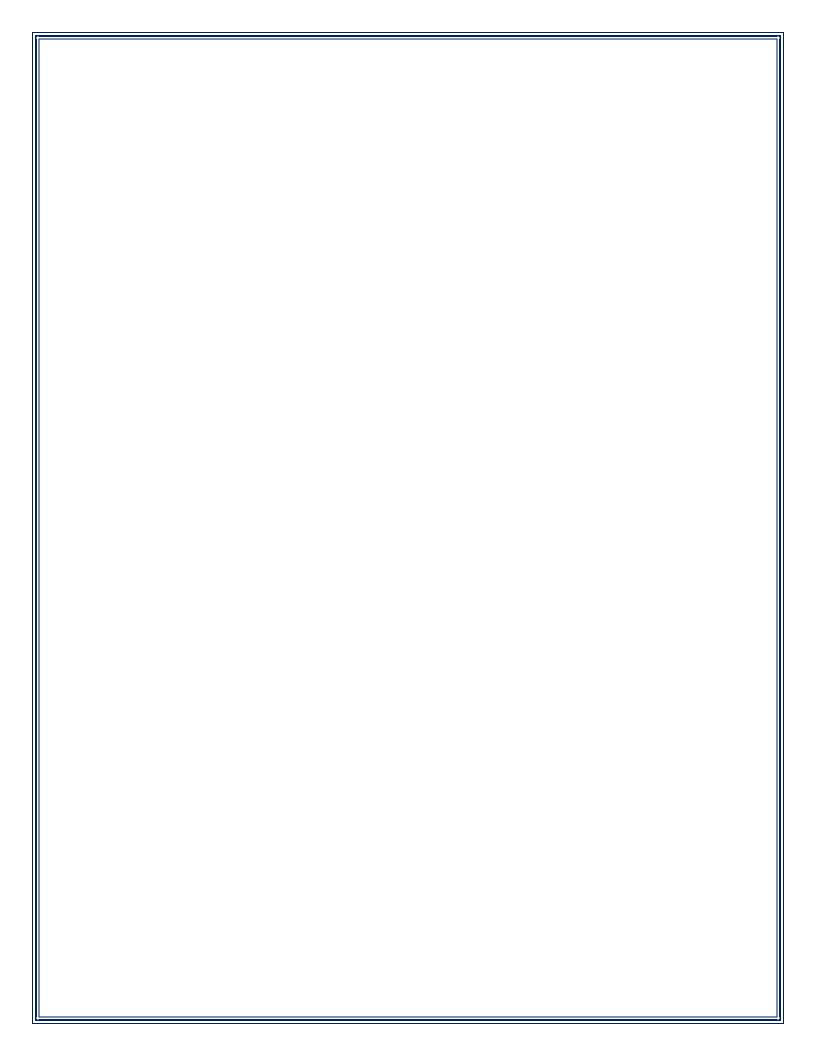
# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2022





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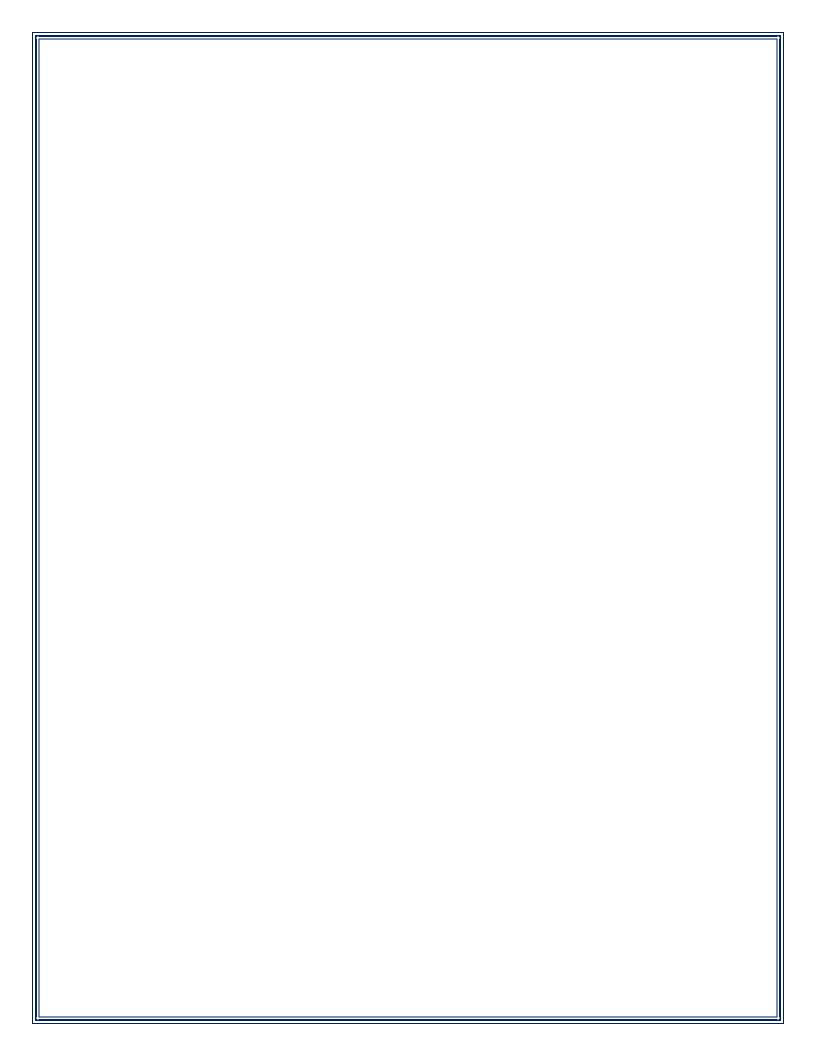
During the year, we were saddened by the passing of former Town Officials

Thomas A. Kinne, Sr Monument Mountain Guidance Counselor July 2, 2021

Dawn C. Barbieri Assistant Director of Ramsdell Library October 4, 2021

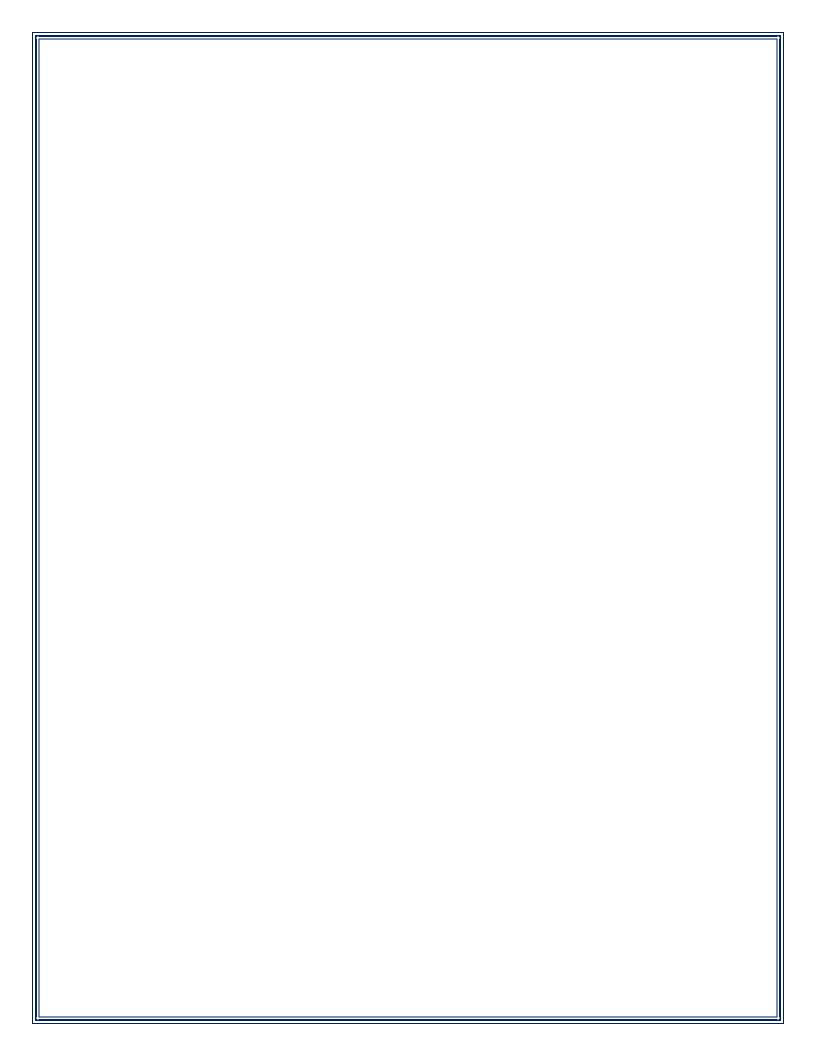
> Michael J. Vincent Fire District Superintendent October 12, 2021

> > Richard Melluzzo Selectboard Member December 19, 2021



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#### FACTS ABOUT GREAT BARRINGTON

Settled 1726

Incorporated 1761

Location Southwest Corner of Massachusetts

Population 6,634 (Annual Town Census)

Legal Voters 5,042

Form of Government Open Meeting form of Government, let by

a 5-member Selectboard

Tax Rate \$14.86 Fiscal 2022

Public Schools Berkshire Hills Regional School District

Police Chief, Two Sergeants, Fourteen Patrol

Officers

Town Highways 91.01 Miles of Roads, 162 Streets

Library Great Barrington Mason Library 231 Main Street

Library Housatonic Ramsdell Library, 1087 Main Street

State Forests 7,264 Acres

Altitude 721 Feet at Railroad Station

Area 45.86 Square Miles

Website www.townofgb.org

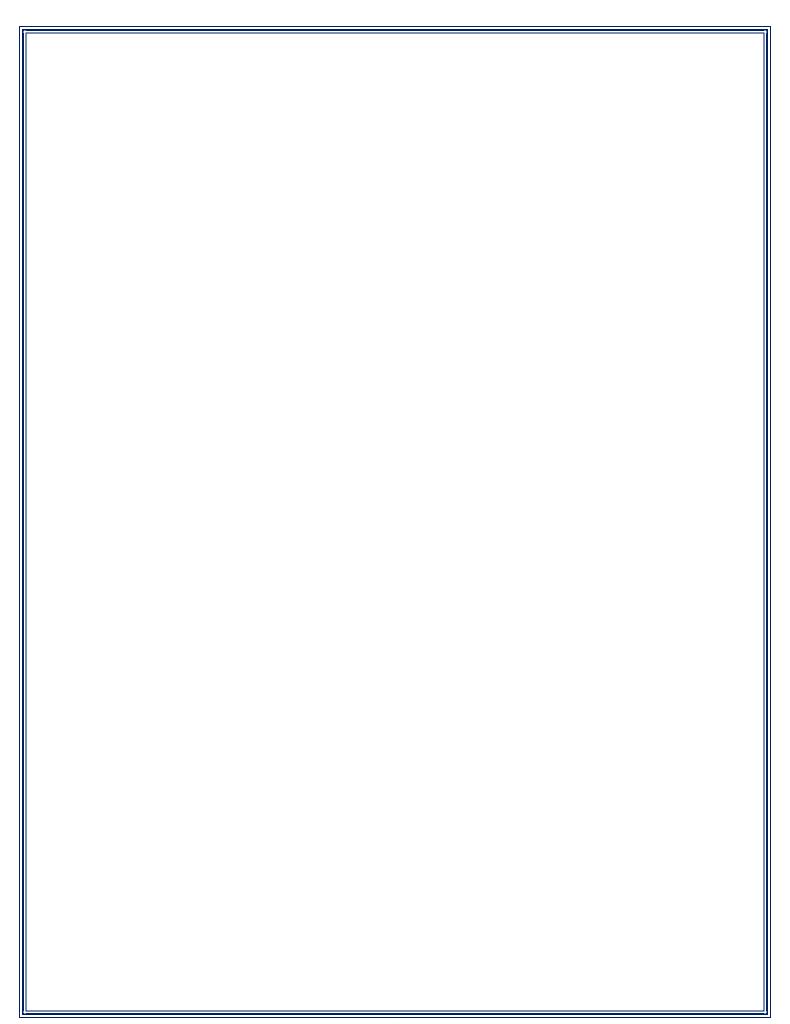
Annual Town Meeting First Monday in May

Annual Town Election Second Tuesday in May

Home of Monument Mountain Regional High School

Home of WEB DuBois Middle School

Home of Muddy Brook Elementary School



# US Congressional Delegation

#### **Governor Charlie Baker**

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444 N. Capitol Street Suite 208 State Office Building
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413-785-4610

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www.neal.house.gov

372 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

202-225-5601

300 State Street Suite 200 Springfield, MA 01105 413-785-0325

78 Center Street Pittsfield, MA 01201 413-442-0946

#### **State Senator Adam Hinds**

Email: <u>Adam.Hinds@masenate.gov</u> 24 Beacon Street, Room 109-E

Boston, MA 02133 617-722-1625

100 North Street Suite 410 Pittsfield, MA 01105 413-344-4561

## State Representative William "Smitty" Pignatelli

Email: Rep.Smitty@mahouse.gov Statehouse Room 466 Boston, MA 02133

617-722-2210

Lenox Town Hall PO Box 2228 Lenox, MA 01240 413-637-0631



# CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard	Term Expires	Housing Authority	Term Expires
Stephen Bannon	2025	John Grogan	2025
Leigh Davis	2025	Eileen Mooney	2024
Edward Abrahams	2023	Thomas Blauvelt	2023
Garfield Reed	2024	Philip Orenstein	2023
Eric Gabriel	2024	State Appointee Membership	Vacant 2024
Berkshire Hills Regional		Library Trustees	Term Expires
School Committee	Term Expires	G. Patrick Hollenbeck	2024
Diane Singer	2024	Christopher Tucci	2023
Richard Dohoney	2024	Lauren E. Clark	2025
Anne Hutchinson	2024	Margaret Heilbrun	2023
Stephen C. Bannon	2022	Carol McGlinchey	2024
William Fields	2022	Ruby Chang	2025
Board of Health	Term Expires	Moderator	Term Expires
Michael Lanoue	2025	Michael Wise	2023
Dr. Ruby Chang	2023		
Peter Stanton	2024	Planning Board	Term Expires
		Brandee K. Nelson	2025
Constables	Term Expires	Jeremy K. Higa	2025
Walter F. Atwood, III	2024	Malcom Fick	2023
John Broderick, Jr.	2024	Jonathan Hankin	2023
		Pedro Rafael Pachano	2024
Finance Committee	Term Expires		
Philip Orenstein	2024	Zoning Board of Appeals	Term Expires
Richard Geiler	2023	Ron Majdalany	2023
Milena Cerna	2025	Carolyn Ivory	2025
Anne O'Dwyer	2023	Michael Wise	2023
Madonna Meagher	2025	Madonna Meagher	2024
		Stephen McAlister	2024
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# CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Affordle Housing Trust	Term Expires	Animal Control Officer	Term Expires
Fred Clark	2023	Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite
William Cooke	2023		
Garfield Reed	2023	Animal Inspector	Term Expires
John Katz	2023	Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite
Ananda Timpane	2024	• •	
Krysia Kurzyca	2024	Assessor, Principal	Term Expires
Vacancy	2024	Ross Vivori	Indefinite
Agricultural Commission	Term Expires	Board of Assessors	Term Expires
Agricultural Commission Vivian Orlowski	Term Expires 2023	Board of Assessors Ross Vivori	<u>Term Expires</u> Indefinite
			*
Vivian Orlowski	2023	Ross Vivori	Indefinite
Vivian Orlowski Krysia Kurzyca Luke Pryjma	2023 2023	Ross Vivori John Katz	Indefinite 2025
Vivian Orlowski Krysia Kurzyca	2023 2023 2024	Ross Vivori John Katz	Indefinite 2025
Vivian Orlowski Krysia Kurzyca Luke Pryjma Christopher Royer	2023 2023 2024 2025	Ross Vivori John Katz	Indefinite 2025

