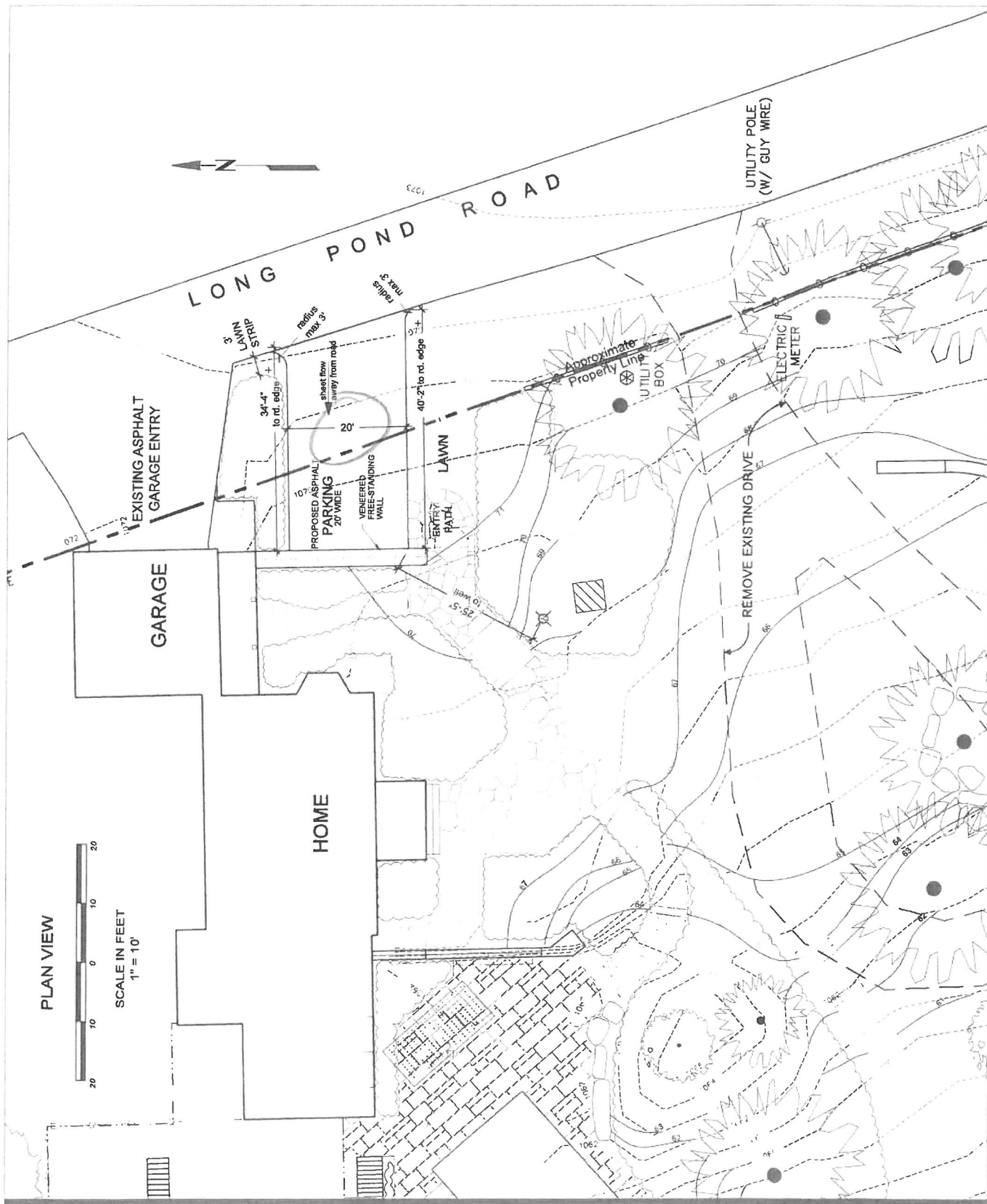
No.	Description	Date

Date: 4/12/2023

Scale: 1" = 10'-0"

Greenberg Residence
267 Long Pond Road
Great Barrington, MA

**Driveway
Plan**



Lisa Richards

From: Chris Rembold
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:19 PM
To: Lisa Richards; Darrell Marks
Cc: Joseph Aberdale
Subject: RE: Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

I have no issues from the Planning Dept.

However, I'm sure DPW and Selectboard will note that the proposal exceeds the maximum width of 16 feet.

Thank you,
Chris



Christopher Rembold, AICP

Assistant Town Manager /
Director of Planning and
Community Development
413-528-1619, x. 2401
crembold@townofgb.org

Town of Great Barrington
334 Main Street
Great Barrington MA 01230

The Secretary of State's office has determined that most e-mails to and from municipal offices and officials are public records. Consequently, confidentiality should not be expected.

