

**GREAT BARRINGTON STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY AND LIVABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 5:30 pm Eastern
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AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's February 12, 2022 Revised Order extending remote participation by all members in any meeting of a public body, this meeting of the Great Barrington Strategic Sustainability & Livability Committee will be conducted 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, at www.townofgb.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: See instructions at the top of the agenda. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means.

Agenda items:

- Call to order
- Introduction - why you're here and pronouns
- Approval of past meeting minutes
- Discussion on housing affordability with Jane Ralph, Chris Rembold, and Vivian Orlovski
 - See more details below. The discussion will take the majority of the meeting
- MVP Updates and potential letter of support review/vote

- CARE GB/Multicultural BRIDGE event on 5/5
- Compost project update
- Growing Better Great Barrington final report and next steps
- Citizen Speak
- Adjournment

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

Pursuant to MGL 7c. 30A sec. 20 (f), after notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any such recordings. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Additional details on affordable housing discussion:

For the majority of our meeting time, we will have a panel discussion focused on **affordable housing** with Jane Ralph (Executive Director, Construct Inc.), Vivian Orłowski (Chair of the Agricultural Commission and Independent Consultant), and Chris Rembold (Assistant Town Manager / Director of Planning & Community Development at Town of Great Barrington, MA). The purpose of this discussion is to generate conversation regarding the growing crisis of affordable housing within Great Barrington and the surrounding communities, which has become even more heightened in recent years. Jane, Chris, and Vivian will share their perspectives, including what they see as the state of play at the moment, intersecting forces impacting the issue, what is currently being done, and what future efforts could look like.

We consistently as a culture tend towards action (finding a policy option and enacting it, etc); instead, we hope to frame this discussion as one that orients us to the landscape surrounding us, gathering information from experts whose perspectives are informed by their invaluable work within the community. From there, as a committee, we hope to chart a course towards potential solutions that promote affordability, justice, and sustainability within our local housing stock. We encourage everyone to come with an open mind and a kind heart and let's listen together and take a breath before we move towards action. The discussion will be moderated by Natalie Narotzky and Jovanina Pagano, the committee's Chair and Vice Chair.