TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
Selectboard and Housing Authority Joint Meeting
and Selectboard REVISED Regular Meeting

***REVISED: Item 11. f. added–DuBois Sculpture First Look***
via Zoom, Order of Agenda for Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD AND HOUSING AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING.
   a. Roll Call

2. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Vote to appoint Tom Blauvelt to the Housing Authority

3. 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.

4. MEDIA TIME

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

6. CALL TO ORDER SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
   a. Roll Call

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8. SELECTBOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS

9. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT
   a. Housatonic Water Works
b. Division Street Bridge

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS
   a. Great Barrington Land Conservancy, c/o Janice Kabel and Jane Angelini, for the Run for the Hills 5k / 10k Run & Walk, seeking permission to use Town Roads on Sunday, October 16, 2022
   b. Daniel Shankin of Friends of Grove Street Park for a temporary Sunday Entertainment License for Sunday August 14, 2022 from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Park behind Town Hall, 334 Main Street.

11. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Parking Ticket Processing – Chief Storti and Alicia Dulin
   b. Outdoor Dining on Railroad Street- Request for earlier closure of certain parking stalls
   c. Assignment of police officers at polling locations
   d. Vote to appoint election officers for FY23
   e. Vote to appoint Joseph Method to the Affordable Housing Trust
   f. DuBois sculpture first Look presentation

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13. SELECTBOARD’S TIME
14. MEDIA TIME
15. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING
August 22, 2022

Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager

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Dear Ms. Pulver,

I would be very interested in serving out someone's term on the GBHA. I have a solid background in problem solving and enjoy working as part of a team. I understand budgets and the importance of transparency and full disclosure with regards to spending tax dollars. I know how to operate according to the rules of the Open Meeting Laws and the high ethical standards set by the state. I believe my tenure on the Finance Committee and CPA committee would allow me to make a contribution to the Housing Authority.

Please let me know if you need a formal resume or other application. I am away next week and will return on the 25th. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Blauvelt

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**Thomas A Blauvelt, CPCU**
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Wheeler & Taylor Insurance
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July 19, 2022

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

Dear Mr. Pruhenski and members of the Select Board,

The Great Barrington Land Conservancy (GBLC) is in its 30th 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, Riverfront Trail, Pfeiffer Arboretum, and Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest Trails.

Since 2011, GBLC 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 is an annual tradition.

This year we would like to hold this event on Sunday, October 16th. The total time for the event is 7:00 – 11:00am, 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.

We have consulted multiple event calendars to avoid conflicts with other local and regional events which take place in the fall. We will be 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 16, 2022. We will provide a copy of our insurance certificate for the event shortly. We welcome your questions and very much appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Janice Kabel, President  

Jane Angelini, Treasurer

P.O. Box 987, Great Barrington, MA 01230  
www.GBLand.org

DRT has reviewed.  
No issues.
GBLC road race

Sunday October 16, 2022

RUN FOR THE HILLS 10K RUN

powered by
mapmyfitness
GBLC road race

Sunday October 16, 2022

RUN FOR THE HILLS 5K RUN & WALK
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)

X 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: DANIEL SHANKIN

Business/Organization: FRIENDS OF GROVE STREET PARK

D/B/A (if applicable): ________________________________

Address: 76 Grove GB, MA 01230

Mailing Address: ________________________________

Phone Number: 267 240 2192

Email: EVENTS @ jerryday gb . 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**): ________________

Date(s) of Entertainment: **Sunday**, ________________

Start & End Times of Entertainment: ________________

**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.

Signature of Individual or Corporate Officer: ________________

Date: ________________

SS# or H#: ________________

**TOWN USE ONLY:**

DRT Review with Conditions: ________________

APPROVAL DATE: ________________ LICENSE #: ________________

Form Revised 5/12/15
Hi Amy,

Here is that mockup you requested.

I feel like everything is fairly self explanatory:

The bands go in the gazebo
A few booths in the nook by the train tracks
A few tables against the park fence

We’d also love it if we can make off a few spots in the parking lot. Preferably close to the street.
This is for bands to load in and out.

We also have a vendor with a cute VW van, and it would be cute if we can stick them in the outermost spot. We think that will make things look welcoming and fun for people as they arrive.

Thank you!
On Jul 19, 2022, at 1:05 PM, Amy Pulver <apulver@Townofgb.org> wrote:

Start with a screen shot of the area from Google maps or a simple illustration is fine.

Amy Pulver
Office Administrator
IT Coordinator
413-528-1619 ex 2900
apulver@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.
Hi amy, it’s august 14th. 
Would be happy to send an illustration, but I’ve asked a bunch of people for a map of the area and have gotten nowhere. 
Please advise?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2022, at 12:14 PM, Amy Pulver <apulver@townofgb.org> wrote:

Hello Daniel,

We’ll also need an illustration of how you are going to have your event set up. Also, attached is the application however there is no date. Can you please let us know when the event is?