Board of Registrars	Term Expires	Council on Aging	Term Expires
Jennifer L. Messina	Indefinite	Polly Mann Salenovich, Directo Indefin	
Marie Y. Ryan	2023	•	
Linda A. Coons	2025	Cultural Council	Term Expires
Ellen Smith	2024	Patrick Barrett	2024
	_0	Ellen Shanahan	2024
Cemetery Commissioners	Term Expires	Stacy Ostrow	2023
Marilyn Bisiewicz	2023	Elissa Haskins-Vaughan	2023
Walter F. Atwood, III	2023	Allison Zivin	2025
Stephen Bannon	2023	Sherry Steiner	2023
William Brinker	2024	Sherry Stellier	2024
William Brinker	2024	D-1-1: W-1 C 1 4	T E:
Cl. CD	T F :	Public Works Superintendent	Term Expires
Chief Procurement Officer	Term Expires	Joseph Aberdale	Indefinite
Mark Pruhenski	Indefinite	B : 11: G ::	m . r. ·
S		Design Advisory Committee	Term Expires
Commission on Disability	Term Expires	Jennifer Clark	2023
Jeanne Bachetti	2024	James Mercer	2025
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	2024	Stephen Dietemann	2025
Denise Flynn	2023	Jonathan Hankin	2023
Trevor Cobb	2023	JB Brodeur	2024
Vacancy	2025	Vacancy	2023
	<b>.</b> .	-	
Community Preservation	Term Expires	Emergency Management	Term Expires
Thomas Blauvelt	2023	Paul Storti, Director	Indefinite
Jeremy Higa	2023		
Philip Orenstein	2024	Fence Viewers	Term Expires
Patricia Sharpe	2025	Kurt Barbieri	2023
Karen Smith	2023	Bernard Drew	2023
Leigh Davis	2024		
James Mercer	2023	Fire Department	Term Expires
Martha Fick	2025	Charles Burger, Chief	Indefinite
Kate VanOlst	2023	Robert Hammer Jr.	Indefinite
		James Mead	Indefinite
Conservation Commission	Term Expires	Christopher Laramee	Indefinite
Andrew Mankin	2025	Darrell Marks	Indefinite
David Shanahan	2025	Joshua A. Seile	Indefinite
Michael Lanoue	2023	Justin Bona,	Indefinite
Kate VanOlst	2024	Robert Gaughran	Indefinite
Andrew Didio	2025	Joseph Bozza	Indefinite
Thomas Ferris	2024	Iovan deRis	Indefinite
Vacancy	2023	Trevor deRis	Indefinite
vacancy	2023	Kade Groeber	Indefinite
Concernation Agent	Term Expires		Indefinite
Conservation Agent		George Houghtlin	
Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite	Joseph D. Keefner Kevin Learnard	Indefinite
G 1 4 1	T F :		Indefinite
Council on Aging	Term Expires	Adam Mead	Indefinite
David Rutstein	2024	Brian Mead	Indefinite
Maureen Avery	2025	Kevin Norton	Indefinite
Jeanne Holcolmb	2023	Justin Osak	Indefinite
Barbara Bailly	2024	Elizabeth Pevzner	Indefinite
Eileen Gaarn	2024	Matthew Pevzner	Indefinite
Susan Hipwell Morris	2024	Louis (James) Stark	Indefinite
Sandra Larkin	2024	Kayne Wellauer	Indefinite
Amy Rutstein	2024		
Vacancy	2025		

Five Town Cable Committee	Term Expires	Lake Mansfield Improvemen	t Task Force
Thomas Hatch	Indefinite	Christine Ward	Leigh Davis
Daniel Miller	Indefinite	Dale Abrams	Brandee Nelson
Vacancy	Indefinite	William Meier	Cindy Schoenfeld
v dealiey	macrimic	Andrew I	
Gas Inspector	Term Expires	1 2230 2 11 2	
Robert L. Gennari	Îndefinite	Library Director	Term Expires
Robert Krupski, Deputy	Indefinite	Samara Klein	Indefinite
Housing Authority	Term Expires	Open Space & Recreation Pl	an Task Force
Tina Danzy, Director	Indefinite		ifer Connell
<b>3</b> ,		$\mathcal{E}$	o Rafael Pachano
Health Agent	Term Expires	Kate VanOlst	
Rebecca Jurczyk	Indefinite	Trace various.	
reoccea varezyk	macrimic	Parking Clerk	Term Expires
Health Inspector	Term Expires	Matthew Kollmer	Indefinite
Vacancy	Indefinite	Widelie W Rommer	macmine
v dealiey	macrimic	Parks Commissioners	Term Expires
Historical Commission	Term Expires	Karen Smith, Chair	2025
Malcolm Fick, Chair	2024	Paul Gibbons	2025
James Mercer	2025	Thomas Norton	2023
David Rutstein	2025	Sridevi Reddy	2023
Paul Ivory	2023	Ilana Siegal	2023
William Nappo	2023	Terrance Chamberland	2023
Marilyn Bisiewicz	2023	William Meier	2023
Gary Leveille	2024	Stephen Bannon	2024
Gary Levellie	2024	Julie Anidjar	2024
Historic District Commission	Term Expires	June Punajar	2024
Donald Howe, Chair	2024	Plumbing Inspector	Term Expires
James Mercer	2025	Robert Krupski	Indefinite
Fred Clark	2023	Robert Gennari, Deputy	Indefinite
Abby Schroeder	2023	7 1 3	
Marilyn Bisiewicz,	2025	Police Officers	Term Expires
William Nappo	2022	Paul Storti, Chief	Indefinite
Vacancy	2024	Adam J. Carlotto, Sergeant	Indefinite
, acancy	2021	Timothy Ullrich, Sergeant	Indefinite
Housatonic Improvement	Term Expires	James Bragdon	Indefinite
Angela Lomanto, Chair	2024	Elias Casey	Indefinite
Eric Gabriel	2023	Cameron Forest	Indefinite
Patrick Barrett	2023	Brandon Hammer	Indefinite
Beverly Nourse	2024	Andreas Huertas	Indefinite
Louise Goldsmith	2025	Bradley Lupiani	Indefinite
Daniel Bialowes	2023	Brandon Messina	Indefinite
	2025	Joseph O'Brien	Indefinite
Vacancy	2023		Indefinite
Inspector of Puildings	Term Evnires	Christopher Peebles Terrance Powell	Indefinite
Inspector of Buildings Edwin Mov	Term Expires Indefinite	Samuel Stolzar	
Edwin May Assistant Ruilding Inspector		Victor Zucco	Indefinite Indefinite
Assistant Building Inspector	(vacancy) indefinite	v ictor Zucco	indefinite
Keeper of the Lock-up	Term Expires	Police Officers, Reserve	Term Expires
Paul Storti	Indefinite	Olivia Cobb	Indefinite
		Mitchell Hamilton	Indefinite
		Maximillian Kolb	Indefinite

Regional Transportation	
Advisory Committee	Term Expires
Tate Coleman	2024
Bill Cooke	2024
Deborah Phillips	2023
Sharon Lazerson	2023
Sanitary Inspector	Term Expires
Vacancy	2023
•	
Selectboard & Planning Housin	ng Subcommittee
Leigh Davis	Garfield Reed
Jonathan Hankin	Malcolm Fick
Sign Officer	Term Expires
Edwin May	Indefinite
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Strategic Sustainability & Lival	bility Committee
Dissolved April 2022	
Natalie Narotzky	Jovanina Pagano
John Morrell	Mark Phillips
Aretha Whitehead	1
Interim Accountant	Term Expires
Lauren Sartori,	Interim
Zuaren Surteri,	1111011111
Director of Finance	
and Accounting	Term Expires
Allison Crespo	Indefinite
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Town Clerk	Term Expires
Jennifer L. Messina	Indefinite
Jennifer E. Wessina	macrimic
Town Collector	Term Expires
Alicia Dulin	Indefinite
Alicia Dullii	macrimic
Town Counsel	Term Expires
KP Law	2023
Ki Luw	2023
Town Manager	Term Expires
Mark Pruhenski	Indefinite
Wark I Tulicliski	macrimic
Town Treasurer	Term Expires
Town Treasurer Alicia Dulin	Indefinite
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Tree Committee	Term Expires
Michael Peretti	2024
Gary Frenkel	2024
Julie Anidjar	2024
· ·	2024
Mary Stephen	
Vacancy	2023
Vacancy	2023
Vacancy	2025

Tree Warden	Term Expires
Michael Peretti	Indefinite
Truck Weigher	Term Expires
Paul Storti	Indefinite
Veteran's Agent	Term Expires
Laurie Hils	Indefinite

# W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee Randy Weinstein Gwendolyn

Randy Weinstein	Gwendolyn VanSan
Barbara Dean	Leah Reed
Thasia Giles	Edward Abrahams
Stephanie Wright	Tim Likarish
Rev. Sloan Letman IV	Sara Mugridge
Emily Williams	

Wire Inspector	Term Expired
Theodore Piontek	Indefinite

#### Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate Members for 1 year Term Expires JB Brodeur 2025 2025 Peter J. Most



#### BOARD AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Call of Chair
Agricultural Commission Call of Chair

Board of Assessors As needed

Board of Health First Thursday at 6:30 PM

 Cemetery Commissioners
 Call of the Chair

 Commission on Disability
 Call of the Chair

 Community Preservation Committee
 Call of the Chair

Conservation Commission Fourth Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Council on Aging Last Wednesday at 1:15 PM, Senior Center

<u>Cultural Council</u>

Call of the Chair

Design Advisory Committee

Call of the Chair

<u>Finance Committee</u> Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Town Hall

Five Town Cable Advisory Committee Meets quarterly at 6:30 PM

<u>Historical Commission</u> Call of the Chair

<u>Historic District Commission</u> Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Town Hall

Housing AuthorityCall of the ChairHousatonic Improvement CommitteeCall of the ChairLake Mansfield Improvement Task ForceCall of the Chair

<u>Library Trustees</u> Second Thursday at 5:30 PM, Mason Library

Open Space & Rec. Plan Task Force Call of the Chair

<u>Parks Commissioners</u>
Third Monday at 5:30 PM, Town Hall

<u>Planning Board</u>
Second & Fourth Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Regional Transportation Advisory Comm. Call of the Chair

School Committee Twice a month at 7:00 PM

Selectboard Second and Fourth Mondays at 6:00 P.M.

<u>Tree Committee</u> First Wednesday at 5:00 PM

W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee Call of the Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals Call of the Chair

## SELECTBOARD & TOWN MANAGER

While the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the town in Fiscal year 2022, vaccinations proved to be effective and we transitioned to living with the pandemic during this time. Town buildings began to resume normal operating hours again and we were able to continue maintaining the high quality level of services we normally provide. Meetings continued to be held virtually during this time and attendance and civic participation improved as a result.

Here's a sampling of the priorities as identified by the Selectboard in Fiscal Year 2022:

- Affordable Housing Creation
- COVID-19 State of Emergency
- Housatonic Community Center Improvements
- Housatonic Water Quality Concerns
- Infrastructure Improvements Town-wide
- MMRHS Entrance Improvements
- Pedestrian Safety Measures for Main Street
- Ramsdell Entrance/Accessibility
- Short-term Rental Regulations

In addition to making significant progress on many of the above noted priorities, here are some highlights from this year:

New LED lighting was installed in the Housatonic Community Center and replaced older inefficient light fixtures and bulbs. The building was fully weatherized by caulking gaps, installing weather stripping, and other energy savings measures were completed and funded through a state grant. Roofing insulation was also installed and is predicted to save the town thousands of dollars in fuel in the future.

In response to continued complaints about the water quality in the Village of Housatonic, the Selectboard began meeting with legal counsel to hold strategy sessions and consider all the available options. This work will continue into the coming year and will remain a high priority for the Selectboard and staff.

The Division Street bridge project continued to move forward in FY22 with a final design and received preliminary approval from MA DOT for a one-lane modular structure that was installed in the summer of 2022 and re-opened to traffic in the fall of the same year.

Monument Mountain Regional High School's entrance/exit was improved this year by adding a buffered right-turn lane to improve sight lines for cars exiting the school. The work was completed by MA Department of Transportation contractors. Safety improvements will continue to be implemented in FY23.

Great Barrington's first electric vehicle (EV) charging stations were installed in FY22 during the downtown parking lot reconstruction project.

A complete list of Selectboard priorities and projects can be found on the town's website at townofgb.org. The list is updated twice a year during Priority Planning Meetings which are held in January and June.

Thanks to the assistance of a great staff and the support of town residents we were able to accomplish a great deal this past year and we expect another busy year ahead.

It's been an honor and a pleasure serving the residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic this year and we look forward to serving you in this capacity for many more years to come.

Stephen Bannon, Chair

https://www.townofgb.org/selectboard

Mark Pruhenksi, Town Manager <a href="https://www.townofgb.org/town-manager">https://www.townofgb.org/town-manager</a>



Dismantling of the previous Division Street Bridge

# **ASSESSORS**

Total amounts to be raised by taxation	n	
Total appropriations to be raised	\$36,424,095	
Other amounts to be raised by ta	•	20,876
State & county cherry sheet char		61,643
Allowance for abatements and e	_	305,518
	Total amounts to be raised	\$36,812,133
Total estimated receipts and other rev		φ50,012,155
Cherry sheet estimated receipts	(state receipts)	\$1,227,535
Local estimated receipts	Motor vehicle excise	600,000
zoeur estimateu recespts	Other excise–Meals & Room	555,000
	Penalties & interest on taxes & excise	75,000
	Payment in lieu of taxes	5000
	Fees	370,000
	Rentals	120,000
	Other departmental revenue	85,000
	License & permits	120,000
	Fines & forfeits	22,350
	Investment income	70,000
	Local receipts not allocated	2,025,000
	Enterprise funds	2,434,500
	Community preservation funds	
	Total estimated local receipts	5,675,459
Revenue sources appropriated for		0.47.200
	Free cash	847,200
	Other available funds	420,000
Other revenue sources engrappies	Total available funds	\$1,267,200
Other revenue sources appropriat	Free cash appropriated before 6-30-	\$3,525,000
	19	\$3,323,000
Total estimated receipts & other	revenue sources	\$11,677,194
Total estimated receipts & other	revenue sources	Ψ11,077,174
Tax Rate Summary		
•	Total amount to be raised	\$36,812,133
Total esti	mated receipts & other revenue sources	\$11,677,194.00
		, ,
	Total real & personal property tax levy	\$25,134,939

Tax Rate FY22				
Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	79.75%	\$1,349,084,781	\$14.86	\$20,047,399
Open Space	0.00%	_	_	_
Commercial	15.77%	266,743,811	\$14.86	3,963,813
Industrial	0.85%	14,365,300	\$14.86	213,468
Personal Property	3.63%	61,255,590	\$14.86	910,258
	100%	\$1,691,499,482	_	\$25,134,939
Fire District Tax Rate FY22				
Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	69.61%	\$621,791,427	\$1.03	\$640,445
Open Space	0.00%	_	_	_
Commercial	26.64%	237,932,960	1.03	245,070
Industrial	.54%	4,794,200	1.03	4,938
Personal Property	3.21%	28,650,450	1.03	29,509
	100%	\$815,417,186	_	\$919,964
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Ten Largest Real & Personal Pr Name		ssessed Value	A ma	ount of Tax
1 Great Barrington Real Est		\$15,852,100	Ame	\$235,562
2 Big Y Foods	ale	14,363,300		213,429
3 Powerhouse Square LLC		7,373,300		109,567
4 Stockbridge Road Realty		9,693,300		144,042
5 Individual		6,782,900		100,794
6 KSNS Stockbridge Road	Realty LLC	7,760,300		115,318
7 Individual	ically DDC	6,279,600		96,315
8 Individual		5,940,900		88,282
9 Berkshire Bank		5,884,800		88,448
10 Beech Tree Apartments		5,879,000		87,362

Ross Vivori, Principal Assessor

https://www.townofgb.org/assessor

# DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Following is the unaudited balance sheet as of June 30, 2022. Audited financial statements and other additional financial information is make available on the Town Website as it is received.