From: Lisa Richards <LRichards@Townofgb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:22 AM
To: Chris Rembold <crembold@Townofgb.org>; Darrell Marks <dmarks@Townofgb.org>
Subject: FW: Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

Good morning Chris and Darrell,
Please review the attached driveway request and let me know your response.

Thank you
Lisa

From: Lisa Richards
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 2:59 PM
To: Great Barrington Conservation Commission <conservation@townofgb.org>; Joseph Aberdale <jaberdale@townofgb.org>; Paula Ely <PEly@Townofgb.org>; Darrell Marks <dmarks@Townofgb.org>; John Malumphy <JMalumphy@Townofgb.org>
Cc: Amy Pulver <apulver@Townofgb.org>
Subject: Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

Good afternoon,

Lisa Richards

From: Darrell Marks
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Lisa Richards
Subject: RE: Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

Good Afternoon,

Driveway Permit Application for 267 Long Pond Rd. – No issues



Darrell Marks

Captain/Fire Prevention
413-528-0788
dmarks@townofgb.org

Great Barrington Fire Department
37 State Road
Great Barrington MA 01230



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Cc: Amy Pulver <apulver@Townofgb.org>
Subject: Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

Good afternoon,

Please find attached an Application and Drawings for an "Access to a Public Way/Driveway Permit" for your review and comment (approval).

The drawing is attached. The next Select Board meeting is May 10th or May 22nd.

Lisa Richards

From: Great Barrington Conservation Commission
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Lisa Richards
Subject: RE: Access to a Public Way/Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

Lisa:

There are no wetland or scenic mountain concerns.
Conservation has no other comment.

-Shep



Shepley W. Evans
Conservation Agent
Animal Control Officer
Animal Inspector
413-528-1619 X2 X8
conservation@townofgb.org

Town of Great Barrington
334 Main Street
Great Barrington MA 01230



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From: Lisa Richards <LRichards@Townofgb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:08 AM
To: Charles Burger <cburger@Townofgb.org>; Joseph Aberdale <jaberdale@townofgb.org>; Great Barrington Conservation Commission <conservation@townofgb.org>; Paula Ely <PEly@Townofgb.org>; John Malumphy <JMalumphy@Townofgb.org>; Chris Rembold <crembold@Townofgb.org>; Paul Storti <PStorti@Townofgb.org>; Cara Becker <cbecker@Townofgb.org>
Cc: Amy Pulver <apulver@Townofgb.org>; Darrell Marks <dmarks@Townofgb.org>
Subject: RE: Access to a Public Way/Driveway Permit Application - 267 Long Pond Drive

Thank you, I will absolutely copy Darrel Marks.
Best
Lisa

From: Charles Burger <cburger@Townofgb.org>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 7:29 PM
To: Joseph Aberdale <jaberdale@townofgb.org>; Lisa Richards <LRichards@Townofgb.org>; Great Barrington Conservation Commission <conservation@townofgb.org>; Paula Ely <PEly@Townofgb.org>; John Malumphy <JMalumphy@Townofgb.org>; Chris Rembold <crembold@Townofgb.org>; Paul Storti <PStorti@Townofgb.org>; Cara

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND: The Town has been recruiting members for the Tree Committee. There are currently 3-vacancies out of 7 member committees, and the Town and Tree Committee has been seeking members. Natasha Perlis and Bobby Houston have applied, and the Tree Committee Chair is looking forward to 2-new members.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable; members serve without compensation.

RECOMMENDATION: The Selectboard appointed Natasha Perlis, with a term to expire on June 30, 2026, and Bobby Houston, with a term to expire on June 30, 2025, to the Tree Committee.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY: _____

Amy Pulver, Office Administrator



DATE: 5/8/2023

From: [Natasha Perlis](#)
To: [Amy Pulver](#)
Subject: Joining the Tree Committee
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 11:59:27 AM

CAUTION:
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Hello!

I spoke with members of the Tree Committee on Earth Day, and I'm interested in joining the team. I've served on the Cultural Council Committee in the past. Please let me know what information you need from me!

Many thanks for all of the work you do!

Best,

Natasha Perlis
142 Castle Street, GB
917-239-9506

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Natasha Perlis
Pronouns: She/her/hers
Transformational Coach
theinvitation.is

"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence. It is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare." -Audre Lorde



From: [Bobby Houston](#)
To: [Amy Pulver](#)
Subject: Tree committee
Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 9:20:39 AM

CAUTION:
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Hello. I would like to apply for a seat on the Tree Committee. It is my understanding this committee has been struggling to raise a quorum.