Thanks,
Amy

Amy Pulver
Office Administrator
IT Coordinator
413-528-1619 ex 2900
apulver@townofgb.org

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**From:** events jdgb <events@jerrydaygb.org>

**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 12:18 PM

**To:** Amy Pulver <apulver@Townofgb.org>; Carmen Morales <CMorales@Townofgb.org>

**Subject:** Re: Jerry Day Follow up

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Hi Carmen,

I just wanted to check in about all this. I also wanted to talk about reserving a few parking spots behind city hall for the day of. If we could reserve the five most parking spots against castle street (pictured) that would be great for loading and unloading and things like that.

thanks

Daniel

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On Jul 8, 2022, at 11:29 AM, events jdgb <events@jerrydaygb.org> wrote:

Hi Amy,

Thank you for your time earlier this week. Is there anything else I should do to make sure
everything runs smoothly?

Thanks!

Daniel
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Parking Ticket Processing

BACKGROUND: The police department is responsible for parking enforcement. Once a violation is issued, it’s entered into the IMC software for tracking purposes. On a monthly basis, the police department generates a warrant listing all violations issued by our parking enforcement staff and sworn officers, and submits that report to the Treasurer/Collector’s office. That office is responsible for the collection of fines. If a violation remains unpaid, they notify the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) and request a renewal hold be placed on the owner’s license and vehicle(s) registration. Managing the process of collecting fines, following up on unpaid violations, holding hearings to review appeals, and notifying the RMV, is time consuming and often falls to the low priority list.

To remedy this, I looked into a parking ticket processing service. The Plymouth County Treasurer’s Office has a service that would help us streamline the whole process and it’s utilized by a number of Massachusetts municipalities, including three (3) from Berkshire County.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of outsourcing the parking ticket process is at a minimum $2.00 per violation issued. The maximum is $3.10 per violation if it is not paid and a letter is mailed to the vehicle owner. These fees are deducted from the fees collected from Plymouth County, so we are not billed for the service. Each month we will receive a check for the parking fines collected, minus their administrative fee.

If we purchase a hand-held device for issuing violations electronically in the field, the cost would be a one-time expense for the equipment of $1,152.00 and a reoccurring fee of $22.00 a month for the data service. This cost can be also be deducted directly from the collection fees.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that we utilize this service and transition to using an electronic hand-held device for issuing violations in the field. The service complies with all the
statutory requirements for parking violations and the collection of the fines. Furthermore, I recommend that we consider reviewing our fine structure at a follow-up meeting. A slight increase in our fine schedule, which hasn’t been increased in several years, would offset or cover entirely, any increased expense to the town as a result of this new program.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY: [Signature] Chief Paul Storti

APPROVED BY: [Signature] Town Manager

DATE: 8/5/2022
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Assignment of Police Officers at Polling Locations

BACKGROUND: On June 22, 2022, the election reform law (“The VOTES Act”) was signed into law by Governor Baker. The VOTES Act makes many of the changes from the pandemic permanent (i.e., Vote by Mail and Early In-Person Voting). Changes made to Section 72 of MGL 54 which now charges the Selectboard, rather than person in charge of the police force, with detailing a sufficient number of police officers or constables for each polling location.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend to the Selectboard, per the recently passed VOTES Act, Section 72, to assign a minimum of 1 police officer to the Great Barrington Fire Station (Precincts A, C & D) and a minimum of 1 police officer to the Housatonic Community Center (Precinct B) for all elections. Furthermore, I recommend the Selectboard designate the Police Chief or a police department designee the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability.

SELECTBOARD VOTE

MOTION- Move to approve a sufficient number of police officers, but not less than 1, at the polling location at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections, as required by Section 72 of MGL Chapter 54 which was changed in section 13 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022. Further, move to designate the Police Chief or a police department designee the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability. The Town Clerk will advise the Police Chief on the location and time the officers are needed for every election.
PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY: Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

APPROVED BY: Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager

Date: July 29, 2022
TO: Selectboard

FROM: Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

DATE: August 8, 2022

RE: Election Officers

According to M.G.L. Chapter 54, section 12, the Selectmen shall annually appoint the election officers for each voting place within the town. I respectfully request that the following people be appointed for FY’23:

Judith Arienti
Maureen Avery
Barbara Bailly
Irene Bara
Dallas Bash*
Isiah Bennett
Marilyn Bisiewicz
Elizabeth Budz
Terrance Chamberland*
Christine Coons
Richard Coons
Judith Corbett
Elizabeth Cunningham
Maggie D’Aniello
Jessica Dezieck
Patricia Dymek
Frederick Dymek
William Fields
Denise Flynn
Paul Gibbons
Michele Gilligan
Joseph A. Grochal
Margaret Hassett
Jeanne Holcomb
Patricia Hoskeer
Carolyn Ivory
Laura Keefner
Cathleen Kinne
Kathleen Kotleski
Ethel Kramer
Helen Kuziemko
Matthew Kuziemko
Lois Larkin
Linda Lavoie
Fran Locke
Barbara Louison
Donna MacDowell
Rosemary McAlister
Linda McMeekin
Carol Mead
Madonna Meagher
Theresa Moore
Bruce Morelli, Sr.
Andrew C. Moro
Ellen Murtaugh
Lynn Nettleton
Jennifer O’Connell*
John Passetto
Virginia Passetto
Kathleen Plungis
Frances Premerlani
Larry Premerlani

*New appointments
The Affordable Housing Trust Fund approved the appointment of Joseph Method of 9 Mountainview Avenue, Housatonic to fill the vacancy on the committee. His contact information is tristil@gmail.com

Please update the Affordable Housing Trust page on the town web site to reflect the recently appointed members Ananda Timpane and Krysia Kurzyca and terms.

Thank you

Fred Clark

**Board Members Appointed**

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A Great Barrington Memorial to W.E.B. Du Bois

Several years ago, the Great Barrington Library Trustees approved the placement of a sculpture of W.E.B. Du Bois in front of the Mason Public Library. Sadly, Freke Vuijst, a local resident who initiated that project, died shortly after she received their approval.

A group of locals has taken up the cause and we hope you will join us. A sculpture of Du Bois will celebrate not only his achievements in the fight for racial equality, it will also acknowledge how Great Barrington—with its long abolitionist history and powerful commitment to public education—helped shaped the man Du Bois became.

W. E. B. Du Bois (1868–1963), was born and educated in Great Barrington, becoming the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard and to achieve world fame as a sociologist, historian, and founder of the NAACP. A born leader, Du Bois insisted on full civil rights for Blacks in an era of “gradualism” and backsliding. His collection of essays, The Souls of Black Folk, is a seminal work of African American literature. Controversial in his own time and even in our own, Du Bois is now recognized as a giant of the civil rights movement.
The Center of Our Community

The front of the Mason Library is already a popular gathering place on weekends, where visitors browse among books for sale. But the historic front steps are crumbling and, in repairing them, we see an opportunity to do more — to create a public space, a hub for play, socializing, and performance.

We propose a life-size bronze statue of DuBois, hand on a favorite book, gazing at the new plaza from a marble bench. The statue would be approachable, inviting us to join Du Bois—to sit, visit, read, and learn. Randy Weinstein, director of the Du Bois Center in Great Barrington, recently donated his Center’s extensive collection to the Mason Library: how fitting that visitors will be welcomed to that collection by a statue of the man himself.

African American Heritage Trail

The African American Heritage Trail celebrates various communities in the Berkshires: Elizabeth Freeman is featured, as is the Du Bois homestead and family burial site. We believe the addition of a Du Bois monument on Great Barrington’s main street will further promote the Berkshire’s rich African American heritage. Restaurants, shops, and Inns will benefit, as will other cultural sites—including the new Du Bois Center for Freedom & Democracy (formerly known as Clinton Church Restoration)

Our Process

We will select a sculptor for the project through an open competition. Lauren Clark, a Library Trustee, who is also our board member and owner of the Lauren Clark Fine Arts Gallery, will lead our search committee. We are already reaching out to Black sculptors who are interested in the commission.

Our chosen sculptor will have the opportunity to work at Chesterwood, the Stockbridge museum/home of Daniel Chester French, who created the monumental “Seated Lincoln” on the Washington Mall. The work process will be open to the community.

A Community Project

We estimate that the commissioning and casting of the monument will cost $200,000. Repair and redevelopment of the plaza will cost another $125,000. The GB Select Board has agreed to accept the entire project as a gift and maintain it once our work is complete.

ESTIMATED COSTS

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Electric: 14 Fixtures                    $10,000
Stainless Steel Railing 18 Ft.      $ 5,000
Planters: Grass and Flowers        $ 5,000
structural design of retaining wall $ 3,000

Total                               $323,000

The WEB DuBois Sculpture Project is fiscally sponsored by the Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires (501c3) and all donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made to Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires, or NPC, with this wording in the memo line: Du Bois Sculpture Project.

Checks can be mailed to Du Bois Sculpture Project, P.O. Box 155, Great Barrington MA, 01230.