Allison Crespo, Director of Financial Services

https://www.townofgb.org/accountant-financial-services-coordinator

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups	as of June 30, 2022	(Linaudited)
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	Gov	Governmental Fund Types	bes	Proprietary Fund Types	ind Types	Fund Types	Groups	Totals
		Special	Capital		Internal	Trust and	Long-term	(Memorandum
	General	Revenue	Projects	Enterprise	Services	Agency	Debt	(yluO
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables:	15,699,340.71	4,726,125.28	4,934,337.07	5,944,405.28		3,675,992.76		34,980,201.10
Personal property taxes	132.860.26							132,860,26
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יין	462,036.22	TO:040:0T						495,564.25
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(57,184.75)							(57,184.75)
Tax liens	562,310.58	6,110.90		101,164.34				669,585.82
Motor vehicle excise	281,717.20							281,717.20
User fees				520,378.69				520,378.69
Utility liens added to taxes				20.872.51				20.872.51
Departments	39 311 91			136 278 43				175 590 34
Departmental	10.11C/CC	1000		C+.0.770CT				+ 1,000,01 TO 000 K k
Due from other governments		144,996.65						144,936.65
Other receivables			16,642.00					16,642.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	262,900.05	3,120.26		24,485.69				290,506.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							19,673,732.35	19,673,732.35
Total Assets	17,408,294.18	4,891,699.10	4,950,979.07	6,747,584.94	0.00	3,675,992.76	19,673,732.35	57,348,282.40
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
liabilities:								
	000							0000
Withholdings	62,998.97							62,998.97
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	562,713.73	11,345.79						574,059.52
Tax liens	562,310.58	6,110.90		122,036.85				690,458.33
Foreclosures/Possessions	262,900.05	3,120.26		24,485.69				290,506.00
Motor vehicle excise	281,717.20							281,717.20
User fees				520,378.69				520,378.69
Departmental	39,311.91			136,278.43				175,590.34
Due from other governments		144,996.65						144,996.65
Agency Funds		•				438 703 06		438 703 06
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Bonds payable							19,673,732.35	19,673,732.35
Total Liabilities	1,771,952.44	165,573.60	3,904,750.00	803,179.66	0.00	438,703.06	19,673,732.35	26,757,891.11
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	458,608.51	554,560.43	3,836,426.86	18,296.38		13,549.20		4,881,441.38
Reserved for expenditures	4,708,000.00			64,600.00				4,772,600.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations			49,273.61					49,273.61
Reserved for petty cash	300.00							300.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit	(2,209.07)							(2,209.07)
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	(41,482.37)							(41,482.37)
Reserved for premiums	7,062.06							7,062.06
Undesignated fund balance	10,506,062.61	1,319,579.34	(2,839,471.40)	5,861,508.90		2,898,911.21		17,746,590.66
Reserved Fund Balance		2.851.985.73				324.829.29		3,176,815,02
Total Fund Equity	15,636,341.74	4,726,125.50	1,046,229.07	5,944,405.28	00.00	3,237,289.70	0.00	30,590,391.29
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	17,408,294.18	4,891,699.10	4,950,979.07	6,747,584.94	0.00	3,675,992.76	19,673,732.35	57,348,282.40

# TREASURER COLLECTOR

The following pages contain a selection of FY22 reports from the Treasurer/Collectors Officer. I am honored to serve the people of the Town of Great Barrington as their Treasurer/Collector and look forward to the upcoming year.

Alicia Dulin, Treasurer/Collector

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# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2022

	Balance		Abatements	Transfers Tax Titles &	Net	Balance
<u>Taxes</u> Real Estate	7/1/2021	Commitments	Adjustments	Foreclosures	Collections	6/30/2022
2022	-	24,318,579.29	(204,994.21)	-	(23,747,521.43)	366,063.65
2021	1,195,976.52	553.15	(60,923.81)	-	(948,654.77)	186,951.09
2020	124,860.26	-	(69,018.62)	-	(92,397.52)	(36,555.88)
2019	47,468.09	-	(36,374.89)	-	· · · · - ·	11,093.20
2018	(0.19)		- 1	-	-	(0.19)
Totals	1,368,304.68	-	(371,311.53)	-	(24,788,573.72)	527,551.87
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D	Balance	G	41	4.12	Not Called the	Balance
Personal Property	<u>7/1/2021</u>	Commitments	Abatements	Adjustments	Net Collections	6/30/2022
2022		916,313.63	(5,751.50)	-	(827,853.39)	82,708.74
2021	50,773.71	-	(3,534.31)	-	(38,288.37)	8,951.03
2020	32,951.45	-	(2,402.36)	-	(23,454.06)	7,095.03
2019	10,144.48	-	(4,027.60)	-	(465.11)	5,651.77
2018	7,610.76	-	-	-	(200.39)	7,410.37
2017	7,153.79	-	-	-	(195.30)	6,958.49
2016	3,927.06	-	-	-	-	3,927.06
2015	2,652.88	-	-	-	-	2,652.88
2014	2,878.42	-	-	-	-	2,878.42
2013	3,201.10	-	-	-	-	3,201.10
2012	1,337.07	-	-	-	-	1,337.07
2011	36.22	-	-	-	-	36.22
2010	34.32	-	-	-	-	34.32
2009_	17.76	017.212.72	(15.515.55)	-	(890,456.62)	17.76
Totals_	122,719.02	916,313.63	(15,715.77)	-	(890,430.02)	132,860.26
	Balance					Balance
Motor Vehicle	Balance 7/1/2021	Commitments	Abatements	Adjustments	Net Collections	Balance 6/30/2022
Motor Vehicle	Balance <u>7/1/2021</u>	<u>Commitments</u> 917,021,58	<u>Abatements</u> (30,074.84)	Adjustments 4,193,18	Net Collections (771,182.33)	6/30/2022
	7/1/2021	917,021.58	(30,074.84)	4,193.18	(771,182.33)	<u>6/30/2022</u> 119,957.59
2022 2021	7/1/2021 - 212,609.35	917,021.58 110,987.31	(30,074.84) (6,869.72)	4,193.18 4,159.07	(771,182.33) (285,399.49)	6/30/2022 119,957.59 35,486.52
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# TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2022 JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30, 2022

STATE TREASURER			TOWN CLERK		
Unrestricted State Aid		834,083.00	Birth Certificates	\$	6,320.00
Veterans Benefits reimbursement		57,443.00	Marriage Certificates		1,859.00
Exemptions to Elderly&Veterans		70,763.00	Death Certificates		8,541.00
State Owned Land	\$	280,459.00	Dog Licenses Fees & Penalties		6,205.00
Room Occupancy Tax		940,036.15	UCC Filing Fees		5,200.00
Meals Tax		330,977.70	Marriage Intentions		2,115.00
Cannabis Tax		2,113,843.95	Non Crimininal Violations		550.00
Other Revenue		3,459,622.71	Tag Sale Permits		205.00
Court Fines		2,536.92	Other		724.40
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	\$	8,089,765.43	Total	\$	31,719.40
TAX COLLECTOR			POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Personal Property Taxes	\$	894,104.36	Permits and fees		2,000.00
Real Estate Taxes		24,618,054.54	Mutual Aid	\$	1,650.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,060,946.05	Insurance Reports		410.00
Interest & Penalties		198,136.09	Detail Admin fees		21,826.55
Collector's Fees		15,994.60	Parking Tickets & Late fees		6,455.00
I & E Penalties		2,050.00	Misc revenue		62.10
Payment in lieu of Taxes		55,327.36	Total	\$	32,403.65
Municipal Lien Certificate		9,771.05		-	,
Research Charges		527.00	BUILDING DEPARTMENT		
Tag Sale Permits		220.00	Building Permits & Fees	\$	338,473.00
Fire District Admin Fees		29,840.00	Weights & Measures	\$	-
Misc. Other		363.85	Total	-	338,473.00
Total	\$	26,885,334.90			,
		, ,	INSPECTIONS ADMIN FEES		
TOWN TREASURER			Gas Inspector	\$	839.91
Tax Liens Payments	\$	167,204.93	Plumbing		1,112.61
Interest on Tax Liens		395,129.12	Electrical Inspector		4,412.60
Earnings on Investments		59,430.76	Total		6,365.12
Misc. Other	_	95,500.00			
Total	\$	717,264.81	OTHER DEPARTMENTS		
			Assessors	\$	500.00
<u>SELECTBOARD</u>			Conservation Commission		2,150.00
Alcohol Licenses	\$	44,357.00	Planning Board		2,000.00
Host Agreement	\$	2,210,809.64	Zoning Board of Appeals		600.00
Other Licenses & Permits	\$	12,205.00	Planning/Community Developmt		1,725.00
Other		3,488.32	Board of Health Inpections & Permits		56,841.15
Total	\$	2,270,859.96	Recycling/Landfill Fees		52,394.12
			Fire Department		62,293.70
<u>LIBRARY</u>			Insurance Reimbursements		42,579.00
Fees		1,265.66	Rent of Town Buildings		111,528.00
Fines		3,371.19	Misc other various depts		
Other	_	500.00	Total	<u> </u>	332,610.97
Total	\$	5,136.85			

# TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2022 JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30, 2022

Total Recepits General Fund	\$ 38,709,934.09
Other Departments	\$ 332,610.97
Revolving Funds fees	\$ 6,365.12
Building Department	\$ 338,473.00
Police Department	\$ 32,403.65
Town Clerk	\$ 31,719.40
Library	\$ 5,136.85
Selectboard	\$ 2,270,859.96
Treasurer	\$ 717,264.81
Tax Collector	\$ 26,885,334.90
State Revenues	\$ 8,089,765.43

Sewer Enterprise Fund	
User Fees	\$ 1,971,486.16
Connection Fees	\$ 28,842.00
Septic Dumping Fees	\$ 306,778.44
Sewer liens	\$ 90,110.03
Interest Income	\$ 14,904.50
Interest on user fees	\$ 22,121.79
Sewer Tax Title Redemption	\$ 4,039.68
Returns & refunds	\$ -
Total Receipts- Sewer	\$ 2 438 282 60

