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## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Selectboard Meeting via Zoom  
Order of Agenda for Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. July 27, 2021 \*(Updated, July 26, 2021)
  - b. August 9, 2021
3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
  - a. Housatonic Water Works
  - b. GB Fire District–Billing/Collection
  - c. Board and Committee Vacancies
  - d. Town Buildings Masking Policy
  - e. Housatonic Sidewalk Project Updates
  - f. Paving Project Updates
  - g. 5-year Rooms/Meals/Cannabis Revenue Report/Presentation
5. LICENSES AND PERMITS
  - a. Great Barrington Land Conservancy c/o Janice Kabel, President, for permission to use Town roads for the 2021 Run for the Hills event on Sunday, October 10, 2021

- b. Karen Beckwith/Great Barrington Fish and Game, 338 Long Pond Road, for 11-One Day Beer and Wine licenses for their Annual Turkey Shoots on 9/12/21; 9/19/21; 9/26/21; 10/3/21; 10/7/21; 10/10/21; 10/24/21; 10/31/21; 11/7/21; 11/14/21; and 11/21/21 from noon to 6:00 PM
- c. Karen Beckwith/Great Barrington Fish and Game for 1-One Day Beer and Wine License for their Relay for Life Event on September 25 from noon to 6:00 PM
- d. Amy Rudnick/Fairview Hospital for a Weekday Entertainment License for their Gala event on the Lawn behind the Daniel Arts Center at Simon's Rock on Saturday September 18, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- e. Amy Rudnick/Fairview Hospital for a One Day All Alcoholic License for their Gala event on the lawn behind the Daniel Arts Center at Simon's Rock 84 Alford Road on Saturday September 18, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- f. Amy Rudnick/Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for a Sunday Entertainment License for their Annual Gala to be held at Memorial Field on Sunday October 10, 2021 from 5:00PM to 8:00 PM
- g. Amy Rudnick/Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for a one day All Alcoholic Liquor License for their Annual Gala to be held at Memorial Field on Sunday October 10, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- h. Janis Martinson/Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center for a One Day Weekday Entertainment license for a free concert at Memorial Field on Monday October 11, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- i. Patty Spector/Josh Billings Runaround Triathlon for permission to use Town Roads on Sunday September 19, 2021

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Participation in a Regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- b. Housatonic Water Works--Process and Next Steps

7. 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.*

8. SELECTBOARD'S TIME

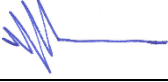
9. MEDIA TIME

10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING

Selectboard Meeting September 13, 2021  
Selectboard Meeting September 27, 2021

Selectboard Meeting October 4, 2021  
Selectboard Meeting October 25, 2021



**Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager**

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## Board, Committee, & Commission Vacancies

Below is a list of board, committee, and commission vacancies. Any questions or inquiries can be emailed to [apulver@townofgb.org](mailto:apulver@townofgb.org)

| <u>Board, Committee or Commission Name</u>      | <u>Total Number of Members Allowed</u> | <u>Current Number of Members</u> | <u>Vacant Membership</u>                        |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Affordable Housing Trust Fund                   | 7                                      | 4                                | 3   |
| Agricultural Commission                         | 6                                      | 4                                | 2 (One Associate Position & One Regular Member) |
| Community Impact Funding Committee              | 5                                      | 4                                | 1   |
| Conservation Commission                         | 7                                      | 5                                | 2   |
| Cultural Council                                | 22                                     | 7                                | 15  |
| Historic District Commission                    | 6                                      | 5                                | 1   |
| Housatonic Improvement Committee                | 7                                      | 5                                | 2   |
| Parks and Recreation Commission                 | 9                                      | 8                                | 1   |
| Planning Board (Alternate)                      | 1 (Alternate)                          | 0                                | 1 (Alternate)                                   |
| Regional Transportation Advisory Committee      | 9                                      | 7                                | 2   |
| Strategic Sustainability & Livability Committee | 7                                      | 5                                | 2   |
| Tree Committee                                  | 7                                      | 6                                | 1   |
| Trust Policy Committee                          | 7                                      | 0                                | 7   |
| WEB Du Bois Legacy Committee                    | 12                                     | 11                               | 1   |
| Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Members       | 2                                      | 0                                | 2   |

as of 8/19/2021



# Town of Great Barrington

## Local Option Revenue Overview

Susan M. Carmel

Finance Director

8/23/2021

# Background

- The Department of Revenue refers to these revenues as “other excise” under Local Receipts as classified on page 3 of the Tax Recapitulation sheet
- The money flows from the local establishment (restaurant, hotel, retailer) directly to the State, who in turn distributes the funds back to the municipality on a quarterly cycle
- Money received at the end of a given quarter i.e. September 30<sup>th</sup>, is for the preceding three month period (May – August)

# How the Revenues can be Utilized

- Per DOR guidelines, room occupancy, meals excise and cannabis revenue flow directly to Free Cash at the end of the fiscal year
- General Fund Revenues - help offset/minimize an increase to the tax rate annually
- Funds can also be voted out of Free Cash at town meeting to be used for various purposes:
  - Funding town reserves (stabilization, capital stabilization, OPEB trust, offsetting large capital projects, purchasing of vehicles & equipment)
  - Community impact funding

# Town of Great Barrington Historical Data

## Room Occupancy

- Adopted 7/1/2010
- 6% local option tax

## Meals Tax

- Adopted 7/1/2010
- 0.75% local option tax

## Cannabis

- Adopted 10/1/2018
- 3% local option tax
- 3% Community Impact Fee



# Room Occupancy Tax

| Room Occupancy                          | 1st Qtr<br>(Jun-Aug) | 2nd Qtr<br>(Sep-Nov) | 3rd Qtr<br>(Dec-Feb) | 4th Qtr<br>(Mar-May) | Total           |                    |            |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| FY2016                                  | 160,330.96           | 175,416.51           | 74,270.17            | 80,431.34            | 490,448.98      |                    |            |
| FY2017                                  | 163,392.98           | 173,066.92           | 90,190.62            | 90,373.40            | 517,023.92      |                    |            |
| FY2018                                  | 157,166.56           | 171,181.52           | 65,340.08            | 63,929.68            | 457,617.84      |                    |            |
| FY2019                                  | 143,988.73           | 166,711.02           | 78,897.22            | 84,970.13            | 474,567.10      |                    |            |
| FY2020*                                 | 175,855.51           | 226,118.41           | 135,455.26           | 78,690.83            | 616,120.01      |                    |            |
| FY2021                                  | 185,136.91           | 116,974.95           | 102,925.88           | 157,606.72           | 562,644.46      | <b>(53,475.55)</b> | <b>-9%</b> |
|   | \$ 985,871.65        | \$ 1,029,469.33      | \$ 547,079.23        | \$ 556,002.10        | \$ 3,118,422.31 |                    |            |
| FY20 vs FY19                            | 22%                  | 36%                  | 72%                  | -7.4%                | 30%             |                    |            |
| FY21 vs FY20                            | 5%                   | -48%                 | -24%                 | 100%                 | -9%             |                    |            |
|   |                      | \$ (109,143.46)      | \$ (32,529.38)       | \$ 78,915.89         |                 |                    |            |
|   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                 |                    |            |
|   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                 |                    |            |
| *Sales tax on airbnb effective 7/1/2019 |                      |                      |                      |                      |                 |                    |            |