I am an eighteen-year resident of south county and seven years a voter in GB

I have experience as a builder, contractor and did the redevelopment at Dolby Florists.

Please let me know what else you might require.

Respectfully,

Robert Beusman Houston

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Board
FROM: Edwin May C B O
DATE: 4/7/23
COPY: file
SUBJECT: Railroad St Banner – Berkshire Brusks

I find the event banner application to be complete and correct as per the following checklist of requirements for Banners c.146-6 (1);

App. Complete	Partial
Attachment engineering	none
Insurance Bond	none
Size	45 sq. ft.-OK
Length of time	6/16 – 9/4/23; aprox. 82 days
Number of banners	1
Permit from BOS	Pending
Zoning district	B

Item 7. b. Berkshire Busk Request to hang Banner Across Railroad Street



Town of Great Barrington
334 Main Street
Great Barrington,
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Phone: 413-528-1619
Fax: 413-528-2290

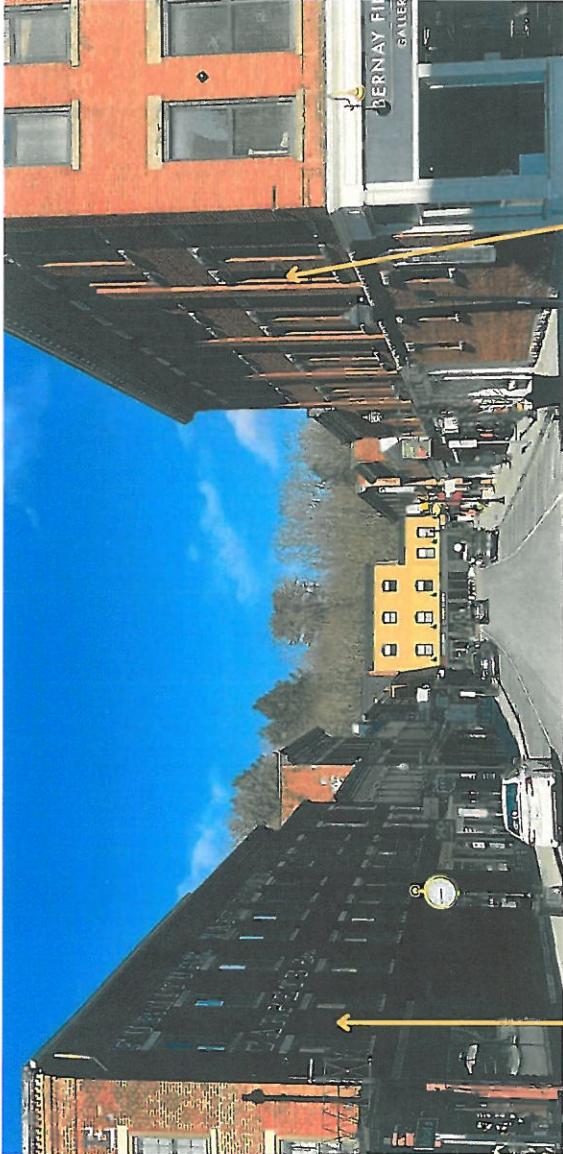
APPLICATION TO SIGN PERMIT

Please fill out completely all applicable areas - Please use link

Sign Permit Number		Date Issued	
Date			
Estimated Cost (\$)	0		
Date:	3/30/2023		
Property Address:	304 Main Street Great Barrington MA 01230		
Owner's Name:	James Mercer		
Owner's Address:	304 Main Street Great Barrington MA 01230		
Map	013.0	Block	0000 Lot 0014.B Zoning District: R1A
Location of Sign(s) of Property:	Across Railroad Street between two buildings Mercer s and Kimball s Buildings at the end of the street		
# of Signs on Property:	1	Will Sign(s) be Illuminated?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Type of Sign:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Free Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Other :		
How many days?	80	Dates the sign will be used :	From 6/16/2023 To 9/04/2023
Lower Edge will be	16	Feet	0 Feet/Inches Above Public Way
Upper Edge will be	19	Feet	0 Feet/Inches Above Public Way
Face Area	45	Square Feet	
Face of Building or Pole is	3	Feet	0 Feet/Inches Back From Street Line
Sign will extend	16	Feet Above Grade	
Materials used to construct sign:	Frame	PVC Mesh/Sewn/Grommet	Face Mesh
Foundation Materials:		Size	
Electrician Required:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
Brief Description Of Proposed Work:	A mesh sign with information about Berkshire Busk to hang above Railroad street using existing knobs located on both buildings to affix the sign		
Contractor Information			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the Contractor.			
Name		License #	Type Expiration Date :
Business Name	WJ Blueprint and Digital Graphics	License #	020566561 Type TIN Expiration Date : 2/07/2024
Telephone No.	413 - 442 - 3320	Alt. Tel. No.	
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Selectboard Meeting Packet for May 10, 2023
Item 7. b. Berkshire Busk Request to hang Banner Across Railroad Street