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Dulin
Town Treasurer

#### Salaries and Wages

Weigle Wellauer Wells Wichmann Woodard

Zahner Zanin Travis Kayne

Dakota Carolyn John

Patricia Mary 56,436 752

60,671 42,543 667 10,010

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\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Abrahams	Edward	\$	4,621	Leodari	Talya	\$	50,924
Agar	Eunice	\$	243	Locke	Frances	\$	86
Aheme	Brian	\$	58,677	Lovett	Christopher	\$	6,898
Attarian	Cheryl	\$	23,406	Lovett	Thomas	\$	3,000
Atwood	Marlene	\$	170	MacDowell	Doona	\$	223
Atwood	Thomas	\$	105	Malumphy	John	\$	85,325
Austin	Darryl	\$	69,504	Marks	Darrell	\$ \$	78,414
Avery	Maureen Barbara	\$ \$	1,606	May McMahon	Edwin Sean	\$ \$	68,276 18
Bailly Bannon	Stephen	\$	1,238 4,621	McMeekin	Linda	э \$	940
Barnard	Jane	\$	12,976	Mead	Brian	\$	15,363
Bates	Eastlynd	\$	10,796	Mead	James	\$	11,548
Bisiewicz	Marilyn	\$	86	Mead	Adam	\$	4,605
Blauvelt	Marie	\$	13,036	Merk	Amanda	\$	5,553
Bona	Justin	\$	74,218	Messina	Jennifer	\$	62,999
Bozza	Joseph	\$	3,497	Miles	Brian	\$	57,471
Brogan	Johanna	\$	159	Morales	Carmen	\$	46,616
Brown	Donna	\$	51,024	Morehouse	Brooke	\$	117
Burger	Charles	\$	99,079	Morelli	Bruce	\$	128
Carmel	Susan	\$ \$	108,799	Morey	Jerry Detriels	\$ \$	72,562
Coleman Coons	Tate Linda	\$	4,882 1,246	Nilson Osak	Patrick Justin	ъ \$	64,778 4,840
Coons	Richard	\$	334	Ostrow	Stacia	\$	3,312
Coons	Christine	\$	210	Parise	Dean	\$	55,870
Corbett	Judith	\$	1.101	Passetto	John	\$	86
Couch	Katherine	\$	34,081	Peretti	Michael	\$	7,500
Cunningham	Elizabeth	\$	86	Peters	Jan	\$	47,462
Davis	Leigh	\$	4,621	Pevzner	Matthew	\$	73,315
Dawson	Jacqueline	\$	45,366	Pevzner	Elizabeth	\$	6,140
DeGiorgis	Amanda	\$	67,917	Phillips	Dorothy	\$	10,025
DeRis	Iovan	\$	9,179	Piontek	Theodore	\$	44,347
DeRis	Travor	\$	2,051	Premerlani	Layrence	\$	106
Dulin	Alicia	\$ \$	76,914	Premerlani Pruhenski	Frances Mark	\$ \$	86 132,109
Dupont Dymek	Ellyn Patricia	э \$	51,322 106	Pulver	Amy	э \$	65,142
Dymek	Frederick	\$	86	Reed	Garfield	\$	4,308
Ely	Paula	\$	80,813	Reichman	David	\$	12,808
Evans	Shepley	\$	38,857	Rembold	Chistopher	\$	122,378
Fields	William	\$	210	Richards	Lisa	\$	23,803
Firger	Bruce	\$	600	Rogers	Courtnay	\$	1,500
Francasso	Marilyn	\$	12,294	Roraback	Barbara	\$	2,427
Gabriel	Eric	\$	4,621	Rueger	Colby	\$	47,846
Gaughran	Robert	\$	67,725	Ryan	Marie	\$	528
Gennari	Robert	\$	45,841	Salenovich	Pauline	\$	62,531
Gibbons	Paul Serena	\$ \$	148 941	Saviski	Ned Victor	\$ \$	39,428
Granbery Hammer	Robert	\$	11,683	Scapin Seile	Joshua	э \$	80,165 7,428
Harrison	Laurie	\$	47,931	Shaw	Kimberly	\$	4,937
Harrison	Juliana	\$	6,196	Shepardson	Sheila	\$	86
Hassett	Margaret	\$	171	Shimmon	Ryan	\$	69,278
Hernandez	Frances	\$	39,758	Shimmon	Richard	\$	12,958
Hosier	Timothy	\$	61,677	Shimmon	Michele	\$	66
Hoskeer	Patricia	\$	86	Smith	Karen	\$	9,110
Houghtlin	George	\$	10,227	Smith	Ellen	\$	8,247
Ingram	William	\$	74,776	Smith	Terry	\$	106
Jones	Elizabeth	\$	219 62,654	Soto	Alan	\$ \$	4,122
Jurczyk Katz	Rebecca John	\$ \$	600	Soules Soules	Lee Margaret	\$ \$	53,291 86
Keefner	Joseph	\$	368	Stark	Louis	\$	2,898
Kollmer	Matthew	\$	27,015	Strommer	Carol	\$	59,294
Kotleski	Kathleen	\$	171	Tarnawa	Francis	\$	7,500
Krupski	Robert	\$	12,055	Tarnawa	Christine	\$	86
Kuziemko	Matthew	\$	1,671	Thomson	Charles	\$	70,577
Lagowski	Robert	\$	13,018	Thurlow	Emily	\$	2,883
Lamoreux	David	\$	1,980	Tossavainen	John	\$	86
Laramee	Christopher	\$	74,302	Vallone	Ashley	\$	72,924
Larkin	Steven	\$	77,530	Van Deusen	Sean	\$	82,869
Larkin	Patricia Linda	\$	14,553	Vivori	Ross	\$	86,348
Lavoie Learnard	Linda Kevin	\$ \$	86 4,597	Vogel Warner	Terry Christine	\$ \$	67,856 40,073
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Vendor	T	otal Payments	Vendor	Tot	al Payments
A & A Memorial	\$	12,669.64	Big Y Foods, Inc.	\$	3,997.81
Adams Budz Post 8183	\$	9,000.00	Bilmar Veterinary Hospital	\$	725.25
Aecom Technical Servicies, Inc.	\$	7,472.29	Blackstone Publishing	\$	4,502.37
Aerial Testing Companyies, Company.	\$	2,871.00	Boarden & Remington Corp	\$	7,982.41
AFLAC	\$	37,360.90	Boston Globe, The	\$	20.25
AFSCME Council 93	\$	14,700.49	Boston Mutual Insurance	\$	11,888.40
Aj Virgilio Constructiies, Inc.	\$	7,334.47	Boydco Inc.	\$	1,220.00
Alan Besaw	\$	6,276.16	Budget Blinds	\$	5,135.00
Albany Steel, Inc.	\$		Bulldog Fire Apparatus 2011	\$	68,007.38
Alert Scientific	\$	1,030.00	C ^ C Hydraulics Inc. & Lubrication	\$	716.58
All American Fence	\$	•	C. Hassett Electric	\$	6,036.51
All Traffic Solutions	\$		C.N. Wood Co., Inc.	\$	127,214.26
Allegrone, Inc.	\$		Cabot Risk Stratagies LLC	\$	676.00
Amazon Capital Serviceies, Inc.	\$	6,247.44	CAI Technologies	\$	14,225.00
American Arbitration	\$		Canaan Auto Supply	\$	24,923.20
American Legion Post 298	\$	•	Cardmember Service	\$	4,223.83
American Safety & Supply, Inc.	\$		Carolyn Calandro	\$	1,020.00
Andrus Power Solutions Inc.	\$	,	Carr Hardware	\$	35,931.28
Applied Dynamics Corporation	\$		Carrot Top Industries	\$	5,449.54
Arrow Concrete Products, Inc.	\$	900.00	Castella Waste Services	\$	1,898.53
Arthur P. Jones and Associates Inc.	\$		CCP Industries, Inc.	\$	899.59
Associated Electro-Mechanics	\$		Center Point Large Print	\$	2,243.52
AT&T	\$	863.40	Chadwick-Baross	\$	13,108.59
ATG Patriot LLC	\$	•	Christine Faber	\$	1,640.00
Atlantic Coast Polymeries, Inc.	\$		Christopher Rembold	\$	739.14
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	\$		Chubb & Son	\$	71,770.00
Bacher Corp of Conneticut	\$	1,174.82		\$	21,300.58
Baltazar Contractors, Inc.	\$		City of Pittsfield	\$	18,679.00
Barnwell House of Tires	\$		CIVICPLUS	\$	2,626.00
Barry Wiesenfeld	\$		Colarusso Blacktop Company	\$	29,974.71
BBE Office Interriors	\$		Comalli Group, Inc.	\$	6,889.46
BDP Industries Inc.	\$		Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$	5,025.00
Berkshire Bike & Board	\$		Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$	2,575.00
Berkshire Center for Justice, Inc.	\$		Commonwealth of Massachustts	\$	958.50
Berkshire County Retirement System	\$		Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$	15,899.23
Berkshire County Sheriff	\$		Community Development Corporation	\$	306,000.00
Berkshire County Sheriffs	\$		Community Legal Aid, Inc.	\$	9,000.00
Berkshire Fence Co	\$		Community Paradigm Associates, LLC	\$	8,300.00
Berkshire Gas Company	\$		Community Preservation Coalition	\$	2,875.00
Berkshire Gegional Transit Authority	\$	,	Construct	\$	33,170.43
Berkshire GMC, Inc.	\$	6,157.77		\$	10,000.00
Berkshire Graphics	\$	1,874.68	Corrosion Products, Inc.	\$	4,213.13
Berkshire Health Group	\$	1,558,757.00	County Rainbow Taxi, Inc.	\$	9,480.00
Berkshire Hills Regional School District		18,135,106.86	-	\$	615.00
Berkshire Medical Center	\$		Cranes Outdoor Power Equipment	\$	6,345.61
Berkshire Mountain Spring Water Company	\$		Crocker Communications Inc.	\$	3,504.00
Berkshire Public Health Alliance	\$		Crystal Sheehan	\$	855.00
Berkshire Pulse, Inc.	\$		Cummins Northeast Inc.	\$	3,143.13
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	\$	56,749.32		\$	1,595.00
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	\$	•	CWMars Inc	\$	20,282.50
Berkshire South Regional Community Center	\$	•	Daedalus, Inc.	\$	8,500.00
Berkshire Stump Grinding	\$		Dave Mindell	\$	400.00
Beta Group, Inc.	\$		David Grover	\$	4,000.00
B-G Mechanical Serviceies, Inc.	\$	2,070.00	David Prickett Consulting LLC	\$	52,055.00

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Dobbert Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. \$ 3,400.00 Helen Audino \$ 4,509.	
Dow Jones & Company, Inc. \$ 1,260.00 Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, Inc. \$ 5,500.	00
Dr. David Lotto \$ 2,494.00 High Pressure Systems \$ 1,305.	20
Du Bois Freedom Center \$ 35,000.00 Hillman Consulting LLC \$ 2,000.	00
Eagle Shoe Repair \$ 5,757.08 Hilltop Securities \$ 30,152.	25
Eastern Salt Company, Inc. \$ 167,503.76 Holland Company \$ 5,782.	90
ECO Genesis \$ 2,460.00 Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing \$ 2,680.	
Ed Herrington, Inc. \$ 10,842.72 Housatonic Water Works \$ 50,632.	47
EDM, Inc. \$ 34,378.24 Idexx Distribution, Inc. \$ 1,803.	64
Edwin May \$ 1,025.91 Illinois Library Association \$ 644.	
EG Lahr & Media \$ 18,326.00 Image Tek LLC \$ 745.	
Elder Services \$ 1,000.00 Ingersoll Land Care \$ 11,492.	
Election Systems & Software \$ 813.53 Ingram Library Services \$ 44,408.	
Elizabeth Freeman Center \$ 26,500.00 Integrated Technical Systems, Inc. \$ 2,702.	
Elizabeth Pevzner \$ 1,865.92 Integration Partners Corporation \$ 730.	
Emergency Services Marketing Corp Inc. \$810.00 International Academies of Emergency D \$750.	
Envirosystems Inc. \$ 5,240.00 International City/City Management Asso \$ 1,058.	
ESO \$ 6,270.00 Interpro, LLC \$ 1,060.	
F. R. Mahony & Associates Inc. \$ 939.06 J & J Lock \$ 4,314.	
FASCO \$ 3,065.00 J.F. Mcdermott Co. \$ 1,267.	
Fiber Connect \$ 1,788.00 Jack Gonclaves & Sons Inc. \$ 226,295.	
Fire Tech & Safety \$ 9,935.66 Jeffrey Van-DeVisse \$ 9,017.	
Firematic Supply Company Inc. \$ 1,855.98 Joe Wilkinson Excavating Inc. \$ 29,617. First Congregational Church of Great Barringt \$ 103,445.00 Joel Patterson \$ 1,000.	
Fisher Scientific \$ 10,741.71 John Field Tree Servicies, Inc. \$ 2,800. Foresight Land Services, Inc. \$ 264,537.92 John Guilfoil Public Relations, LLC \$ 849.	
Forest Park Zoological Society \$ 734.00 John S. Lane & Son, Inc. \$ 4,451.	
Four Brothers Pizza \$ 975.00 John's Garage and Autobody \$ 10,962.	
Frederick W. Baehr \$ 5,000.00 Johnson Controls \$ 7,688.	
Friends of the GB Libraries, Inc. \$ 2,000.00 Johnson Ford \$ 3,347.	
Full Circle Technologies Inc. \$ 13,090.00 Joseph O'Brien \$ 3,770.	
Gail Ranzoni \$ 14,801.50 Junior Library Guild \$ 4,272.	
Galls \$ 1,018.37 Jurek Brothers, Inc. \$ 5,438.	
Geiger Computers \$ 600.00 Kaeser Compressors, Inc. \$ 3,973.	
Genalco Inc \$ 1,264.49 KCM Auto Wash, LLC \$ 300.	
Gernal Code Publishers \$ 7,366.17 Kenneth Babcock \$ 4,572.	
Gilmore's Heating, Plumbing & A/C \$ 25,428.96 Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC \$ 35,999.	
Global Equipment Compaies, Inc. \$ 1,494.99 Kinsley Power Systems \$ 921.	
Gorman Group, LLC \$ 2,095.05 KMS Artuaries LLC \$ 1,500.	
Grainger \$ 6,998.30 Kofile Preservation \$ 3,266.	
Great Barrington Agway \$ 1,599.49 Komline-Sanderson \$ 1,006.	81
Great Barrington Fire District \$ 1,009,092.81 KP Law, P.D. \$ 31,717.	78
Great Barrington Land Conservancy \$ 2,000.00 Kwik Print, Inc. \$ 4,702.	90
Great Barrington Sunoco \$ 993.46 Lapinski Electric, Inc. \$ 14,765.	53
Great-West Life Insurance \$ 184,825.08 Larkin Ltd Auto Detailies, Detailing. \$ 5,490.	00
Greenagers \$ 10,150.00 Larochelle Constructioies, Inc. \$ 79,259.	71
Grphic Controls Corporation \$ 712.82 Law Offices of Iris A. Leahy, Esq \$ 28,139.	
Guardian Energy Management Solutions \$ 68,745.00 Lawson Products Inc. \$ 1,632.	
Guardian Uniform and Supply \$ 8,975.48 Lee Audio 'n Security \$ 9,779.	45

Lev Natan	\$	600.00	Network Engineering, LLC	\$ 35,419.00
LF Powers Co., Inc.	\$		New Egg Business Inc.	\$ 952.77
LHS Associates Inc.	\$		New England Aquatic Services LLC	\$ 3,825.00
Library Ideas, LLC	\$		New England Bioassay Inc.	\$ 1,975.00
Lipton Energy	\$		New England Newspapers Inc.	\$ 11,065.82
Litchfield County Fire Chiefs Emergency Plan			Next Generation Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 750.00
LLB Architects, Inc.	\$		Niche Academy	\$ 990.00
LLData Designs LLC	\$		NOFA/MASS	\$ 1,293.00
Locke Lord LLP	\$		Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00
Lorena Fellows	\$		Northeast Fasterns	\$ 1,279.32
Loriann J. Moro	\$	•	Northeast Municipal LLC	\$ 13,813.50
LSSP Corporation	\$		Northeast Rescue Systems	\$ 17,948.00
Lubrication Eng., Inc.	\$		Northeast Slope Mowing	\$ 2,000.00
Macfarlane Office Products Inc.	\$		Northern Tool & Equipment	\$ 2,246.81
Madison P. Biasin	\$		O'Connell Oil Association Inc.	\$ 109,091.94
Mahaiwe Performing Arts	\$		Offfice of Inspector General	\$ 1,190.00
Maher Corporation	\$		Olde Village Monogramming Inc.	\$ 1,951.50
Maintenance Man Association Inc.	\$		Onsolve, LLC	\$ 5,585.00
Marcotte Ford Sales Inc.	\$			\$
	\$ \$		Osterman Propane, Inc. Otis Elevator Company	1,442.53
Mark Pruhenski Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, Ir.	-		Otts Elevator Company Ott to Print Green, Inc.	\$ 8,888.28 449.00
Massachusetts Coalition of Police		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•	\$
	\$		Overdrive, Inc.	\$ 14,483.23
Massachusetts Department of Revenue	\$	259,492.19		\$ 1,072.92
Massachusetts Fire Technologies, Inc.	\$		Perma Line of N.E.	\$ 6,999.75
Massachusetts Library Association	φ Φ		Pittsfield Communications Systems	\$ 21,929.70
Massachusetts Municipal Management Associa		•	Pittsfield News Co Inc.	\$ 1,060.24
Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commissio			Pittsfield Pipers, Inc.	\$ 2,525.00
Matthew W Kollmer	\$		Pleasant and Main	\$ 750.00
Mayflower Valuation LTD	\$		Plimpton & Hills	\$ 614.56
McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solu			PMAM Corporation	\$ 600.00
McVac Environmental Services	\$		Police One	\$ 2,970.00
Meadow Farm LLC	\$		Precise Paving Inc.	\$ 338,965.15
Merch	\$		Precision Autocraft, Inc.	\$ 5,681.53
Metal Promo LLC	\$		Preffered Print Solutions	\$ 1,138.32
Michael T. Quinlivan	\$		Priority Dispatch Corporation	\$ 2,719.68
Microbac Laboratories Inc.	\$		Propet Distributors, Inc.	\$ 2,332.45
Midwest Tapes	\$		Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.	\$ 9,935.00
MIIA Property & Casualty Group	\$		Public Safety Consultants LLC	\$ 6,400.00
Miller's Petroleum	\$		Quill Corporation	\$ 8,667.64
Mirabito Energy Products	\$		R. W's Inc.	\$ 4,207.50
Monument Mountain Regional HS Green Hou			R.I. Baker Company, Inc.	\$ 4,166.19
Motorola, Inc.	\$		Railroad Street Youth Project	\$ 134,559.20
Mount Everett Sanitation	\$	7,157.50		\$ 10,928.88
Multicultural Bridge Inc.	\$		RDM Sofware Consulting Inc	\$ 6,775.00
Murphy & Company	\$		Real Estate Research Consultants	\$ 13,740.00
Music in Common, Inc.	\$	600.00	Reliant Ink, LLC	\$ 1,625.82
N. E. Interstate Pollution Control	\$		Ribco Supply	\$ 1,894.32
Nadine B. Foster	\$		Richard Eldredge	\$ 925.00
Napa Auto Parts	\$		Rifenburg Contracting Corporation	\$ 1,714,506.51
National Fire Protection Association	\$		Ripley Holdings of Massachusetts	\$ 1,050.96
National Grid	\$		Rivistas, LLC	\$ 2,798.05
Native Habitat Restoration	\$	42,601.00	Robert Brainin & Nicola Kean	\$ 4,071.17
Neiwpcc	\$	850.00	Roger Trucking	\$ 6,852.50
Nemcia	\$		Roger Williams University	\$ 1,425.00
Neopost USA Inc.	\$	15,079.17	RP MA Solar, LLC	\$ 213,358.08