# Meals Excise Tax

| Meals Tax    | 1st Qtr        | 2nd Qtr       | 3rd Qtr        | (Mar-May)<br>4th Qtr | Total           |                    |             |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| FY2016       | 80,658.80      | 77,604.13     | 66,934.95      | 58,529.23            | 283,727.11      |                    |             |
| FY2017       | 79,510.84      | 73,936.72     | 59,573.10      | 57,832.06            | 270,852.72      |                    |             |
| FY2018       | 81,311.22      | 79,068.29     | 59,627.46      | 55,714.84            | 275,721.81      |                    |             |
| FY2019       | 82,317.52      | 76,589.77     | 63,319.73      | 65,898.36            | 288,125.38      |                    |             |
| FY2020       | 82,949.79      | 81,631.32     | 76,470.49      | 40,663.14            | 281,714.74      |                    |             |
| FY2021       | 60,786.87      | 77,280.07     | 53,763.98      | 57,634.31            | 249,465.23      | <b>(32,249.51)</b> | <b>-11%</b> |
|              | \$ 467,535.04  | \$ 466,110.30 | \$ 379,689.71  | \$ 336,271.94        | \$ 1,649,606.99 |                    |             |
|              |                |               |                |                      |                 |                    |             |
|              |                |               |                |                      |                 |                    |             |
| FY20 vs FY19 | 1%             | 7%            | 21%            | -38%                 |                 |                    |             |
| FY21 vs FY20 | -27%           | -5%           | -30%           | 42%                  |                 |                    |             |
|              | \$ (22,162.92) | \$ (4,351.25) | \$ (22,706.51) | \$ 16,971.17         |                 |                    |             |

# Cannabis Revenue

| State Distribution/Local Option tax | 1st Qtr<br>Sept 30th<br>(Jun-Aug) | 2nd Qtr<br>Dec 30th<br>(Sep-Nov) | 3rd Qtr<br>Mar 30th<br>(Dec-Feb) | 4th Qtr<br>June 30th<br>(Mar-May) | Total           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| FY2019                              | -                                 | -                                | 45,661.79                        | 225,798.13                        | 271,459.92      |
| FY2020                              | 357,274.39                        | 415,133.14                       | 406,456.38                       | 247,476.94                        | 1,426,340.85    |
| FY2021                              | 339,967.03                        | 487,927.27                       | 437,916.76                       | 489,940.44                        | 1,755,751.50    |
|                                     | \$ 697,241.42                     | \$ 903,060.41                    | \$ 890,034.93                    | \$ 963,215.51                     | \$ 3,453,552.27 |

| Community Impact Fee | 1st pymt<br>Jul 15th<br>(Apr-Jun) | 2nd pymt<br>Sept 15th<br>(July-Sept) | 3rd pymt<br>Jan 15th<br>(Oct-Dec) | 4th pymt<br>April 15th<br>(Jan-Mar) | Total           |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| FY2019               | -                                 | -                                    | -                                 | 185,807.22                          | 185,807.22      |
| FY2020               | 309,293.37                        | 414,374.51                           | 405,986.23                        | 382,287.76                          | 1,511,941.87    |
| FY2021               | 175,129.46                        | 488,521.36                           | 438,344.73                        | 472,772.27                          | 1,574,767.82    |
| FY2022               | 423,518.91                        | -                                    | -                                 | -                                   | 423,518.91      |
|                      |                                   |                                      |                                   |                                     | \$ 3,272,516.91 |

| Totals               |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| FY2019               | 457,267.14          |
| FY2020               | 2,938,282.72        |
| FY2021               | 3,330,519.32        |
| <b>Total 6/30/21</b> | <b>6,726,069.18</b> |

# Cannabis Revenue: 3% Community Impact Fee

- Community Impact Funding Committee formed in Spring of 2020
- Oversees how the revenue is distributed to various groups, individuals and organizations for the betterment of the community
- Reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Town Manager

# Community Impact Fee (continued)

- \$185,000 voted at June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting in community impact funding
- Funds awarded to:
  - Railroad Street Youth Project
  - Construct
  - Volunteers in Medicine
  - Berkshire South Regional Community Center
  - Berkshire Hills Regional School District

# Community Impact Funding – Looking Ahead

- Voted \$350,000 at June 7, 2021 Annual Town Meeting in community impact funding
- Currently accepting applications through August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Anticipate awarding funding in late fall

5.a.

**Chris Rembold**

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**From:** Timothy Geller <tjgeller1001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 6, 2021 10:33 AM  
**To:** Chris Rembold; Mark Pruhenski  
**Cc:** Janice Kabel; Jane Angelini  
**Subject:** Re: Run for the Hills  
**Attachments:** Run for the Hills Request Letter 2021.pdf; Run for the hills 2021 routes.pdf

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Chris, Mark,

Please find attached:

- Request letter for the GBLC Run for the Hills event on Oct. 10, 2021
- the routes of the the two races

We will attend the Development Review Committee meeting on August 10 at 9 am. Please let us know if this is an in-person meeting or if zoom attendance is possible or preferred. I'm unavailable that morning but Jan Kabel, GBLC President, and Jane Angelini, Treasurer, will attend.

We request to be on the agenda for the August 23 Selectboard meeting to answer any questions the Board may have. We will be communicating directly with the Great Barrington Police Department, the Great Barrington Fire Department, the Great Barrington Department of Public Works, and Southern Berkshire Ambulance re the event. Please let me know if you need further information.

Many thanks for your help with this. We're looking forward to another inspiring run through the beautiful hills of Great Barrington in support of our ongoing conservation mission.

