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## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Meeting via Zoom and in person at 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA Order of Agenda for Monday, March 11th, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Please click this link to join the webinar: Webinar ID: 860 4872 7526 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86048727526 Dial-in, audio-only: (929) 205 6099

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: <a href="https://www.townofgb.org">www.townofgb.org</a>. Committee members and members of the public may attend this meeting in person or remotely. Instructions for remote access can be found at the top of this agenda. Every effort will be made to ensure that those attending remotely can access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
- 2. SELECTBOARD'S TIME
- 3. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (will return to open session)
  - a. Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) for the following purpose: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares
    - i. **Anticipated Motion:** Move that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A sec. 21(a)(3) for the following purpose: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, Housatonic Water Works Company rate increase petition to the Department of Public Utilities, DPU no. 23-65.
    - ii. Roll Call Vote
  - b. Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) for the following purpose: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares
    - i. **Anticipated Motion:** Move that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) for the following purpose: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation threatened against the Town concerning host community agreements for marijuana establishments, Theory Wellness and Community Growth Partners (Rebelle).
    - ii. Roll Call Vote
  - c. Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(7) for the following purpose: To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grantin-aid requirements

- i. **Anticipated Motion:** Move that the Board meet in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(7) to approve executive session minutes from previous meetings
  - 1. November 6, 2023
  - 2. January 22, 2024
  - 3. January 31, 2024
- ii. Roll Call Vote
- 4. RE-CONVENE IN REGULAR/OPEN SESSION
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 6. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
- 7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
  - a. Housatonic Water Works
- 8. LICENSES AND PERMITS
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Special Permit 940-24: application from the Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires, c/o Sarah Downie, Vice President, to modify special permit #297-86, granted in 1986, to remove one acre from the site's open space. The site is identified as Assessor's Map 32, Lot 5H on Christian Hill Road, also known as Forest Row
    - i. Open Public Hearing
    - ii. Explanation of the Project
    - iii. Public comments and questions, speak in favor or in opposition
    - iv. Questions from the Selectboard
    - v. Comments from other Boards
    - vi. Selectboard discussion and draft findings
    - vii. Close Public Hearing
    - viii. Motion to continue/deny/grant
  - b. Special Permit 941-24: application from the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire, c/o Philip Orenstein, Interim Executive Director, to permit a hotel use at 453 Stockbridge Road, also known as the Thornewood Inn
    - i. Open Public Hearing
    - ii. Explanation of the Project
    - iii. Public comments and questions, speak in favor or in opposition
    - iv. Questions from the Selectboard
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## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Berkshire Busk! Railroad Street Road Closure and advertising banner for the 2024 Summer Season
- b. Request from Library Trustees to form a new Ramsdell Building Advisory Committee and review/approve Committee Charter
- c. Request from the Great Barrington Farmers' & Arts Markets to close Church Street
- d. Request from Great Barrington Fire Department to close a portion of Main Street for their annual car show

- e. Berkshire Health Group Representative Appointments Sophia Blestos, Human Resources Director and Alicia Dulin, Treasurer & Collector
- f. Appointment to the Tree Committee Christopher Wiltshire

## 11. 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.

- 12. SELECTBOARD'S TIME
- 13. MEDIA TIME
- 14. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 25, 2024 April 8, 2024 April 29, 2024 May 6, 2024 – (Annual Town Meeting)

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