S & A Wholesalers	\$ 1 377 89	Tyler Equipment	\$ 828.20
Safety First Fire Equipment Testing	\$	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	\$ 64,415.16
Safety-Kleen Corporation	\$	Ulpian Labs	\$ 3,550.00
Sand Road Animal Hospital, LLC	\$	Unibank	\$ 1,927.00
Sarat Ford Sales Inc.	\$	United AG & Turf	\$ 955.56
Scanlon & Associates, LLC	\$	United Construction & Forestry, LLC	\$ 1,765.66
Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc.	\$	Univar USA Inc.	\$ 31,917.90
Scmidt Equipment Inc.	\$ 145,450.00		\$ 131.96
Sentry Uniforms	\$	US Bank NA	\$ 5,875,794.15
Service Matters LLC	\$	USA BlueBook	\$ 2,881.08
Seward's Tires, Inc.	\$	Valerio Dominello & Hillman, LLC	\$ 28,022.28
Shedman Inc.	\$	Valley Roll-Off	\$ 55,601.29
Shoppers Guide	\$	Valley Veterinary Services	\$ 1,577.05
Silo Media	\$	Vega Americas, Inc.	\$ 1,011.00
Sirennet.com	\$	Vehicle Service Group LLC	\$ 79,449.58
Slack Chemical Company	\$ 10,374.18		\$ 16,325.95
Smartsign	\$	Verizon Wireless	\$ 10,941.33
Souther Berkshire Power Equipment	\$	Volunteers in Medicine	\$ 32,500.00
Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squ		W.B. Mason Company	\$ 11,003.16
Standard & Poor's	\$	Walter A. Baenziger	\$ 3,050.00
Stantec Consulting Service, Inc.	\$	Wanda L. Houston	\$ 800.00
Staples	\$	Ward's Nursery	\$ 7,798.84
State Street Bank	\$	WD Hewins	\$ 6,600.00
Steve's Auto Repair, Inc.	\$ *	West Farm Equipment, Inc.	\$ 1,069.71
Stop Stick, LTD	\$	Wheeler & Taylor, Inc.	\$ 1,649.00
Supass Chemical Company	\$	White Engineering	\$ 43,525.50
Superior Industrial Products Corporation	\$	Win-911 Softward	\$ 660.00
Superior Spring & Manufacturing Company	\$	Witmer Public Swafety Group Inc.	\$ 5,830.43
Symbol Arts	\$	Woodard & Curran	\$ 46,382.00
Synagro Northeast Inc.	\$	Woven Roots Farm, Inc.	\$ 12,500.00
SYNCB/AMAZON	\$	WP Company LLC	\$ 1,300.00
Tate Colman	\$	Xavus Solutions	\$ 1,500.00
Terminix	\$ •	Zoom Video Communications, Inc.	\$ 4,679.60
The New York Times Company	\$ 4,680.00	,	,
Thompson & Johnson	\$ 1,467.94		
Thomson Gale	\$ 4,398.94		
Tighe & Bond Inc.	\$ 236,355.00		
Time Warner Cable	\$ 14,453.84		
TOCE Brothers Inc.	\$ 2,073.90		
Town of Egremont	\$ 10,477.08		
Town of Lenox	\$ 1,470.00		
Town of Monterey	\$ 8,719.96		
Town of New Marlborough	\$ 25,609.16		
Town of Sheffield	\$ 22,325.98		
Town of Stockbridge	\$ 1,843.16		
Town of Tyringham	\$ 5,085.05		
Town of West Stockbridge	\$ 60,574.30		
TPX Communications	\$ 12,848.22		
Traffic Logix Corporation	\$ 1,800.00		
Transcor-IT Haywood Association Inc.	\$ 32,488.74		
TRC	\$ 5,762.06		
Tritech Software Systems	\$ 20,060.58		
Tri-Town Health Department	\$ 5,954.00		
Troy Book Makers, LLC	\$ 2,855.21		
Trupanion	\$ 619.14		

### Police Salaries and Wages

Last Name	First Name	FY22 TOTAL
Bryan	Arnold	\$ 652.24
Kristopher	Balestro	\$ 75,431.03
Cara	Becker	\$ 54,923.34
James	Bragdon	\$ 78,541.86
Adam	Carlotto	\$ 181,585.53
Elias	Casey	\$ 100,000.66
Olivia	Cobb	\$ 13,697.87
Jonathan	Finnerty	\$ 54,592.72
Cameron	Forest	\$ 56,623.84
Mitchell	Hamilton	\$ 65,878.41
Brandon	Hammer	\$ 93,078.83
Paul	Harvey	\$ 1,221.60
Andres	Huertas	\$ 114,096.28
Nickolas	Huertas	\$ 9,102.53
Maximilian	Kolb	\$ 1,386.00
Bradley	Lupiani	\$ 125,617.95
Brandon	Messina	\$ 71,395.80
Joseph	O'Brien	\$ 88,282.27
Christopher	Peebles	\$ 119,715.62
Terrance	Powell	\$ 54,703.11
Craig	Scott	\$ 814.40
Chad	Shimmon	\$ 74,550.30
Samuel	Stolzar	\$ 98,713.80
Connor	Storti	\$ 2,227.17
Paul	Storti	\$ 130,490.63
Robert	Ullrich	\$ 2,239.60
Timothy	Ullrich	\$ 128,740.19
Grace	VanSant	\$ 7,135.68
Victor	Zucco	\$ 105,568.61

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The mission of the Great Barrington Finance Committee is to provide advice and assistance to the Town Manager, Selectboard and other Town officials on financial matters by efficiently identifying, analyzing and making recommendations on financial matters that have a material impact on the well-being of the Town of Great Barrington. Under the Town's bylaws, the Finance Committee "shall consider any and all financial questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town," it shall hold a public hearing before Town meeting on any warrant article that proposes spending money or disposing of any town property, and it "shall meet quarterly to review receipts and expenditures of all its jurisdiction." departments under Massachusetts law, the Town finance committee recommends the budget to the Town meeting, and its approval is required to transfer money from the Town's reserve fund. Highlights of the Finance Committee's work this year are detailed in this report:

The Committee conducted considerable research and discussion of modifications to the eligibility criteria for property tax deferrals under Massachusetts General Law Ch 59, Section 5 Clause 41A (the "senior tax deferral"). This law allows eligible seniors to defer a portion of their property tax until the time when the eligible homeowner is no longer in the home. In its November meeting, the Committee voted to make a recommendation to the Select Board in support of increasing the income threshold from \$20,000 to \$35,000 and to lower the interest rate from 8% to 4%.

The Committee continued clarification on the degree of discretion the Town has for spending amounts received as Community Impact Fees from the Cannabis retailers.

At the March meeting the Committee began its discussion and research into the creation of a separate trust to reserve funds for the Town's liability for medical and other post-employment benefits ("OPEB"). The Committee hopes to provide the Select Board with specific

recommendations in FY 2022.

At the March meeting the Committee voted to recommend the warrant article authorizing an aggregate borrowing (across the 3 BHSRD towns) of \$1.5 million by Berkshire Hills Regional School District to be used for a feasibility study for a new or renovated Monument Mountain Regional High School.

In April the Committee voted to approve several amendments to the proposed FY23 Budget: an increase the Special Article providing funds for student to attend Taconic High School's vocational program from \$70,000 to \$250,000, a \$6,500 increase in the Fire District operating budget and an additional \$70,000 for the Department of Public Works capital budget.

Reserve fund transfers for FY 2020: At the request of the Town Manager and Town Accountant, the committee met and approved a total of \$88,500 in transfers from the reserve fund, \$63,500 for increased fuel and electricity costs and \$25,000 for the Fire Department repair & maintenance budget.

Town Audit: In December, Scanlon & Associates made a presentation to a joint meeting of the Select Board and Finance Committee summarizing the results of the audit of the Town's financial statements for FY 2019 and 2020. Mr. Scanlon described their audit opinion as "clean" with our accounting practices reflecting sound practices.

Meetings: The committee maintained its schedule of the 3rd Tuesday of each month as our regularly scheduled meetings. The Selectboard Chair, Town Manager, and Town Finance Director continued to be regular participants at these sessions.

<u>Budget Meetings</u>: The committee met four times in joint session with the Selectboard throughout the budget process in January and February 2022. In addition, during the year most Committee most meetings include a review of year-to-date budget spending reports.

The committee, along with the Select Board, sent a FY 2023 budget to Town Meeting that included a

5.5% increase in proposed town operating expenses. The town's share of the FY 2023 Berkshire Hills Regional School District budget increased by approximately 2.8% over FY 2022. However, additional funds were available in Free Cash to partially offset these increases, as a result the anticipated increase in the tax rate were reduced.

<u>Finance Committee membership</u>: Two members of the Committee, Tom Blauvelt and Meredith O'Connnor, completed their terms and elected not to seek another term. A third member, Michelle Loubert, submitted her resignation effective at the next election. Anne O'Dwyer decided to resign from the position of Chair and at the November meeting Philip Orenstein was elected to succeed her with

Anne O'Dwyer as Vice-Chair. In May the Committee welcomed newly elected members Milena Cerna and Madonna Meagher; in June the Committee welcomed Richard Geiler as the Town appointed replacement for Ms. Loubert.

<u>Committee Assignments</u>: Finance Committee members participate in other town wide committees. During this year, Tom Blauvelt concluded his term as the Finance Committee representative on the Community Preservation Committee.

Philip Orenstein, Chair

https://www.townofgb.org/finance-committee

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In FY22 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

Fulfill the General Purposes of the Historical Commission to protect and develop Great Barrington's historic resources.

- Submitted letter to the Community Preservation Committee supporting the Ramsdell Library CPA application to restore the windows.
- Submitted letter to the Community Preservation Committee supporting the Clinton Church Restoration project.
- Submitted letter to the Community Preservation Committee for the Congregational Church manse restoration project.
- Submitted letters of support for Monument Mills Revitalization's application for Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for proposed redevelopment of Monument Mills (various c. 1850-1917).

Manage and Care for Town Museum Collection

- Continued archival work of cataloging Historical Commission artifacts that are housed on the second floor of Ramsdell Library.
- Continued work preserving and cataloging the Don Victor photograph collection.

- Daedalus art conservators, Watertown, MA, completed the scheduled annual maintenance of the Newsboy statue and fountain (1895).
- At the suggestion of Daedalus, requested that the Town DPW remove the weedy junipers that threaten the Newsboy statue. This work was not done.

Market Historic Assets: develop programs that heighten public appreciation of the town's rich architectural and historical resources.

- Updated the Commission's smartphone
  Historical Walking Tour of Great Barrington's
  Main Street business district.
- Promoted and distributed the Historical Resource Survey, Phase I.
- Published the book *Great Barrington: Here & Gone*, authored by Bernard Drew with support from Commission members Gary Leveille and Paul Ivory. The book was designed to foster historic preservation by illustrating the historical resources that have been lost to the town through demolition, damage, and neglect. It was distributed through the Great Barrington Historical Society, the Town Libraries, and other non-profits such as the schools and hospitals.

Historic Preservation: promote the preservation of significant structures in town.

 Received CPA funds for the preservation of the Belcher Square Trolley Shelter.

- Supported the Historic District Commission's application for CPA funds for a second phase of the Historical Resources Survey that would focus primarily on non-building structures.
- Participated in preservation program of Clinton Church Restoration, a non-profit group formed to purchase, preserve, and create a program of use for the Clinton AME Zion Church (1886), an important local landmark and National Register site.
- The Commission reappointed Don Howe as its representative on the Community Preservation Committee and thanked him for his exacting

- and time-consuming work during his previous term
- Continued to monitor the status of pending and proposed historical preservation projects related to historical resources in the Town, including Housatonic School, Searles High School, Town Hall, and Ramsdell Library.

Malcolm R. Fick, Chairman

#### VETERANS' SERVICES

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2022 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 39 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2022 Submitted 7/01/21- 6/30/22	Pmt Due in FY 2023 -FY 2022 - 75%
Great Barrington	\$46,229.35	\$34,672.01

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	21
ALS/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	42
DD 214s	38
Request for Grave Markers	40
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	20
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	25
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15
Home and Office Visits	265
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1175

For FY 2022 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. Great Barrington's apportionment towards the FY 2022 DVS budget was \$31,945.38 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

Laurie J. Hils, Director for Veteran Services

#### CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

The goals of the Claire Teague Senior Center are to serve the needs of the senior population of Great Barrington by providing resources such as recreational, educational, social, and nutritional and transportation services.

A. Transportation:

- a. The COA provides trips to medical appointments, pharmacy pick up, shopping, rides to senior center programs and to the senior center congregate site and other recreational trips.
  - i. Total Trips 3481
  - ii. Medical 1589

- iii. Shopping 693
- iv. Riders 140

#### B. Nutrition:

- a. Congregate meals five days per week
- b. Congregate Meals Served
- c. Brown Bags distributed monthly 768
- d. Berkshire Bounty fresh produce as available
- e. Big Y weekly baked goods
- f. Wheel Taylor Thanksgiving Dinners yearly

#### C. Resources:

- a. The senior center offers on going SHINE appointments to assists with Medicare, Medicaid counseling. AARP Tax Aid Program is offered each year for free tax filing.
- b. SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly)

- c. Free Tax Aide over 150 filings and 300 appointments
- d. Estate planning workshops
- e. RMV Presentation placard and Real ID
- f. Mass EDP presentation
- g. Medical
- h. Foot Nurse Monthly
- i. Blood Pressure Clinic monthly
- j. Booster and Flu Clinics

#### D. Social Events:

- a. Cook Out
- b. Musical Performances
- c. Fire Department Cook out
- d. Police Department Cook outs
- e. Theme Party's
- f. Day Trips

#### LIBRARIES

<u>Friends and Trustees:</u> Both the Friends of the Great Barrington Libraries and the Library Trustees continued to contribute many hours raising awareness of the libraries. We greatly value their support and input.

Staff: 2022 saw the departure of two full time staff members. We hired Juliana Harrison to replace YA Services Tech Mandy Merk and, most recently, Samara Klein to replace Library Director Amanda DeGiorgis. The staff have continued to demonstrate excellent teamwork and problem-solving abilities, and Interim Co-Directors Donna Brown and Talya Leodari managed a smooth transition of leadership during the busy summer season.

Notable: FY22 has been both a challenging and exciting time, as the libraries settled into what will be our "new normal". The MBLC-sponsored Hotspot pilot program was a huge hit and we will continue to offer Hotspots to assist the community with its connectivity needs. Virtual programming, especially during the winter months, has continued to be successful with our adult patron base.

Our digital holdings continue to be popular, and we have maintained our subscriptions to the New York Times (including the popular Cooking supplement), the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, Acorn TV, the Great Courses series, and IndieFlix. We have added a subscription to Kanopy to our digital holdings. Our younger patrons continue to have access to Scholastic Teachables and BookFLIX.

The Great Barrington Libraries joined the Massachusetts Library System-sponsored national CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) for our eleventh year. We had 220 registered children who read for 73,577 minutes. This year's theme was "Read Beyond the Beaten Bath" and combined camp, adventure, and skill development. There were weekly ticket drawings and children worked on a sticker puzzles, the progress on which was shared weekly on social media. Both branches participated in this program, which took place in the summer of 2022. In addition, this year we offered the ongoing program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" in which 57 participating children have read 1,857 books so far.

<u>Circulation</u>: The Great Barrington Libraries' total circulation of all materials for FY 2022 was 109,525; of which 63,705 were Adult, 3,750 were Young Adult, and 42,070 were Children's. These numbers represent print, non-print, audio, and video holdings.

<u>Holdings</u>: The total holdings at the end of FY 2022 were 268,871, which includes eBooks and eAudio available through CW/MARS.

- Ramsdell Library holds 18,179 physical items
- Both libraries have access to 185,793 eBooks and eAudio
- Mason Library holds 65,226 physical items

Materials Purchased in FY 2022 for Mason						
Adult Books	1,320	YA Books	213	Children's Books	1,829	
Adult Audio Books	81	YA Audio Books	42	Children's Audio Books	52	
Adult DVDs	212			Children's DVDs	105	
Adult Serials	322	YA Serials	17	Children's Serials	111	

Materials Purchased in FY 2022 for Ramsdell						
Adult Books	543	YA Books	28	Children's Books	323	
Adult Audio Books	31	YA Audio Books	1	Children's Audio Books	2	
Adult DVDs	104		-	Children's DVDs	21	
Adult Serials	164	YA Serials	-	Children's Serials	-	

Hours and Visitors: Although both branches continued to offer the option of curbside pick-up to our patrons, FY22 mostly saw a return to in-person hours. The exception was when we had to close a branch for a day unexpectedly due to staff illness. Mason was open 45 hours/week and Ramsdell was open 23 hours/week, including 3 hours on Sunday. Both branches are open for 5 hours on Saturday. Between the two branches we had 61,709 visitors in FY22.