Tim

Timothy Geller  
tjgeller1001@gmail.com  
(413)329-2324

*DRT has reviewed and has no issues/concerns. (CR) 8/10/21*



5 August 2021

Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager  
Members of the Select Board, Town of Great Barrington  
Town Hall  
334 Main St.  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Mr. Pruhenski and members of the Select Board,

The Great Barrington Land Conservancy is in its 29th year as a land trust organization that supports land conservation, community trails, and farm preservation in Great Barrington. **Our projects include the Housatonic River Walk, the Great Barrington Riverfront Trail, Pfeiffer Arboretum on Long Pond Road, Lake Mansfield Alliance & Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest Trails, Great Barrington Trails & Greenways, and Rob's Landing on the Housatonic River at the Sheffield town line.**

Since 2011, the Land Conservancy has sponsored **Run for the Hills 5K/10K**, a 5 & 10 Kilometer Run & Walk event, as a way to strengthen GBLC, our town and local businesses. The event has proven to be successful and has become an annual tradition.

**This year we would like to hold this event on Sunday, October 10th at 9:00 am. The total time for the event is 7 – 11 am, including set-up and take-down. As in the past, the event will be based out of Bard College at Simon's Rock - Kilpatrick Athletic Center. The course takes runners and walkers along a beautiful, winding, and hilly route around Seekonk, Seekonk Cross, and Round Hill Road. Runners start on Alford Road and finish on Seekonk Road.**

MAPS

We have consulted multiple event calendars to avoid conflicts with other local and regional events; particularly Construct's Walk for the Homeless, and the Josh Billings RunAGround and Brock Trot events which take place in the fall. We are concurrently notifying the Police Department, Department of Public Works, and local ambulance services of the event to ensure the route will be safe. GBLC has liability insurance coverage in place for the event. We will also obtain all necessary sign permits.

**At this time we would like to formally request the board's support and permission to hold the event on Sunday, October 10, 2021. We will provide a copy of our insurance certificate for the event shortly. We welcome your questions and very much appreciate your support.**

Sincerely,

Timothy Geller, Secretary  
Great Barrington Land Conservancy



## Chris Rembold

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**From:** Timothy Geller <tjgeller1001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 6, 2021 10:44 AM  
**To:** Cara Becker  
**Cc:** Janice Kabel; Jane Angelini; Chris Rembold  
**Subject:** Fwd: Run for the Hills  
**Attachments:** Run for the Hills Request Letter 2021.pdf; Run for the hills 2021 routes.pdf

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Hi, Cara. I hope you and the family are having a beautiful summer.

I wanted to give you and the Department a heads up on this and to request an off-duty police officer for the morning of October 10. What has worked well in the past is one officer who changes locations twice:

1. Begins at the intersection of Alford Rd And Hurlburt Rd for 10 K start (9:10) to help stop traffic for race start (Race Starts at 9:20)
2. Moves to the intersection of Alford Rd and Round Hill Rd for 5 K start (9:30) to help stop traffic for race start (Race Start at 9:40)
3. Moves to the intersection of Seekonk Rd And Seekonk Cross Rd (10 – 11 am) to help calm fast moving traffic.

Please let me know if you have any questions and the next steps for this. Thanks much!

All the best,  
Tim

Timothy Geller  
[tjgeller1001@gmail.com](mailto:tjgeller1001@gmail.com)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Timothy Geller <[tjgeller1001@gmail.com](mailto:tjgeller1001@gmail.com)>  
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**Date:** August 6, 2021 at 10:32:45 AM EDT  
**To:** Chris Rembold <[crembold@Townofgb.org](mailto:crembold@Townofgb.org)>, Mark Pruhenski <[mpruhenski@townofgb.org](mailto:mpruhenski@townofgb.org)>  
**Cc:** Janice Kabel <[janice.kabel@gmail.com](mailto:janice.kabel@gmail.com)>, Jane Angelini <[angelini.JS@gmail.com](mailto:angelini.JS@gmail.com)>