Great Barrington Historical Commission

Town Hall

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April 8, 2023

Great Barrington Selectboard
334 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Selectboard Members:

I am writing to request consideration of a Town policy regarding the disposal of historical artifacts. At the March 6, 2023 meeting of the Historical Commission, Gary Leveille presented a statement concerning the recent disposal of historical artifacts by the Library, which was apparently done with Selectboard approval but without consultation with the Historical Commission. Mr. Leveille's statement is attached.

The Historical Commission voted unanimously that you be requested to adopt a policy requiring Historical Commission approval for the disposal of any Town historical assets. During the meeting, concern was expressed about paintings and other artwork that adorn Mason Library. Much of the artwork was loaned to the Library by the Historical Commission and the Great Barrington Historical Society. Such a policy as we recommend would ensure that the Town's historical artifacts such as these have a proper historical review prior to their disposal.

Thank you for consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,



Malcolm R. Fick
Chairman

Background Regarding Mason Library Artifacts Collection

Presented by Gary Leveille to the Great Barrington Historical Commission, March 6, 2023

I want to discuss recent newspaper articles pertaining to the Mason Library collection of indigenous stone artifacts. They include projectile points, stone tools, pottery shards and possible spiritual effigies.

Here is some background. When Charles Taylor wrote his *History of Great Barrington* in the 1880s, it was first serialized in the *Berkshire Courier* newspaper. As word got out about his research, local farmers and property owners brought him Native American stone artifacts they had found on their property over the years. He amassed a collection, and at some point it ended up at the library. The collection was on display for decades in lower level of the Mason Library. In preparation of the major library expansion that took place a number of years ago, the collection was put in storage. I think it is fair to describe the collection as being owned by the town.

Several years ago, I was involved in a collaborative effort between the G.B. Historical Society, the town's Historical Commission, and the Director of the G.B. Libraries to launch a major exhibit of the artifacts described above at the G.B. Historical Society Museum and Research Center on South Main St. aka the Wheeler Farmstead. The plan was to set up a display, catalog it, and create a photo book to sell as a fund-raiser for the library. The library Director at the time (Amanda DeGiorgis) got approval for this exhibit from the Library Trustees.

Then COVID hit. Everything was put on hold. Not long ago, Amanda resigned.

Much to my surprise, recently, newspaper articles stated that the new Library Director and Library Trustees plan to turn over the collection to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. According to one newspaper article, this was approved by the Great Barrington Selectboard. New Library Director Samara Klein noted that this was "in order to comply with the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act." (NAGPRA). In my opinion, it is arguable that some of the artifacts may not be applicable to NAGPRA.

Several years ago, several residents of Stockbridge discovered material (including early town documents) they felt should be turned over to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. They followed a procedure that included (1) Approval of the Selectboard (2) Special town meeting (3) Approval of the state legislature. I do not know where this policy originated.

I once read a town document that described the duties of the Great Barrington Historical Commission. Among the responsibilities is to serve as advisors to the Selectboard. Although this task is not specifically spelled out in the MGL Chapter 40 laws, I know I read it somewhere – perhaps the Master Plan or another town document.

I do not necessarily disagree with the Library Trustees and Selectboard decision. However, I strongly believe that the Historical Commission should have been consulted in this matter and been part of the discussion with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. In my opinion, part of the reason the Historical Commission was created was to serve such a purpose. I think that the Selectboard, town boards, commissions and town employees need to be reminded that they should consult with us when matters of historical importance arise.

Selectboard Liaison List - 2023

Board/Committee/Department	Selectboard Member(s)	Authority
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Garfield Reed	SB Representative
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	(Pedro and Malcolm)	
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	Vacant	
Broadband and Fiber in GB	Ed Abrahams	
Community Preservation Committee	Leigh Davis	SB Representative
Cultural District Committee	Ed Abrahams	
Housatonic Improvement Committee	Eric Gabriel	
Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force	Leigh Davis	SB Representative
Open Space & Recreation Committee	Eric Gabriel	
Planning and Selectboard Subcommittee	Garfield Reed & Leigh Davis	SB Representative
Sink-Bank Committee	Ed Abrahams	
WEB DuBois Legacy Committee	Ed Abrahams	