<u>Programs/Events:</u> The Great Barrington Libraries sponsored a total of 185 events/programs, both virtual and in-person. These programs/events were attended by approximately 2,819 people.

<u>Finances:</u> On July 1, 2021 we had \$27,456.74 in State Aid money. We spent \$10,423.83 and received \$12,793. As of July 1, 2022 we have \$29,825.91 in

that account. This account pays for programs, supplies, and library materials; and is governed by the Trustees of the Great Barrington Libraries. Through fines and fees the Libraries were able to turn back to the town \$3.871.

I want to express my respect and admiration to the Great Barrington Libraries staff and volunteers for continuing to provide the community with free access to books, materials and resources, sometimes through challenging circumstances; and to Interim Co-Directors, Donna Brown & Talya Leodari, for expertly steering the ship. I also want to express my thanks to the Great Barrington Library and Town staff, Friends and Trustees for welcoming me onboard.

Samara Klein, Director

## 5-TOWN CABLE ADVISORY

There have been changes in the in Great Barrington/Housatonic membership during the past year. Jim Brown and Michael Kernan left the area so their seats were vacant. At the June meeting, Dan Miller joined the group. There is still one vacant seat available to any resident of Great Barrington/Housatonic who would like to volunteer. Contact Town Hall if you are interested.

As far as business goes, the committee is preparing for contract negotiations with Charter. The current contract ends February 23. 2022. The next meeting, September 13 in Stockbridge, begins the process of renewal.

CTSB has been doing an outstanding job for the 5 communities but are still concerned about the three channels moving from ch. 16, 17 and 18 to

1301, 1302 and 1303. Many customers either don't know the channels moved or have a hard time finding them. Cable subscribers are a revenue source for CTBS any when a subscriber "cuts the cord" their income goes down.

As part of the negotiation process, the committee issued a survey for residents of the towns. 464 people responded, which is the highest total ever reached from past surveys. The July 30, 2022 Berkshire Eagle had an indepth article by Clarence Fanto about the results of this survey.

The committee asked questions regarding billing practices, price increases, Spectrum's handling and recording of complaints, reception difficulties. The standard reply was that customers should contact Spectrum directly with questions and complaints. Not all our questions have been answered. The current contract states that the committee should receive a report from Spectrum at every meeting. There was no report at the June meeting because "There are no updates at this time. "The committee is still waiting for clarification regarding the dates on customers' bills, the bills arrive very close to the due date and we have asked why this practice continues.

Thomas Hatch

#### PLANNING BOARD

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 the Planning Board held 25 meetings and two special joint meetings with the Selectboard, all through the remote meeting format. Over this period, the Planning Board endorsed 16 ANR plans (subdivision Approval Not Required) that created a total of 9 new building lots. New development applications slowed somewhat, with the Board approving 16 Site Plan Review applications, making recommendations to the Selectboard on two special permits, and issuing two special permits (one for a free standing sign, and one for a new rear lot on Division Street). The Site Plan approvals included permitting one new accessory dwelling unit and several two-family residences.

The Board and the Town Planner drafted several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting, all of which were approved. The amendments included: changes to the floodplain overlay district to bring it into compliance with the

National Flood Insurance Program; changes to how accessory dwelling units are measured; and changes to clarify two-family residential use regulations.

The Board is also represented as follows on other town boards and commissions: Jeremy Higa is on the Community Preservation Committee; Brandee Nelson is on the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force; Pedro Pachano and Malcolm Fick are both on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and Jonathan Hankin sits on the Design Advisory Committee and the Selectboard/Planning Board joint subcommittee on housing. As always I am grateful for the immense volume of work that the Planning Board accomplishes for the Town, and for our recording secretary Kim Shaw, who continues her excellent service to both the Planning Board and the Design Advisory Committee.

Brandee Nelson, Chair

#### PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This Department facilitates and implements the goals of the Town's Master Plan, particularly with regards to conservation, economic development, and housing. We also provide support and technical assistance to applicants, homeowners, businesses, and to Town staff and Boards regarding planning, zoning, and community and economic development matters. The department continues its long time role coordinating the Town Manager's Development Review Team (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief) which provides technical project reviews. This Department also coordinates capital improvement plans and supports the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as many other boards and commissions. Highlights for FY22 include:

We continue to focus our energy on housing and economic development projects, supporting the Affordable Housing Trust's joint efforts with Habitat for Humanity to develop 19-20 homes on North Plain Road. We've applied for grants towards the construction of roads and utilities there. We continue to support other new projects approved by Town boards, such as the new 49-unit affordable housing development that is underway at 910 Main Street, and the redevelopment of the Housatonic School, for which several proposals were received by the Selectboard in June 2022. Work at the former Ried Cleaners continues, where we are seeking additional EPA assistance to determine the exact method to remediate the pollution there so the site can be redeveloped. Also, the Town adopted the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) which funds energy investment for commercial buildings, and completed the Local Rapid Recovery Project, resulting in several initiatives to be undertaken to support downtown businesses.

The Town completed its first MVP Action Grant, which was an intensive process of climate change planning and cultural competency training. The goals of the project included building networks with disadvantaged populations who may be the most negatively impacted by crises and disasters brought on by or made worse by climate change. Parks and open space initiatives this year including publication of a bilingual parks map, and furthering the designs to improve and transform a portion of Lake Mansfield Road into a recreation path. We have also supported the Transportation Advisory Committee's efforts to improve bus service and develop a new shared-ride microtransit system, to be launched in calendar 2023.

This office stepped in to supervise the Department of Public Works for several months until a new superintendent could be installed. Major infrastructure projects were completed on Bridge Street, Bentley Avenue, and the Taconic parking lot, as well as the Old Route 7 multi-use trail along Stockbridge Road.

Much effort was dedicated to supporting the Selectboard's discussions to regulate short-term rental units. The Selectboard ultimately drafted a bylaw which was approved by the June 2022 Town Meeting.

A number of Zoning bylaw amendments were developed by this office and recommended by the Planning Board to Town Meeting. All three articles were approved by the June 2022 Town Meeting.

Christopher Rembold, AICP

# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The CPC is the town board that implements the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which was adopted by the voters of Great Barrington in 2012.

Through the CPA, state and local funds are collected to fund open space, affordable housing, historic preservation, and recreation projects. The CPC is comprised of nine volunteers: two citizens-at-large and one member each from the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks Commission, Housing Authority Board, Planning Board, Selectboard, and Finance Committee. The CPC administers the community preservation fund, writes and adopts a Community Preservation Plan based on community input, receives proposals from the community for expenditures from the fund, and recommends projects to Town Meeting to be considered for funding. The voters at Town Meeting must approve all CPA funding.

The CPC met eight times in Fiscal Year 2022, and in the fall and winter dedicated itself to reviewing CPA applications and preparing for the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting, at which FY23 funds were appropriated. In the two-step application process, the CPC reviewed eight Step 1 applications for eligibility, and invited all to submit Step 2 applications. After thorough review the CPC recommended all eight projects to Town Meeting. In its recommendations, the CPC determined, among other things, that these projects meet the goals of the Community Preservation Plan, provide a needed public benefit and comply with the CPA law, and demonstrate strong community support. This round of projects saw the first to be funded by borrowing with CPA funds - the Memorial Field project. It passed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote. The other projects were also approved by Town Meeting, by simple majority:

#### **COMMUNITY HOUSING**

1. Town, Affordable Housing Trust Fund – housing acquisition, creation, & support  $$200,\!000$ 

- 2. Construct, Inc Town, Historical Comm. predevelopment of Eagle Cliff housing \$50,000
- 3. CDC of South Berkshire predevelopment of Berkshire Cottages housing site \$350,000

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

- 4. Alander Group preservation and restoration of 343 Main Street historic building \$250,000
- 5 Town Castle St. pedestrian railroad underpass phase one, design/engineering \$25,000

#### **OPEN SPACE & RECREATION**

- 6. Town aquatic weeds study at Lake Mansfield \$7,000
- 7. Town, Conservation Comm. McAllister wildlife refuge project next phase \$35,000

TOTAL: \$917,000

8. Town – Memorial Field Improvements authorized \$500,000 borrowing, utilizing approximately \$35,000 of CPA funds annually for 15 years.

Since its inception in Great Barrington, the CPA has awarded over \$6.5 million. Voters have appropriated funds to affordable housing (35%), historic preservation (38%), and open space/recreation (27%) projects. The projects are spread all across Town and will resulting in over 130 new units of affordable housing, multiple historic sites preserved, including rare structures, significant Town properties, and unique buildings, 8 walking trails built, planned, and improved and 100+ acres of open space and recreation areas preserved.

Karen W. Smith, Chair

# LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

The members of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF) are pleased to submit this report of Fiscal Year 2022 activities and accomplishments to the community. LMITF was formed by the Selectboard for the purpose of developing and implementing a comprehensive Lake Mansfield Improvement Plan, coordinating the lake-related efforts of various boards and committees, and

addressing a wide range of concerns including public safety, use and accessibility, water quality (runoff, buffer zone erosion, and invasive weeds), lake improvements, protection of the watershed, and stewardship of the recreational spaces. Places like Lake Mansfield recreation area are critically important to any community as climate and economic shocks make it harder for the elderly and

for families with children to find welcoming public places for gathering, for recreation, and for cooling off. The fact that Lake Mansfield is a free, open-toanyone recreation area, and that it is centrally located within town, makes it readily accessible to a variety of people of all ages and backgrounds.

In FY22, LMITF continued it focus on planning to transform the Lake road and on designing storm water runoff improvements for the beach parking lot area. The improvements will stabilize the lake edge and establish a non-vehicular recreation path along the Lake, in place of the road. After multiple outreach meetings in 2020 and 2021, including online zoom meetings, a survey, and a "virtual walking tour," plans are now advancing towards final (100%) design, and should be ready to bid. If

grants are awarded for construction, then the project might begin in calendar 2023 or 2024.

Installation of donated playground equipment was delayed but will occur in late calendar 2022. The three-year water quality monitoring project in partnership with Simon's Rock began in 2021. Winter 2020-2021 saw some good ice skating and summer 2021 saw a lot of people using the lake, the forest trails, and the beach and playground. Educational trail walks, volunteer trail clearing, and yoga classes organized by the Lake Mansfield Alliance have proven to be popular and a great way to introduce the recreation area to young folks in the community. We're proud to continue to steward such an important recreation area.

Respectfully submitted by the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

#### DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Design Advisory Committee (DAC) is responsible for reviewing changes to the exterior of buildings, including additions, changes in or installation of signage, changes in the painting of facades, and changes in lighting within the Village Center Overlay District (VCOD). The goal of the committee is to encourage improvements or additions to the downtown building stock which are complementary to the historic nature of downtown.

In the past year, Co-Chair Rees Shad resigned, leaving Co-Chair Jennifer Clark in the lead. Jonathan

Hankin is now the Vice-Chair. There are five members total on the committee.

While we have worked to maintain a regular meeting schedule, many meetings have been cancelled for lack of applications in need of review. Over the course of the two meetings we were able to have, the DAC reviewed these applications: the first, in March, concerned a proposed new structure for the Chamber of Commerce at 362 Main St. In May, we reviewed proposed facade changes to 343 Main Street.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the reporting year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals held only two meetings. The Board:

Denied an appeal of the Building Inspector's order to cease and desist a commercial event venue on Hulrburt Road; and, Denied an appeal from abutters of the airport who sought to overturn the Building Inspector's decision not to enforce zoning with respect to the scope of the airport use. This denial was appealed to court and is now in litigation.

Ron Majdalany, Chair

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

In November 2021, Officer Timothy Ullrich was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Ullrich is a long time member of our department and a patrol canine handler for "Chance". Sergeant Ullrich will bring knowledge and his experience to our command staff.

Continuing to build our transparency, we continue to share all of our yearly statistics to our website. A detailed breakdown of all of the police department's activity can be located under the tab "statistics", then "statistical data 2021-2022":

https://greatbarringtonpolice.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/157/2021/02/Statistics-2019-2020-1.pdf

I addition, we applied for and received a grant to help fund our bodycam program. This program should start early fall, once the equipment is derived. All officers will be required to wear and record their interactions with the community.

We have continued the One Mind Campaign Pledge, which seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. The commitment required 10% of our officers to be trained in Mental Health First aid and we fulfilled that requirement. As of today, we have far exceeded that pledge with almost 90% of officers trained as Crisis Intervention Officers.

We want to make the community aware that both our parking lot and front lobby are available to be used as safe exchange zones for buyers and sellers utilizing websites such as Craigslist or the Facebook Marketplace. Our community outreach team continues to have conversations to build relationships with all community members. As part of this outreach, we have attended various community events, including Latino Fest, truck day, and summer fest at Berkshire South. We also sponsored a presentation at the Senior Center focused on internet safety. Our comfort dog program has attended several events and has had a welcome presence at our local businesses and schools. We have continued to grow our relationships with local community services such as Rural Recovery Resources, Family Resource Center of Great Barrington, Railroad Street Youth Project, and the Brien Center.

In an effort to help the police department, we have moved to get out of civil service. Once finalized, we can move forward to hire officers to fill recent vacancies. We are committed to continue to build our outreach services and learn ways that we can serve our community the best we can. We are continually applying for grant opportunities to help offset our budget. This past fiscal year, we were awarded with our \$115,000 in grant funds.

On behalf of all the police officers and myself, I want to thank all of you for the continued support in advancing your police department. We are committed to making the Great Barrington Police Department a police department you can be proud of.

Paul E. Storti, Chief of Police

# **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

We continued to collaborate with local schools, colleges and other institutions in developing safety plans for critical incidents. This includes obtaining and updating Emergency Operation Plans for institutions, site visits, and training. Again, this year we received \$2,700 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency we purchased a portable radio and back up batteries. All applicable new town employees received training in the

Incident Command System 100 and the National Incident Management System 700 classes. We participate in monthly meetings with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee. GBPD continues to hosts periodic meetings of a School Emergency Management Team, which is comprised of Berkshire Hills Regional School District representatives, police/fire/ambulance and others to review and

evaluate issues and policies related to school safety and response to critical incidents. This year we have applied for an emergency generator for our senior center. This would help provide community members in need of a shelter, access to a heating / cooling station during times of power outages. Our Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is annually reviewed and updated.

Paul E. Storti, Director of Emergency Management

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Great Barrington Fire Department responded to 1257 incidents, our busiest year on record. For the first time in years there were two fires started by arson. The first was in July, 2021 when the owner of 232 Stockbridge Road, the Wonderful Things building, lit multiple fires in the structure. The second was in June of 2022 when juveniles ignited furniture in a room at the old Searles School on Bridge Street on fire. Due to quick responses from the fire department the fires were quickly contained and evidence preserved. Thanks to good work by the Great Barrington Police Department and State Troopers assigned to the Fire Marshal's Office the suspects in both cases were quickly identified and charged.

Incident Type	Number
Structure Fires	7
Other Fires	15
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43
Rescues	12
Medical	684
Spills, Leaks, & Hazmat	44
Hazardous Situations	24
Service & Good Intent	84
False Alarms	344

The night of August 27<sup>th</sup> was very busy. In a matter of twelve hours the fire department responded to fourteen gas leaks. Most were minor but several could have caused serious problems. It was determined that Berkshire Gas had accidentally added far too much mercaptan (odor) to the system. That led to leaks were where previously unidentified or ignored to be reported. Thankfully there were no injuries or property damage.