Chris, Mark,

# RUN FOR THE HILLS 1K KIDS FUN RUN

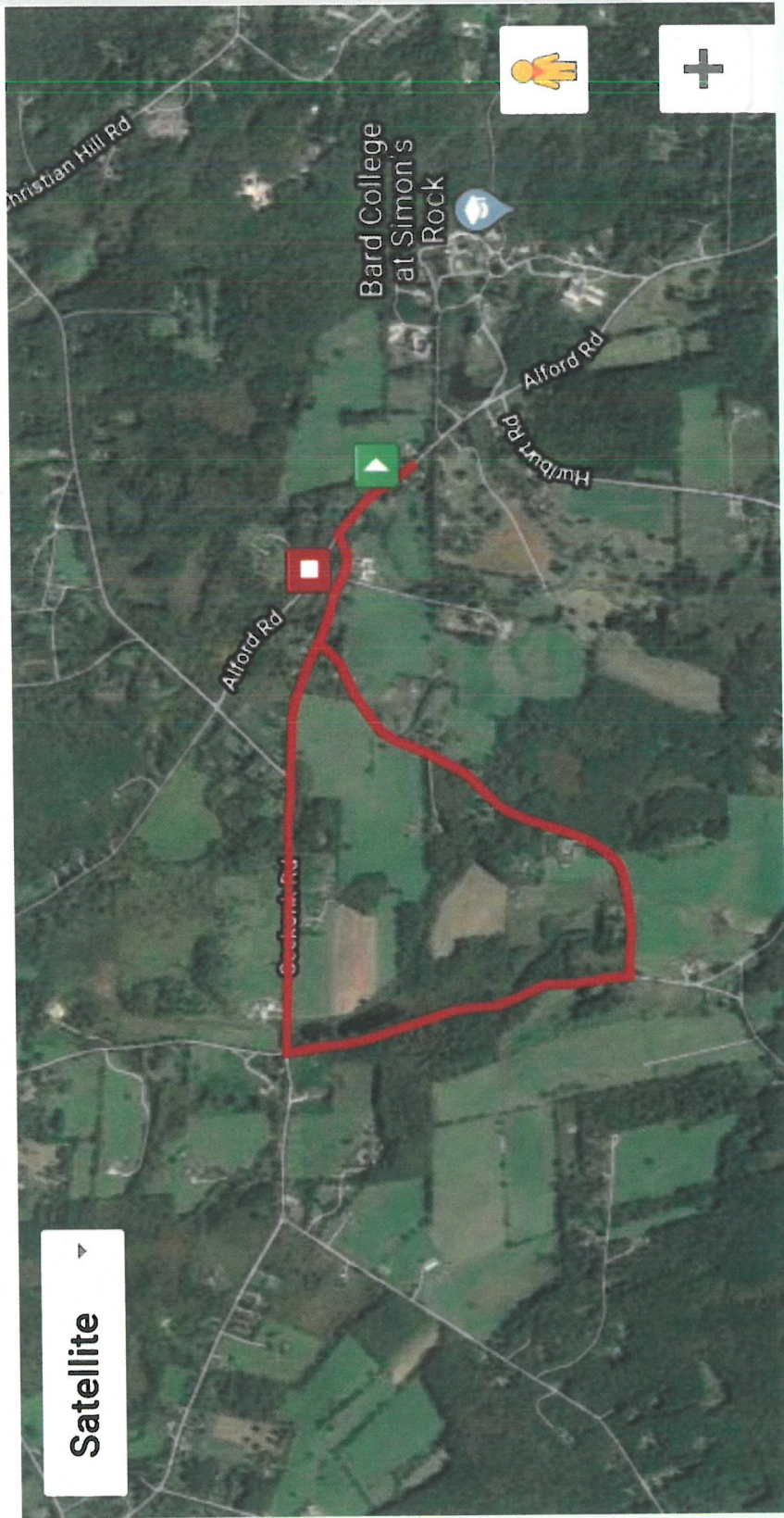


GBLC road race

Sunday October 10, 2021

# RUN FOR THE HILLS 5K RUN & WALK

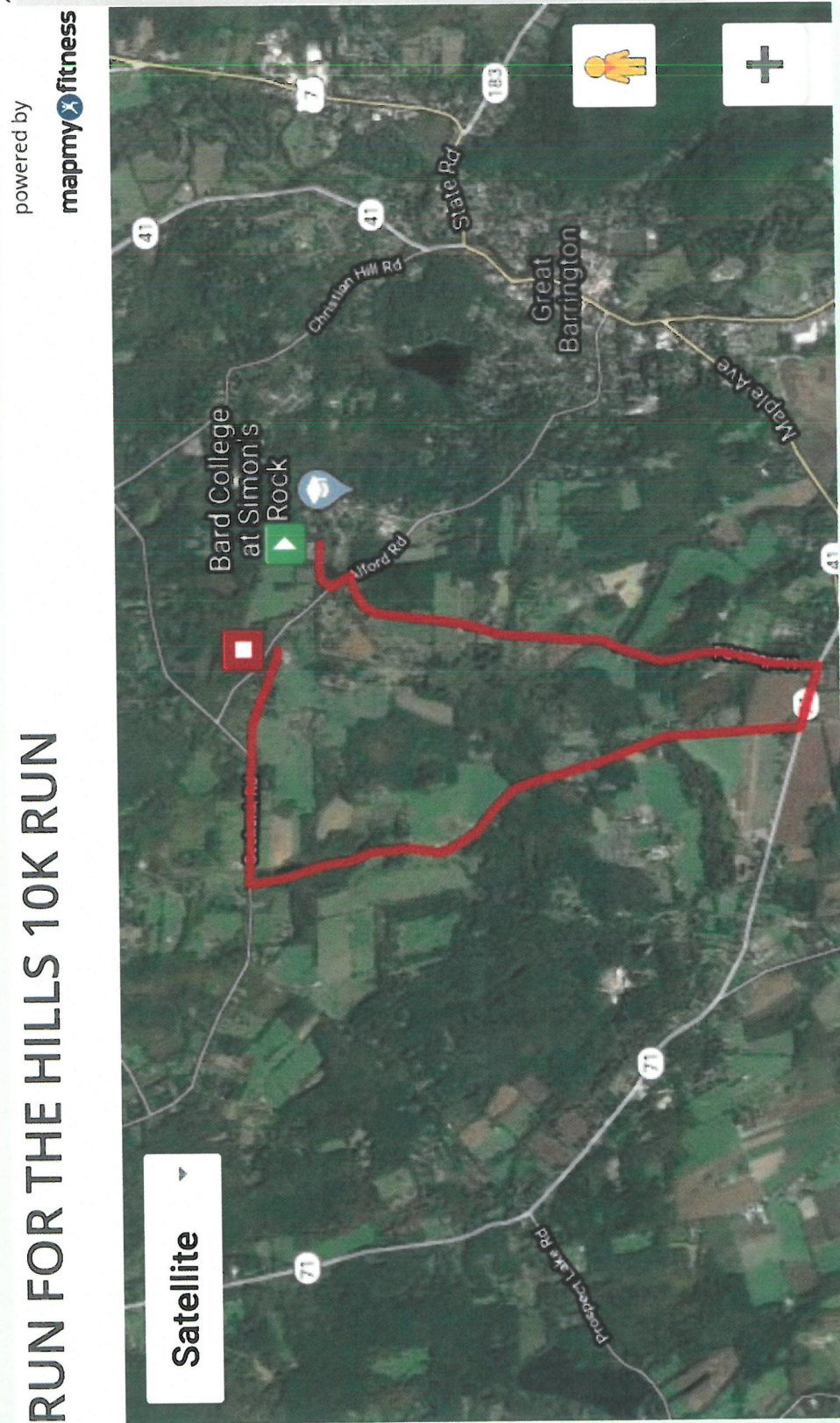
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GBLC road race

Sunday October 10, 2021

# RUN FOR THE HILLS 10K RUN



5.b.

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)

\$275.00 Pd. ck. 6760



**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: KAREN Beckwith Karen.Beckwith@yahoo.com

Organization Name: Great Barrington Fish + Game

Applicant's Address: 338 Long Pond Rd. Housatonic, MA 01236

Telephone Number: 413-528-9556

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

Event: TURKEY Shoots (11 Sunday Shoots)

9/12 / 9/19 / 9/26 / 10/3 / 10/10  
Date: 10/17 / 10/24 / 10/31 Start Time: 12 noon End Time: 6 pm  
11/7 / 11/14 / 11/21 / 2021

Event Address: Same as above

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.

Karen L Beckwith  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR TOWN USE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \$25.00 (per day)



\$25.00 P.D. ck. 6760

**APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE**

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

Karen.Beckwith@yahoo.com

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

Applicant's Name: KAREN Beckwith

Organization Name: Great Barrington Fish + Game

Applicant's Address: 338 Long Pond Rd, Housatonic, MA 01236

Telephone Number: 413-528-9556

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

Event: Relay for Life Event - Shoot

Date: 9/25/2021 Start Time: 12 noon End Time: 6 pm

Event Address: Same as above

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.)
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Karen Beckwith  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR TOWN USE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

5.D.



