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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
Selectboard Meeting via Zoom
Order of Agenda for Monday, March 28, 2022, 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. March 7, 2022
3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS
4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Housatonic Water Works
 - b. Update on Paving Projects
5. LICENSES AND PERMITS
 - a. Seasonal Club All Alcoholic Liquor License Renewal for Wyantenuck Country Club
6. PREVIOUS BUSINESS
 - a. Housatonic School RFP – Update on marketing and site visits; Vote extend deadline for proposals from April 27th to June 10th
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Appointment to the Conservation Commission
 - b. BHRSD – Borrowing Authorization for a Feasibility and Schematic Design Study for the Monument Mountain Regional High School

- c. CARE GB – Climate Action, Resilience, and Equity – climate justice / cultural competency training for the Selectboard and trust building with the community, in partnership with Multicultural BRIDGE as part of the Town’s Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) action grant initiatives

8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

- i. *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

March 30, 2022

April 4, 2022-Special Short Term Rental Input Session

April 11, 2022



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Jean M. Lorizio, Esq.
Commission Chairman

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission

2022
Retail License Renewal

License Number: 00032-CL-0464 Municipality: GREAT BARRINGTON
License Name : Wyantnuck Country Club License Class: Seasonal
DBA : License Type: Club
Premise Address: 46 West Sheffield Road Great Barrington, License Category: All Alcoholic Beverages
MA 01230
Manager: Jennie Vandeusen

I hereby certify and swear under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am authorized to sign this renewal pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 138;
2. The renewed license is of the same class, type, category as listed above;
3. The licensee has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes; and
4. The premises are now open for business (if not, explain below).

Jennie Vandeusen
Signature

3/5/22
Date

Jennie Vandeusen
Printed Name

General Manager
Title

Please sign this form only in the month of March and return to your Local Licensing Authority.

Additional Information:



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Housatonic School RFP

BACKGROUND: The Town hosted a second site visit at the Housatonic School on March 17, for parties interested in responding to the RFP. There was a very good response to this site visit. Several teams were there to tour the building. Some even took many hours that day to make detailed study of the building, including collecting measurements in order to create accurate cost estimates. And at least one other group which had not previously viewed the site was there.

In order to provide enough time for these teams to put together solid proposals, staff recommends the Board extend the RFP deadline by 30 to 45 days, from April 17 to June 10. An RFP will amendment would then be issued to all plan holders.

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact.

RECOMMENDATION: The Selectboard vote to extend the deadline for proposals for the Housatonic School to June 10, 2022.


WRITTEN BY:


Assistant Town Manager /

DATE: 3/25/22

Director of Planning and Community Development

APPROVED BY:


Town Manager

DATE: 3-25-22

February 22, 2022

Great Barrington Conservation Commission

334 Main Street

Great Barrington, MA 01230

Re: Application for Conservation Commission Member

Dear Members:

I am writing to request consideration to join as member of the Conservation Commission.

As a full-time resident of Great Barrington, I would like to dedicate time to the important work performed by this Commission to enforce and administer the laws of the state and our community in protecting our wetlands and natural resources.

As most of us who live in the Berkshires, I have a deep respect for the natural world that surrounds us and the importance to maintain and protect it. I have been a lifelong outdoor enthusiast from a young age hiking the Appalachian Trail, later as a Nordic Ski patroller and Boy Scout Patrol Leader to present day, hiking, kayaking and foraging in the Berkshires. In addition, I spent several years as a volunteer environmental activist with Greenpeace and am now involved locally as a trail maintenance volunteer and Trail Steward with the BNRC and recently became a member of the Board of Directors of the GB Land Conservancy.

In meeting with Shep Evans, having participated in an on-line meeting and site walk, and learning of the duties of the members as well as the details of the Wetlands Protection Bylaws, I believe I can provide the time and dedication to this position warranted to fulfill its duties.

I look forward to your reply, welcoming any additional questions, and guidance in the next steps required to join the Commission. Please reply via email, tferris111@gmail.com, or I can be reached at 201-574-3717.

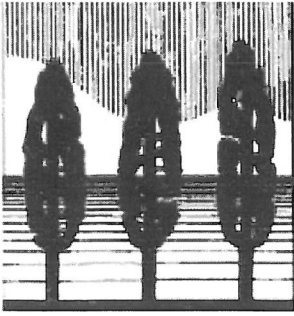
Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Ferris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Ferris

90 Christian Hill Road

Great Barrington, MA 01230



BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREAT BARRINGTON · STOCKBRIDGE · WEST STOCKBRIDGE

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MOTION/VOTE/ORDER

That the Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the “District”) appropriates the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a Feasibility and Schematic Design Study for the Monument Mountain Regional High School located at 600 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the “Study”) said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71 Section 16(d), and the District Agreement, as amended or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Further, that within in seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws.

So voted and unanimously approved on March 10, 2022.

FORMS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBER TOWN MEETING ARTICLE AND MOTION

Article _____. To see if the Town will approve the \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility and Schematic Design Study, for the Monument Mountain Regional High School located at 600 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Building Committee. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Motion _____. That the Town hereby approves the \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility and Schematic Design Study, for the Monument Mountain Regional High School located at 600 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Study”), and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

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From: Chris Rembold
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 3:49 PM
To: Mark Pruhenski
Subject: climate change grant year 2 - trainings for board

Hi Mark,

As you know last year was the first year of our 2-year MVP climate change action grant process. And you might remember that the name of this process is "CARE GB" which stands for Climate Action, Resilience, and Equity.

One of the outcomes of year 1 was identifying the need to make sure key boards and staff have the skills and awareness that will help them carry out their duties in ways that involve, include, and meet the needs of people who often are not part of a government process. These skills and this awareness to blind spots – which we all have simply because of our particular backgrounds – can help us plan more equitably and inclusively.

This year we (our CARE GB core team) would like to revisit the SB and PB (I say revisit because the April 2021 joint meeting of the two boards touched on the above skills), and involve at least the Parks Commission too. There may be others boards that would benefit – really any board that has interaction with, or whose policies and places serve people who are disadvantaged and may be especially vulnerable to the crises brought on by climate change, would be appropriate – but these three seem key. Others might include the COA or CPC for example.

Last year we invited boards and staff to general meetings, but, since volunteers have so many commitments, this did not work too well. Instead, this year we would like to bring the training to the boards directly. We propose 1 meeting each for these boards. Trainings would take 90 minutes, be delivered by BRIDGE, and would occur at a regularly scheduled meeting such as:

March 21 - Parks Comm
March 28 - SB
April 14 - PB

We'd also propose a "meet the staff" event on Earth Day, Friday April 22 at lunchtime or after school.

Let's chat at your next opportunity. Happy to join a meeting with Steve and Leigh too if need be.

Then I can book those dates.

Chris



Christopher Rembold, AICP

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