During FY21 the Great Barrington Fire Department obtained a BLS Ambulance license which enables a better partnership with Southern Berkshire Ambulance in providing EMS service to the town. That initiative paid off large dividends over the past

year as Southern Berkshire Ambulance struggled with staffing at time. Great Barrington EMTs transported patients on Southern Berkshire Ambulances over 40 times. Without the license and partnership those patients would have waited extended periods of time for a mutual aid ambulance to come to town.

Fire prevention continues to be a priority for the Department. Great Barrington continues to do fire inspections for the Town of Sheffield for \$24,000 a year which has been beneficial for both communities. Overall, the Department generated \$62,578 from 868 inspections.

Type	G.B.	Sheffield
Periodic Safety	274	47
Smoke & CO Detectors	195	59
Demolition	5	0
Final for C of O	18	7
Fire Suppression Sys	8	0
Fire Alarm Systems	6	0
Tank Removals	13	4
Oil Furnaces	31	4
Propane Tanks	56	40
Plan Reviews	40	0
Complaints	9	0
Other	46	4

Great Barrington firefighters recorded over 2,800 hours of training. One of the highlights was Elizabeth Pevzner graduating from the Connecticut Fire Academy with her Firefighter I certification. She is the first Great Barrington firefighter to graduate from that fire school. We hope to use it more in the future since it is just as close as the Massachusetts fire academy but is run three times per year instead of just once. Ms. Pevzner also took the EMT class and earned her BLS license along with Lieutenant Chris Laramee and firefighter Kevin

Learnard. We are thankful for their hard work and the service they provide to the community.

Recruitment is always one of our biggest focuses. Unfortunately we lose most of our young firefighters to college, housing prices, and job opportunities elsewhere. We encourage anyone interested in joining to talk to a firefighter, stop by the station, or call 413-528-0788 for more information.

I would like to thank the community for its support and our officers and firefighters for their hard work and dedication. This is what makes the Great Barrington Fire Department a truly outstanding resource for the community.

Charles Burger, Fire Chief

# BOARD OF HEALTH

The theme of Fiscal Year 22 was **integration**, as we merged the lessons of immediate emergency response to the Novel Sars CoV-2 (Covid-19) with a new phase of the pandemic. We learned that our community is our best resource. When we work with our local board of health colleagues across the County and our partners in community health, we achieve the best results in public health.

One of the higher notes of FY22 was forming a regional collaborative with 10 other Southern Berkshire towns. The State of Massachusetts offered Public Health Excellence Grants to municipalities willing and equipped to provide shared services to the greater community. Great Barrington and the newly established "Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative" was awarded an 11 year grant to fully fund two full time public health nurses. Welcome to the team Great Barrington residents, Amy Hardt and Jill Sweet!



Thank you for your hard work serving our region. The SBPHC, known as

"Collaborative" formed a governing board that meets monthly to discuss regional public health projects and goals.

In December, 2021 the Board of Health passed a one year Moratorium restricting the use of Glyphosate on Town owned and operated property. The moratorium allows anyone who is MA Pesticide Board certified as a licensed applicator to file for a Notice of Intent for the location they wish to apply the herbicide. The intention of the NOI is so that professionals skilled and trained in invasive species management can continue to operate and optimize habitat for a healthy ecology.

•	Title V Inspections	36
•	Housing Inspections	27
•	Food Est Inspections	275
•	Temporary Food Inspection	31
•	Public Health Nuisance	37
•	Animal Inspector Inspection	42

We are looking forward to continuing to provide Great Barrington and Housatonic with quality public health services in the year ahead!

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agen

# Plumbing, Electric, and Gas Inspectors

Type of Inspection Inspector		Number of Inspections	Total Fees Collected
Wire	Ted Piontek	809	\$48,540
Gas	Robert Gennari	154	\$9,240
Plumbing	Robert Krupski	204	\$12,240

# BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permit Type	Total Permits Issued	Building Permit Fee	Construction Cost
New Structure	14	\$49,511	\$7,138,904
Addition/Alteration/Repair	92	\$107,513	\$18,953,942
Insulation	51	\$1,589	\$226,974
Windows	31	\$2,793	\$502,113
Siding	5	\$735	\$121,289
Roof	80	\$5,908	\$1,194,389
Solar	44	\$8,351	\$1,465,927
Foundation	3	\$357	\$65,780
Solid Fuel	8	\$280	\$44,888
Chimney Liner	5	\$385	\$57,300
Shed	2	\$525	\$84,700
Pool	5	\$450	\$445,675
Commercial	84	\$124,748	18,448,005\$
Trench	42	\$1,260	0
Alarms/Sprinkler	1	\$35	\$2,526.00
Signs	48	\$2,300	\$76,833
Selective Demo	3	\$280	\$81,690
Demolition	7	\$450	\$150,500
Retaining Wall/Fence	2	\$210	\$38,500
Certificate of Inspection	117	\$6,922	0
Tent	31	\$950	0
Sheet Metal	8	\$623	\$82,384
Tesla Power Wall	2	\$252	\$41,000
Total	685	\$316,427	\$49,223,319

# PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works (DPW) includes the Divisions of Highway, Wastewater, Public Grounds (cemeteries, parks, and public buildings grounds), Public Buildings (facilities). The Department also manages Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling and Engineering design projects for the Town. The annual report for the Wastewater Division will be covered in a separate document.

#### **Highway Division**

The highway division operations include winter road maintenance (approx. 98 miles), pavement repairs, roadside mowing, clearing road sides, street sweeping, litter removal, line painting (70 miles ± plus 50+ crosswalks), traffic sign maintenance, re-establishing drainage ditches, reconstructing catch basins (1000±), servicing and maintaining all equipment. Unscheduled work included answering emergency calls for automobile accidents and oil spills, fallen trees, flooding, washouts, and road icing. The division is also

responsible for the overseeing of all roadway capital improvement projects. The department is on call "24/7".

### **Public Grounds Division**

(Cemeteries, parks, public building grounds) along with providing support for the Highway Department during winter maintenance activities, maintains approximately 130 acres ± of cemeteries (7), parks and green areas and building grounds throughout the Town. This includes weekly maintenance and repairs. Other work done by the division includes building picnic tables for park areas, erecting bleachers and repairing facilities in and around park areas. The Division is also responsible for the sale of cemetery lots and provides assistance during services.

### **Public Buildings Division**

Maintains the public buildings in town including; Town Hall, Mason Library, Ramsdell Library, Claire W. Teague Senior Center, Southern Berkshire District Court, Police Station, Great Barrington Fire Station, Housatonic Fire Station and Housatonic Community Center. The staff of the division provides daily support and responds to building emergencies and alarms when necessary. The staff provides additional support for the highway division during winter maintenance activities.

## Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling

The Transfer Station is open Friday (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM), Saturday (7:00 AM – 3:00 PM) and Sunday (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM). The Town continues to hold two Bulky Waste Collections days during the year for the residents. The Town also participates in the Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program with continued support and participation from Great Barrington residents. Comprehensive collection days for south county residents and several mini collection days are held throughout the year.

The DPW undertook several planned road and improvement projects including the repaving of Rosseter Street, Elm Court, Fairview Terrace, Maplewood and Magnolia. The Division Street Bridge temporary replacement project was bid and awarded; it will begin and be completed in FY23. Ongoing projects include Highway Garage remediation, Comprehensive Pavement Management Plan Phase 2, Storm Water Asset Management Plan, and a Parks Asset Management Plan.

Projects under design for future improvements include: Brookside Road Bridge repairs, Brush Hill Road culvert replacement, South Main Street improvements, Installation of a new AC unit at the Mason Library, ADA Access to Ramsdell Library, design for Upgrades to Memorial Field. Additional projects for FY23 will include repaving of the Berkshire Heights area streets, replacement of the Christian Hill Road culvert, replacement of the emergency generator at the Police Station, improvements to the Lake Mansfield parking lot and beach area, testing and installation of low-cost energy efficient LED streetlights town-wide, and group purchasing to realize cost savings for fuel and winter salt purchases.

Annual contracts managed by the Department include: Winter salt and deicing; Custodial Supplies; WWTP Chemicals – Various suppliers; Sludge Management Contract; Catch Basin Cleaning; Refuse Collection (buildings); Diesel Fuel; Heating Oil; Gasoline; Elevator Service; Building Alarm Services; Building Sprinkler Systems Service; Landfill monitoring; Uniform Services; Backup Generators annual maintenance contracts; Annual Boiler Maintenance; Heavy Equipment Services.

I would like to thank the entire department, particularly Paula Ely, John Malumphy, Steve Larkin, and immediate past Superintendent Sean VanDeusen for their excellent work in FY22.

Joseph Aberdale, DPW Superintendent

# WASTEWATER TREATMENT

From July, 2021 to June 2022 the wastewater treatment facility processed 396.721 million gallons of wastewater and 3.142 million gallons of septic tank waste. Additionally 2,115,400 pounds of sludge cake and grit were processed and disposed off-site. During this period, the treatment facility discharged a high quality effluent to the Housatonic River, removing 95.3% of the biochemical oxygen demand and 97.5% of the suspended solids. There were no violations of the Town's federal discharge permit.

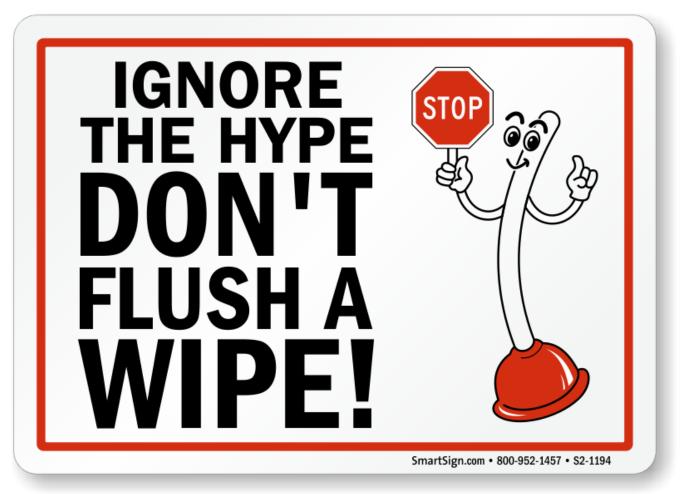
All pumps, motors and other equipment were maintained throughout the year. Any equipment failures were quickly addressed. The wastewater collection system and the six sewage pumping stations were regularly inspected and maintained.

The results of our continuous inflow and infiltration study indicated areas of concern where extraneous water was infiltrating the sewer system, we relined 887 feet of sewer pipes to correct this.

We are again asking the public to please dispose of baby wipes, cleaning wipes, flushable wipes, and medical wipes in the trash. These items have become a serious issue at the wastewater pumping stations by clogging pumps and equipment. Wastewater Treatment Facility staff are spending numerous hours a week addressing

pump failures that are directly attributed to wipes. These costs affect the wastewater treatment facility's operating costs and, ultimately the sewer user rates.

Paula Ely, Wastewater Superintendent



# TOWN CLERK

The Annual Town Meeting was held on June 6, 2022 with voters acting on 33 articles. There were 3 zoning bylaw changes and 1 citizen petition article. The meeting was held outside in the parking lot of the Monument Mountain Regional High School due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

The most notable article for the Annual Town Meeting was article 25 which was to adopt a bylaw governing short term rentals which after much discussion did pass with a secret ballot vote. Article

- 2022 Election May:
  - Registered Voters 5,034
  - o Number of Voters 337
  - o % Voted 6.6%
- 2022 Town Meeting
  - Registered Voters 5,037
  - Number of Voters 381
  - % Voted 7.5%

33, which was a citizen petition article to propose a short term rental bylaw, also had much discussion

amongst the voters. There was approved borrowing for a highway truck, a roadside mower, 2 police cruisers, police station surveillance cameras, 6 police body cameras and parks improvements.

There were 162 births, 153 deaths and 62 marriages recorded during the fiscal year. The Clerk's office issued 808 dog licenses, 111 business certificates (DBA's) and processed 125 public record requests. The Annual Census was 6,634 with 5,042 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington at the end of the fiscal year.

The Assistant Town Clerk and I would like to recognize and thank all the poll workers, Wardens and volunteers for the Annual Town Meeting whom we could not do without. We appreciate all their hard work and long hours that they give to us. We would also like to thank all three of our Board of Registrars who help us all throughout the year.

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

#### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

During the fiscal year there was one voter registration session. As of June 30, 2022 there were 5,042 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

Party	No. of
•	Voters
America First Party	1
American Independent	3
Conservative	1
Constitution Party	1
United Independent	26
Party	
Democratic	2036
Green Party USA	2
Green Rainbow	9

Libertarian	13
MA Independent Party	1
Republican	281
Inter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	2
Pirate Party	1
Socialist	3
Unenrolled	2660
Working Families	1
World Citizen Party	1

The annual census/street list was completed in June of this year. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2022 was 6,634.

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

# 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Monument Mountain Regional High School June 6, 2022

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Great Barrington qualified to vote in Town Meetings proceeded to vote at the above named meeting place with the following results. The meeting was duly called to order at 6:08 P.M. by Moderator Michael Wise who welcomed everyone to the Town Meeting. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening. Mr. Wise stated that there was a quorum present and noted the return and service of the warrant. He announced that the meeting is being taped for broadcast at a later date and any use of social media during the meeting is prohibited. He also asked that cell phones be shut off as well. Mr. Wise requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Wise. The meeting will be governed by the Massachusetts General Laws, the Bylaws of the Town of Great Barrington and Town Meeting Time. Only registered voters of the town may participate in the meeting unless permission is granted by the moderator. Before anyone addresses the Town Meeting, he/she must proceed to the microphone and when recognized by the moderator state their name and address. Mr. Wise requested that voters speak only once per motion and limit their comments to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the merits of the motion and should not be repeated. All motions and amendments must be made in writing and any motion to reconsider must be made within 15 minutes of the announced vote. All questions are to be addressed to the moderator who will ask the appropriate person to respond. Each voter has received a warrant, a neon pink card and a packet of yes/no cards. Mr. Wise will instruct voters when these are to be used and what color to use if needed. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the parking lot and they will report their numbers at the microphone when ready.

Selectboard member Leigh Davis read the following Official Land Acknowledgement: "As we gather this evening for our annual town meeting, where we will decide upon the future direction of our community, it is important that we also look to, and learn from, the lessons of the past. We want to acknowledge that we gathered on the traditional lands of the Mohican People, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We commit to continuing to learn how to become better caretakers of the land we inhabit, to understand the history and traditions of those who cared for it before us, and to learn from the successes and failures of preceding generations, in the pursuit of a more just, equal, Great Barrington."

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Jennifer Messina, Town Counsel David Doneski, Finance Director Susan Carmel, Assistant Town Manager/ Town Planner Christopher Rembold and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski. He also announced the Selectboard and Finance Committee members were also seated on each side of the stage.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Stephen Bannon to dispense with the reading of the warrant. VOTED AT 6:18 PM

Mr. Wise introduced Town Manager Mark Pruhenski who went through the Financial Overview handout of the budget.

ARTICLE 1: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town set the FY2023 spending limits for Town revolving funds as set forth in the Warrant, namely, Plumbing Inspections \$20,000, Wiring Inspections \$60,000, Gas Inspections \$15,000, Cemetery \$5,000 and Council on Aging Transportation \$40,000.

Town Accountant Susan Carmel spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:28 PM

ARTICLE 2: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 as indicated below:

Elected Officials' Salaries: Selectboard: \$24,500 (\$4,900 per Selectboard member)

Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:29 PM

ARTICLE 3: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of town ways and bridges.