**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application**  
**\$25.00 per day**

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Amy Rudnick, Event Planner for

Business/Organization: Fairview Hospital

D/B/A (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 29 Lewis Ave, GB, MA 01230

Mailing Address: same Dept. of Community Relations

Phone Number: 413 441-1145

Email: amy@amyrudnick.com

**TYPE:** (Check all that apply)  Concert  Dance  Exhibition  Cabaret  DJ

Live band with up to 5 pieces, including singers  Public Show

Other (please explain) Reception for Fairview Gala

**INCLUDES:**  Live music  Recorded music  Dancing by entertainers/ performers

Dancing by patrons  Amplification system  Theatrical exhibition

Floorshow  Play  Moving picture show  Light show  Jukebox

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L.Chp.140 Sec.183A)

\_\_\_ YES

X NO

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

JUL 29 2021

SELECTBOARD &  
TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Please circle: INDOOR or **OUTDOOR** Entertainment

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): Lawn behind Daniel Arts Center at Simon's Rock for band \*

Date(s) of Entertainment\*: Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021  
\*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)**

- Food
- Temporary Bathrooms
- Tents
- Stages
- Temporary Signs
- Electrical Permits
- Building Permits
- Police Traffic Details
- Street Closures

**ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Amy Rudnick                      7.27.21                      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Individual or                      Date                      SS# or FID#  
 Corporate Officer

**TOWN USE ONLY:**

DRT Review with Conditions: DRT has no issues. (CR) 9/10/21

APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

\* Light show to be projected onto front facade of Daniel Arts Center



Lawn behind building

20x20 catering tent

60x80' tent  
BAND

Daniel Arts center

Light show projected on facade

parking area

Entrance

Alford Road

J.C.

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: Amy Rudnick, Event Planner for

Organization Name: Fairview Hospital

Applicant's Address: 29 Lewis Ave., GB, MA 01230

Telephone Number: 413 441-1145

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

Event: Fairview Hospital 2021 Gala

Date: 9-18-21 Start Time: 6:00 pm End Time: 9:30 pm

Event Address: Daniel Arts Center, Simon's Rock 84 Alford Rd  
GB

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.

Amy Rudnick  
Signature of Applicant

7.27.21  
Date

**FOR TOWN USE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

5.f.



**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
Temporary Sunday Entertainment License Application  
(Local Approval ONLY-State Approval Required Separately)

Hours between 1:00 pm-11:59 pm (\$2.00 per Sunday)       Hours between 9:00 am- 11:59 pm (\$5.00 per Sunday)

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Ch.136 Sec.4.

Name: Amy Rudnick, Event Planner for

Business/Organization: Mahaire Performing Arts Center Gala

D/B/A (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 14 Castle St, GB

Mailing Address: PO Box 690, GB, MA 01230

Phone Number: 413 441-1145

Email: amy@amyrudnick.com

**TYPE:** (Check all that apply)  Concert  Dance  Exhibition  Cabaret  DJ

Live band with up to 3 pieces, including singers  Public Show

Other (please explain) Reception and dinner

**INCLUDES:**  Live music  Recorded music  Dancing by entertainers/ performers

Dancing by patrons  Amplification system  Theatrical exhibition

Floorshow  Play  Moving picture show  Light show  Jukebox

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L. Chp.140 Sec.183A)

YES

NO

RECEIVED  
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

JUL 29 2021

SELECTBOARD &  
TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Please circle: **INDOOR** or **OUTDOOR** Entertainment

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): Memorial Field

Date(s) of Entertainment: **Sunday**, October 10, 2021

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)**

- Food
- Temporary Bathrooms
- Tents
- Stages
- Temporary Signs
- Electrical Permits
- Building Permits
- Police Traffic Details
- Street Closures

**ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Amy Rudnick                      7.29.21                      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Individual or                      Date                      SS# or FID#  
 Corporate Officer

**TOWN USE ONLY:**

DRT Review with Conditions: DRT reviewed and has no issues. CP  
8/10/21

APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

RSYP Building

port-a-potties

Skate park

dumpst

16' x 40'

