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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 25th, 2024, at 5:00 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: www.townofgb.org. 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
4. RE-CONVENE IN REGULAR/OPEN SESSION
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Selectboard-Finance Committee Budget Meeting #3 February 13, 2024
 - b. Selectboard-Finance Committee Budget Meeting #4 February 14, 2024
 - c. Selectboard-Finance Committee Budget Meeting #5 February 20, 2024
 - d. Finance Committee FY25 Public Hearing and Selectboard-Finance Committee Joint Budget Meeting February 28, 2024

6. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Housatonic Water Works
- b. Board, Committee, and Commission vacancies

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Seasonal Club All Alcoholic Liquor License Renewal for Wyantenuck Country Club
- b. Application for One Day Liquor License, Beer & Wine – Jessica Eichstedt, Great Barrington Fish & Game Association – Benefit Shoot – 338 Long Pond Road, Housatonic on April 7, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- c. Application for One Day Liquor License, Beer & Wine – Jessica Eichstedt, Great Barrington Fish & Game Association – Wedding – 338 Long Pond Road, Housatonic on April 20, 2024 from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- d. Application for One Day Liquor License, Beer & Wine – Jessica Eichstedt, Great Barrington Fish & Game Association – Graduation gathering – 338 Long Pond Road, Housatonic on June 8, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- e. Application for One Day Liquor License, Beer & Wine – Jessica Eichstedt, Great Barrington Fish & Game Association – Father's Day Lobster Shoot – 338 Long Pond Road, Housatonic on June 16, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- f. Application for Temporary Weekday Entertainment License – Karen Advokaat, Bard College at Simon's Rock – Ride and Drive (set route), vendors, food truck, and exhibition of Electric Vehicles – 84 Alford Road, Great Barrington on June 8, 2024 from 10am to 2pm
- g. Applications from Common or Garden Pub, 425 Park St., Housatonic for Common Victualler and Automatic Amusement Device Licenses

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Special Permit 942-24: application from Bear Mountain 320 Properties, Timberlyn Heights Care Center, to construct an addition on the existing nursing home at 320 Maple Avenue, Great Barrington, filed per Sections 3.1.4, B(10) and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw
 - i. Continue the hearing until April 8, 2024 at 6:00, per the Applicant's request
- 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
 - v. Comments from other Boards
 - vi. Selectboard discussion and draft findings
 - vii. Close Public Hearing
 - viii. Motion to continue/deny/grant
- c. Application from Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc. for a new All Alcoholic License at 20 Castle Street, Great Barrington

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- iii. Public comments, speak in favor or opposition
- iv. Questions from the Selectboard
- v. Close Public Hearing
- vi. Selectboard discussion
- vii. Motion to continue/deny/grant

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request from MA Product Stewardship Council for a resolution in support of Paint Stewardship
- b. Request from the VFW to close a portion of Main Street, Great Barrington on Monday, May 27th beginning at 11am for a Memorial Day Parade
- c. Town Comments to EPA/GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site: Quality of Life Compliance Plan
- d. Community Impact Funding/FY25 Special Article – discussion/vote to rescind recommendation for annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

April 8, 2024 April 29, 2024 May 6, 2024 – (Annual Town Meeting)
May 9, 2024 – (Possible Continuation of Town Meeting)



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