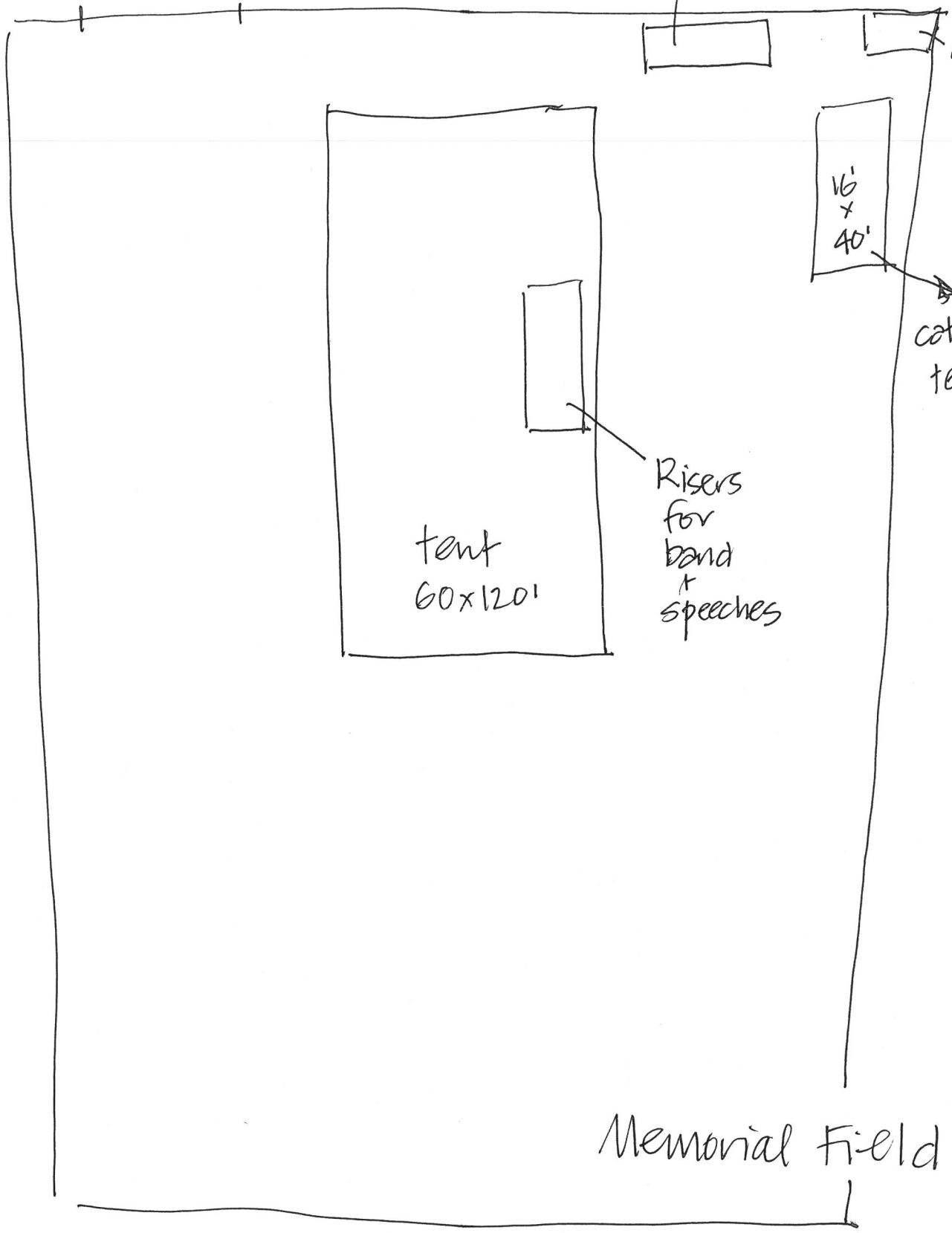
catering tent

Risers for band & speeches

tent  
60 x 120'

Bridge Street

Memorial Field





Town Hall, 334 Main Street  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Telephone: (413) 528-3206  
Or (413) 528-3064

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PARKS COMMISSIONERS

June 24, 2021

Amy Rudnick  
Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center  
P.O. Box 690  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

At its meeting of June 21, 2021 the Parks Commissioners approved your request to change the location of your annual gala dinner from the Town Hall Green to Memorial Field on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. This is a one-time exemption to serve alcohol to invited guests at Memorial Field. The tent will be set up the Friday before and removed the Tuesday, after the free concert scheduled on October 11, 2021.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours

Carolyn Wichmann  
Clerk

Parks and Recreation Commissioners

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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: Amy Rudnick, Event Planner for  
Organization Name: Maine Performing Arts Center  
Applicant's Address: 14 Castle St., PO Box 690, GB, MA 01230  
Telephone Number: 413 441-1145

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

Event: Maine Gala  
Date: Sun, 10-10-21 Start Time: 5pm End Time: 8pm  
Event Address: Memorial Field, GB

Is the Event on Town property? YES NO Parks + Rec Board approved alcohol for this event.

- 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. Parks approved

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.

Amy Rudnick  
Signature of Applicant

7.29.21  
Date

**FOR TOWN USE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

J.h.



**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON**  
**Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application**  
**\$25.00 per day**

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Janis Markanson, Executive Director

Business/Organization: Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc.

D/B/A (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 244 Main St., Gt Barrington, MA 01230

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 690, Gt Barrington MA 01230

Phone Number: 413/644-9040 x 106

Email: janis@mahaiwe.org

**TYPE:** (Check all that apply)  Concert  Dance  Exhibition  Cabaret  DJ

Live band with up to 10 pieces, including singers  Public Show

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUDES:**  Live music  Recorded music  Dancing by entertainers/ performers

Dancing by patrons  Amplification system  Theatrical exhibition

Floorshow  Play  Moving picture show  Light show  Jukebox

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L.Chp.140 Sec.183A)

\_\_\_ YES

NO



Please circle: INDOOR or **OUTDOOR** Entertainment

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): Memorial Field ball field -  
outfield grass, using tent from 10/10 event

Date(s) of Entertainment\*: 10/11/21  
\*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 2:00-4:00 pm

**Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)**

- Food
- Temporary Bathrooms
- Tents
- Stages
- Temporary Signs
- Electrical Permits
- Building Permits
- Police Traffic Details
- Street Closures

**ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Janis Mat...  
Signature of Individual or  
Corporate Officer

7/27/21  
Date

57.1140453  
SS# or FID#

**TOWN USE ONLY:**

DRT Review with Conditions: DRT has no issues. (CR) 8/10/21

APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

RSYP Building

Skate park

port-o-potties

dumps

16' x 40'

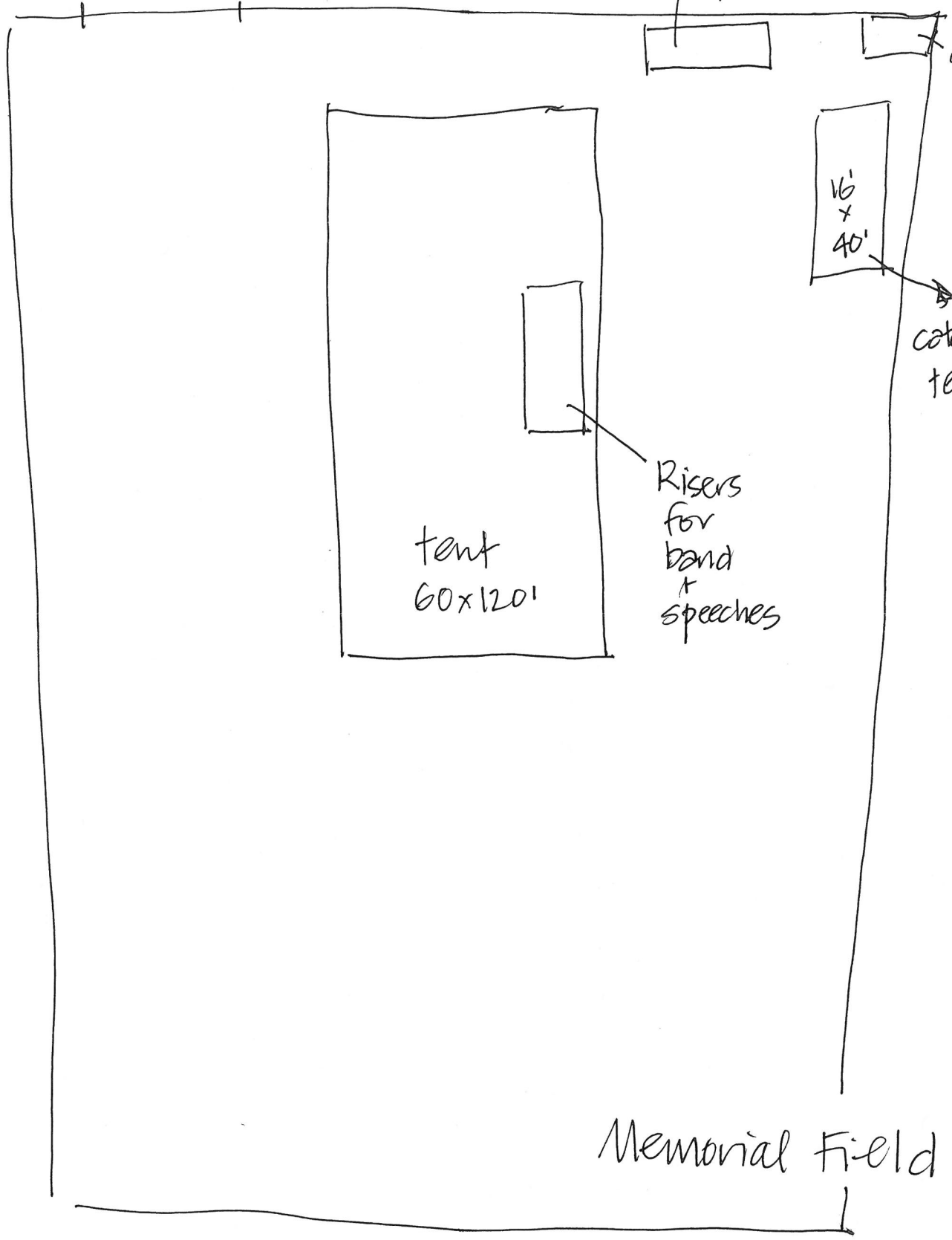
catering tent

Risers for band + speeches

tent 60x120'

Bridge Street

Memorial Field





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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PARKS COMMISSIONERS

June 24, 2021

Diane Wortis  
Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center  
P.O. Box 690  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

At its meeting of June 21, 2021 the Parks Commissioners approved your request to use Memorial Field for a free concert by Corey Zink, classic country and bluegrass band on October 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The tent will be set up the Friday before and removed the Tuesday following the event.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours

Carolyn Wichmann

Clerk

Parks and Recreation Commissioners

J. i.

# JOSH BILLINGS



## RUNAGROUND TRIATHLON

July 18, 2021

To the Board of Selectmen and Chief Storti,

I am aware that the bridge on State Rd crossing the Housatonic River is under construction and only one lane is passable. Since this is the main route of the Josh through the town of Great Barrington I would like to propose a solution that will make the narrow route workable.

I propose that the Josh has a controlled start from the Price Chopper lot to just past the bridge. All bikers would remain in a line behind a vehicle that will drive at 15-18mph and no bikers will be allowed to pass the pace car or any other biker during this time. We used this same procedure when we did a controlled start several years ago from the Great Barrington airport.

I would also like to request permission to use both lanes on the Taconic Street hill since the field of riders will not be strung out by the time the first several packs reach the first climb on Taconic Street. Normally we follow the 'yellow line' rule (bikers must ride on the correct side of the road and not cross the yellow line) from Great Barrington to Lenox. This will allow the bikers to sort themselves out into smaller groups on that first big climb.

Fortunately, the downtown portion of the race in Great Barrington is right at the start so that the bikers will be through and gone in a very short time.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue, people are very excited to be back in the Josh and safety of all the athletes is our main focus. Please email or call me with any questions and I am planning to be at the Selectmen's meeting when the Josh request is on the docket.

Thank you,



Patty Spector, Race Director

[patty@joshbillings.com](mailto:patty@joshbillings.com), 413-329-4886

*DRT reviewed and  
has no concerns.  
CR 8/10/21*



# JOSH BILLINGS

RUNAGROUND TRIATHLON  
BIKE 27 MILES • PADDLE 5 MILES • RUN 6 MILES



July 18, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Patty Spector, Race Director  
RE: The 45th Annual Great Josh Billings RunAground

The 45th Annual Great Josh Billings RunAground will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021 and will travel along the usual Josh course from Great Barrington to Stockbridge Bowl. I would like to request permission for the race to utilize your roads on this date.

As in the past, the race will be using local law enforcement as well as the Berkshire County Sheriffs to ensure the safety of our participants.

Please notify me if there are any hazards or road construction that I should be aware of. To ensure the safety of the Josh bikers, I would like to request that any holes or large debris in the roads be repaired prior to race day.

Thank you for your assistance with the Josh Billings race and if you have any questions please contact me at 329-4886 or by email at [patty@joshbillings.com](mailto:patty@joshbillings.com).

The Josh is a 501c3 organization and is proud to be a supporter of the Berkshire United Way and the Berkshire Humane Society.

Best Regards,

Patty Spector, Race Director  
[patty@joshbillings.com](mailto:patty@joshbillings.com), 413-329-4886

G.A.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**


**TITLE:** Participation in a Regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program


**BACKGROUND:** The Town of Egremont is inviting our participation in another application for CDBG funds for a housing rehabilitation program. These programs make 0% deferred interest loans available for low and moderate-income homeowners, so they can make improvements to their homes. This has been a very popular program in years past, and it continues to be much needed. Keeping homes safe and habitable is just as important a strategy of meeting our affordable housing needs as building new housing is.

Egremont and their consultant Bailey Boyd Associates will again take the lead on this one, should it be funded. There will be no cost to the Town of Great Barrington.

Background information on the program is included in this packet.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Selectboard vote to participate in the regional Community Development Block Grant program again this year, and authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Application Form.

**WRITTEN BY:**  **DATE:** 8/19/21  
Assistant Town Manager /  
Director of Planning and Community Development

**APPROVED BY:**  **DATE:** 8/19/21  
Town Manager

## Chris Rembold

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**From:** Alice Boyd <aboyd@baileyboyd.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** Mark Pruhenski; Chris Rembold  
**Subject:** FY21 CDBG Grant Invitation  
**Attachments:** GB Memo and JAF.pdf

**\*\*CAUTION:\*\***

**\*\*This is an external email, be vigilant\*\***

**\*\*\*Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender (and their email address) and know the content is safe\*\*\***

Dear Mark and Chris-

As you know, the FY20 CDBG grant with Egremont as the lead community was finally funded and we are now working with 11 Great Barrington homeowners whose homes will be rehabilitated this year. We also have over 40 Great Barrington pre-applicants on our waitlist and 25 additional homeowners who have completed a full application. Once construction is underway, we'll invite you out for a tour of current projects.

Meanwhile, DHCD has moved the FY21 application due date up, allowing us to submit a request for another \$1.3 million regionally, next month. Great Barrington residents would be the overwhelming beneficiary of these funds.

We would love to continue our work with your residents. As you know, there is no cost to the town and significant benefit.

I've attached a memo to your Select Board to participate in the upcoming grant, allowing us to seamlessly continue the housing rehab program. If the town wishes to be included, please have your Chair sign the Joint Authorization Form and return it to me via email.

Thanks very much, and I look forward to taking you or other members of your staff on a tour later this year.

Best,

Alice Boyd

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Alice Boyd  
Bailey Boyd Associates, Inc  
508 430-4499 x1  
[www.baileyboyd.com](http://www.baileyboyd.com)



## Memorandum

**To:** Great Barrington Select Board  
**CC:** Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager  
Chris Rembold, Town Planner  
**From:** Alice Boyd, Bailey Boyd Associates, Inc.  
**Subject:** Participation in FY21 Egremont Regional CDBG Grant  
**Date:** August 4, 2021

On behalf of the Town of Egremont, I am writing to invite the Town of Great Barrington to participate in a regional Community Development Block Grant again this year. We will be applying for additional housing rehabilitation funds to meet the exceedingly long wait list of residents, most of whom are from Great Barrington.

Our regional FY20 grant was funded late this spring, providing \$1.3m that will benefit 26 homes, at least half of which are in Great Barrington.

### The Housing Rehabilitation Program:

The Regional Housing Rehab Program will fund 26 households with a 0% interest deferred payment forgivable loan, making repairs of up to \$40,000 to keep low and moderate-income residents in their homes. Code repairs, weatherization and health and safety violations will be the priority of the program, along with handicap accessibility. All applicants are accepted regionally on a first come/first served basis, although we have allocated a large number of slots for Great Barrington residents due to the extensive waitlist from your town.

The Housing Rehab program is also an important economic catalyst as most contractors are local. As always there is no cost to the town and an enormous benefit to residents and contractors. I'd be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

If the town of Great Barrington would like to participate in the FY21 regional application, please sign the attached DHCD Joint Authorization Form and email it to me by August 25, 2021.

Many thanks.



MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY 2020

Community Development Fund 2021  
Joint Application Authorization: Great Barrington

CDF-2021-Egremont\*-00006

MUNICIPALITY: Great Barrington

Contact Person:  
Name Mark Pruhenski  
Title Town Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Elected Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Chief Elected Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Chief Elected Official

## Housing Rehab Funds Available!

The towns of Egremont, Great Barrington and Sandisfield have funds available and are seeking applicants for a new regional housing rehabilitation program grant. The funding is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and allows a **0% interest, deferred, forgivable loan** to make critical repairs to your home. This program is designed to improve existing housing conditions of low and moderate-income resident households by eliminating code violations. Eligible repair activities will include, but not be limited to, electrical, heating and plumbing work; minor structural repairs; roof and siding repairs; insulation and window replacement; lead paint and asbestos removal; and handicap accessibility improvements.

### ELIGIBILITY

Preliminary eligibility is defined as homeowner who meets the initial eligibility requirements, as laid out in the pre-application, in order to qualify to begin the housing rehabilitation application process. Final eligibility is determined after the fully completed loan application and all supporting documentation is received, reviewed and accepted by the Program Manager.

Applicants: This program is offered to owner-occupied single-family/multi-family and investor owned units. If the structure is a single-family owner occupied unit, the owner must meet income guidelines of low to moderate income. If the structure contains year round rental units, at least 51% of all the households including rental units/renters must meet these income limits. The applicant must be the property owner of record for the proposed residential structure. *Please refer to the table for income levels based on household size.*

| Family Size      | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Household Income | 47,150 | 53,850 | 60,600 | 67,300 | 72,700 | 78,100 | 83,500 | 88,850 |

### CONSTRUCTION

Structures: The primary purpose of the deferred payment loan program is to bring deteriorated residential units into compliance with all applicable Federal, State and Local codes. To be eligible, a structure or portion thereof must be residential and contain one or more code violations.

How the Program Works: Funds are available so call TRI at 413-645-3448 to request an application. Once you are accepted a Housing Rehab Specialist will conduct a site visit with you and develop a detailed work write-up and cost estimate. The program staff will put your project out to bid, secure multiple bids from pre-qualified local contractors and then you will determine which contractor to use.

The Housing Rehab Program will oversee the contractor and will pay them directly once you, the homeowner, have agreed that the work is done to written specifications.

### FUNDING MECHANISM-DEFERRED PAYMENT FORGIVABLE LOANS

The Housing Rehabilitation Program offers Deferred-Payment Loans (DPFL) to finance the rehabilitation of eligible projects. The maximum loan is \$40,000 per unit to address code violations. The DPFL is secured by a lien placed on the property for a period of 15 years. The interest rate is 0%. The loan will be forgiven at a rate of 1/15<sup>th</sup> per year. The loans do not require monthly loan payments. If a property is sold or transferred within the 15-year period after rehabilitation completion, the funds will be recaptured on a prorated basis. After the 15-year recapture period expires, the loan is forgiven. This is done so that investors do not use these funds and then sell the home for a profit in less than 15-years.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dawn Lemon at 413-645-3448**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TITLE:** Housatonic Water Works - Next Steps

**BACKGROUND:** The Housatonic Water Works Co. (HWW) is a privately owned utility, regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). HWW consists of roughly 17 miles of mains/pipes, 55 hydrants, and serves roughly 1,400 residential and commercial customers through 800-plus connections in the Village of Housatonic, and portions of Stockbridge and West Stockbridge.

In response to concerns raised by village residents, the Selectboard instructed staff to hire consultants capable of conducting a Phase II study of the HWW system in July 2020.

Our Public Works Department hired two (2) consultants. One to study the existing infrastructure and develop a capital plan and cost schedule (AECOM Engineering), and one to study rates and develop an estimated dollar value of the system (DPC Engineering). AECOM presented their findings to the Selectboard at a public meeting held on July 12, 2021. DPC Engineering presented their findings to the Selectboard at a public meeting on August 9, 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Now that we have a significant amount of information available to us related to the capital needs/costs for improving the quality of drinking water and providing adequate volume and pressure for fire protection, staff recommends that we take the following steps in this order:


1. Have administration initiate meetings with HWW, the Great Barrington Fire District, representatives from DPU and DEP, our legislators, and seek advice from Town Counsel.
2. Schedule a stand-alone Selectboard meeting with village residents to hear feedback and provide updates and potential options for moving forward.

Since time is of the essence, we suggest this process begin immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Little to no additional fiscal impact other than staff time and legal advice already included in our current operating budget.

**PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:**

**DATE:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Pruhenski/Town Manager

8/19/2021