#### VOTED AT 6:30 PM

# ARTICLE 4: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of departments in the Town for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

General Government		Animal Control	12,200
Town Manager/Selectboard	\$435,555	Department of Public Works	
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	117,800	Buildings and Grounds	\$804,340
Finance Director/Town		Highway	1,861,433
Accountant	159,880	Cultural/Recreation/Human	
Technology	274,000	<u>Services</u>	
Assessors' Office	187,645	Health Department	\$125,295
Treasurer/Collector	230,860	Human Services	35,000
Human Resources	19,509	Council on Aging	164,431
Town Clerk/Elections	150,657	Veterans' Affairs	147,935
Conservation Commission	31,245	Libraries	586,040
Planning Board	5,450	Parks & Recreation	122,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,300	Various Boards/Commissions	15,500
Office of Planning/Community		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Development	146,905	Insurance	\$1,876,000
Public Safety		Debt Service	2,304,328
Police Department	\$1,866,875	Retirement	1,051,805
Fire Department	723,795	Celebrations & Events	15,000
Communications/Emergency			
Management	19,790	Total General Fund	\$13,676,238
Building Inspector	183,665		

The Moderator stated he would go line by line and if asked for the voters to call out hold. There were holds on three (3) lines which are listed below. The Moderator stated that since there was no discussion or holds on the remaining twenty seven (27) lines, that a vote would be taken on those lines first.

VOTED AT 6:36 PM

There were holds placed on the following:

Town Manager/Selectboard- Charles Williamson spoke on this item.

VOTED AT 6:48 PM

<u>Finance Committee/Reserve Fund</u>- Town Accountant Susan Carmel, Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold, Philip Orenstein, Anne O'Dwyer, Alessandra Profumo, Denise Forbes, Trevor Forbes and Sharon Gregory spoke on this item.

Stephen Bannon made a motion and it was seconded by Christopher Rembold to amend this budget line to increase it \$100,000 for a total of \$217,800.

#### AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:50 PM

<u>Debt Service</u>- Michael Monroe & Anne O'Dwyer spoke on this item.

VOTED AT 6:51 PM

#### ARTICLE 5: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the sum of \$4,800,028 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring various items of capital equipment, as follows: (i) making various street and bridge improvements at an approximate cost of \$3,425,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$2,994,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and \$406,000 shall be transferred from Chapter 90

funds, so-called, and \$25,000 is to be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund – historic resources fund balance.

- (ii) making various building and ground improvements at an approximate cost of \$930,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
- (iii) purchasing and equipping two new police cruisers at a cost of approximately \$115,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.
- (iv) acquiring five (5) new surveillance cameras for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$18,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$18,000 of Free Cash
- (v) purchasing six (6) body cameras for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$40,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$40,000 of Free Cash.
- (vi) acquiring a new highway truck with a snowfighter package for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$170,900 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, \$7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
- (vii) acquiring a new roadside mower for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$51,128, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
- (viii) making parks improvements at an approximate cost of \$50,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The amounts authorized to be borrowed by this vote are necessarily estimates, and as such, the Selectboard is authorized to borrow more for any project and less for another, so long as, in its judgment, each project to be funded in whole or in part by a borrowing can be completed within the total amount authorized to be expended by this vote.

The Moderator went through each item within the article and asked that voters call out hold for any discussion. The following items had holds:

- i. Street, Roads & Sidewalks- Mary Beth Merritt, Jovanina Pagano, Town Accountant Susan Carmel, Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold spoke on this item.
- iv. Surveillance Cameras- Charles Williamson & Police Chief Paul Storti spoke on this item.
- v. Body Cameras-Henry Ferlauto & Police Chief Paul Storti spoke on this item.
- viii. Parks Improvements- Abby Schroeder spoke on this item. Abby Schroder made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to double the amount for parks improvements to make it \$100,000. The Moderator asked for a hand count from the tellers.

# AMENDMENT VOTED AT 7:15 PM

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the whole article. He stated that this article had to be by secret ballot and by a 2/3rds majority. He then asked the voters to use their blue yes/no cards to vote when the tellers collected them.

#### VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 7:15 PM

YES - 277 NO - 46

# ARTICLE 6: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the use of \$350,000 in Free Cash, representing amounts received under host community agreements with marijuana

establishments to fund various community programs under an application and approval process to be administered by the Town Manager.

James Stark, Denise Forbes and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

#### VOTED AT 7:20 PM

### <u>ARTICLE 7</u>: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

Wastewater Treatment Plant	
Salaries	\$515,482
Expenses	834,900
Insurance/Benefits	333,632
Miscellaneous/Transfers	200,000
Debt Service	<u>774,478</u>
Total Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget	\$2,658,492

The Moderator went through each item within the article and asked that voters call out hold for any discussion. The following people spoke on this article: James Stark; Marc Hochler; Town Counsel David Doneski; Stephen Donaldson; Asst. Town Manager Christopher Rembold; Town Manager Mark Pruhenski; Town Accountant Susan Carmel; Philip Orenstein

#### VOTED AT 7:30 PM

### ARTICLE 8: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the sum of \$405,300 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring capital equipment in the Wastewater Department, as follows:

- (i) acquiring a new primary clarifier at an approximate cost of \$103,700 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
- (ii) acquiring a new pickup truck for the Wastewater Department at an approximate cost of \$64,600, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town authorize the use of \$64,600 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.
- (iii) retaining engineering services at an approximate cost of \$100,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.
- (iv) acquiring a new high pressure sewer cleaner at an approximate cost of \$137,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The amounts authorized to be borrowed by this vote are necessarily estimates, and as such, the Selectboard is authorized to borrow more for any project and less for another, so long as, in its judgment, each project to be funded in whole or in part by a borrowing can be completed within the total amount authorized to be expended by this vote.

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on this article and there was none. He stated that this article had to be by secret ballot and by a 2/3rds majority. He asked the voters to use their purple yes/no cards to vote when the tellers collected them.

VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 7:33 PM

YES - 286 NO - 31

## ARTICLE 9: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of the sum of Eighteen Million, Four Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Four Dollars (\$18,462,204) for

the operating assessment, and Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$484,429) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Eighteen Million, Nine Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$18,946,633) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon made a presentation on this article. Charles Williamson spoke on this article.

# VOTED AT 7:44 PM

# ARTICLE 10: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, 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, with the understanding 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 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. School Superintendent Peter Dillon did a short presentation regarding the study. Mary Beth Merritt and Samuel Ernst spoke on this article.

# VOTED AT 7:50 PM

# ARTICLE 11: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town raise and appropriate \$250,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2023 tuition and transportation costs for out of district vocational education, in accordance with Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The following people spoke on this article: Amanda Hanlin-Hochler; Town Accountant Susan Carmel; Sharon Gregory; and School Superintendent Peter Dillon. Amanda Hanlin-Hochler made a motion to amend the amount and take it from free cash. The Moderator consulted with Town Counsel and stated that he is ruling her proposed amendment outside of the scope of this warrant article. The Moderator then asked to take a vote on the article as originally presented.

## VOTED AT 7:58 PM

# ARTICLE 12: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, That the Town authorize the use of \$4,100,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2023.

## VOTED AT 7:59 PM (UNANIMOUS)

## ARTICLE 13: (4/5 majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town authorize the payment of prior fiscal year(s) invoices from the FY22 operating budgets of various Town Departments in the amounts set forth below:

<u>Police Department:</u>
\$861.36 to Berkshire Bike and Board

Account Number:
01210-54800

Fire Department: Account Number: \$253.98 to Grainger 01220-52450

Public Works Department:Account Number:\$698.05 to Cummins01422-52450

 Insurance:
 Account Number:

 \$386.25 to BMC
 01945-57500

 \$52.50 to All One Health
 01945-57500

The following people spoke on this article: Michael Monroe; Town Counsel David Doneski; Town Accountant Susan Carmel The Moderator stated that this article had to be a vote by 4/5th's majority. The Moderator then asked for a vote on this article.

VOTED 4/5ths MAJORITY AT 8:04 PM (UNANIMOUS

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## ARTICLE 14: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, That the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Stabilization Fund.

#### VOTED AT 8:04 PM

## ARTICLE 15: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

### VOTED AT 8:05 PM

## ARTICLE 16: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town hereby rescinds the following amounts that have been authorized to be borrowed by vote of Town Meeting, but which are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were initially approved:

Unused	Date of	Warrant	
Amount	Approval	Article	Original Purpose
\$ 21,400	5/7/2012	9	FY13 Sewer System Improvements - Phase 1
\$ 1,464	5/4/2015	5	FY16 Dump Truck
\$ 29,000	5/9/2016	4	FY17 Dump Truck
\$ 155,000	5/9/2016	4	FY17 Fire Dept Air Packs
\$ 11,910	5/1/2017	4	FY18 Highway Dump Truck
\$ 8,000	5/1/2017	4	FY18 Police Cruisers
\$ 1,850	5/1/2017	4	FY18 Engineering
\$ 700	5/1/2017	4	FY18 Fiber Optic/FY21 Housatonic Broadband
\$ 1,100	5/1/2017	4	FY18 Highway Skid Steer
\$ 200	5/7/2018	4 (iii)	FY19 Police Cruisers
\$ 2,500	5/7/2018	4 (v)	FY19 Highway Service Truck
\$ 1,300	5/7/2018	4 (vi)	FY19 Cemetery Mower
\$ 2,500	5/7/2018	4 (vii)	FY19 Cemetery Leaf Blower
\$ 14,000	5/6/2019	7(iii)	FY20 Police Cruisers (2)
\$ 80,000	5/6/2019	7(iv)	FY20 Dump Trucks (3)
\$ 19	5/6/2019	7(v)	FY20 Portable Radios (6)
\$ 25,000	5/6/2019	7(vii)	FY20 Telecommunication System Upgrade

#### VOTED AT 8:06 PM

### ARTICLE 17: (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses in FY23, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:	
From FY23 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$ 55,000
From FY23 revenues for community housing reserve	\$ 55,000
From FY23 revenues for open space reserve	\$ 55,000
Appropriations:	
From FY23 revenues for administrative expenses	\$ 20,000
Balance of FY23 revenues for FY23 budgeted reserve	\$ 365,000

The Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold and James Stark spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 8:08 PM

## ARTICLE 18: (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY23 and the fund balance the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

			Source of App	propriation
	Project	Total	FY23	Fund Balance
		Appropriation	Revenues	
	Affordable Housing			
1	Town, Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	
2	Construct, Inc., predevelopment costs for the	\$50,000		\$50,000
	Eagle Cliff apartments			
3	CDCSB, predevelopment costs for the	\$350,000	\$350,000	
	Berkshire Cottages development			
	Subtotal, Affordable Housing	\$600,000		
	HISTORIC RESOURCES			
4	Town, engineering and design for the Castle	\$25,000		\$25,000
	Street pedestrian underpass steps/shelter			
5	Alander Group, for historic repairs and	\$250,000		\$250,000
	restoration of 343 Main Street			
	Subtotal, Historic Resources	\$275,000		
	OPEN SPACE & RECREATION			
6	Town, for vegetation assessment in Lake	\$7,000		\$7,000
	Mansfield	\$7,000		\$7,000
7	Conservation Commission for the McAllister	\$35,000		\$35,000
	Wildlife Refuge preservation project	φ33,000		φ33,000
	Subtotal, Open Space & Recreation	\$42,000		
	TOTAL	\$917,000		

The Moderator went line by line with the seven (7) items within the article and asked that voters call out hold for any discussion.

The following items had a hold on them: #5- James Stark, Christopher Rembold and Douglas Stephenson all spoke on this article. #6- Charles Williamson spoke on this article. The Moderator asked for a vote on the article.

#### VOTED AT 8:15 PM

#### ARTICLE 19: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated, as authorized under section 11 of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B, for a term of 15 years, for improvements to Memorial Field, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$500,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, \$7(1) and M.G.L. c. 44B, \$11, or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold and Craig Okerstrom-Lang spoke on this article. The Moderator stated that this article was required to be by secret ballot and a 2/3rds majority. He then asked the voters to use their orange yes/no cards to vote when the tellers collected them.

# VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 8:19 PM YES – 225 NO – 70

ARTICLE 20: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town transfer the care, custody and control of the property at 426 Park Street, Housatonic, shown on and identified as Assessors' Map 2, Parcel 29, to the Selectboard for purposes of sale, transfer, or other disposition, and to authorize the Selectboard to complete such sale, transfer, or other disposition on terms acceptable to the Selectboard, and authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to complete such, transfer, or other disposition. Ellen Lahr and Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold spoke on this article. The Moderator then asked for a vote on this article and stated that it needed to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:22 PM

# ARTICLE 21: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to grant a permanent easement of approximately 1,650 square feet, at 601 Stockbridge Road, to the Massachusetts Electric Company, a/k/a National Grid, in connection with the installation of manholes and associated infrastructure needed to access and maintain underground electrical cable on the Route 7 corridor, as shown on the easement plan prepared for the Massachusetts Electric Company, dated March 14, 2022, prepared by Colliers Engineering & Design, Albany, NY, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

VOTED AT 8:23 PM

## ARTICLE 22: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend Section 9.1, Floodplain Overlay District, and Section 11.0, Definitions, of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the Amendments: These amendments are proposed in order to ensure the Town's local zoning regulations reflect at least the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so that the community can continue to participate in the program.

Proposed deletions of existing text are struck through. Proposed insertions are <u>underlined</u> Amend Section 9.1 as follows:

- 9.1.1 Purpose. The Flood Plain Overlay District (FPOD) has been established to provide that lands in the town subject to seasonal or periodic flooding shall not be used for residential or other purposes in such a manner as to endanger the health or safety of the occupants thereof, or of the public, and to assure the continuation of the natural flow pattern of the watercourses within the town in order to provide adequate and safe floodwater storage capacity to protect persons and property against the hazards of flood inundation. It is further intended to protect, preserve and maintain the water table and water recharge areas within the town so as to preserve present and potential water supplies for the public health and safety of the residents of the town.
- 9.1.2 Definitions. Pertinent definitions of flood zones delineated in Great Barrington (e.g., Zone A, Zone A1-30, etc.) may be found in the US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 64.3. Additional terms applicable to the FPOD are found in Section 11 of this Bylaw and US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59.
- 9.1.23 Location. The general boundaries of the FPOD are shown on the Great Barrington Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated July 19, 1982, as Zones A and A-1-30 to indicate the one-hundred-year floodplain. The exact boundaries of the district are defined by the flood profiles contained in the Flood Insurance Study, dated July 19, 1982. The floodway boundaries are delineated on the Great Barrington Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFM), dated January 19, 1982, and further defined by the floodway data tables contained in the Flood Insurance Study. These two maps, as well as the accompanying study, are incorporated in this Bylaw by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Inspector of Buildings and Board of Health.

In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA base flood elevation data and floodway data, the Building Department will obtain, review and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A to comply with one or more of the following: elevating residential structures to or above base flood level;

floodproofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level; and prohibiting encroachments in floodways.

The two above-referenced maps and related study cover specifically the Housatonic River, Green River, Williams River and Alford Brook and related wetlands. There are other inland wetlands that are covered and are shown generally on a map prepared by Robert G. Brown & Associates, Inc., and entitled "Delineation and Description of the Green, Williams and Housatonic River Flood Plain and the Inland Wetlands in the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts," dated 1974. In cases of conflict between the Robert G. Brown and Associates, Inc., and FIRM and FBFM maps, the latter two maps shall govern.

9.1.3 Zone A. Within Zone A, where the one hundred year flood elevation is not provided on the FIRM, the developer/applicant shall obtain all existing flood elevation data, and they shall be reviewed by the Planning Board. If the data are sufficiently detailed and accurate, they shall be relied upon to require compliance with this Bylaw and the State Building Code. These two referenced maps and related study cover specifically the Housatonic River, Green River, Williams River and Alford Brook and related wetlands. There are other inland wetlands that are covered and are shown generally on a map prepared by Robert G. Brown & Associates, Inc., and entitled "Delineation and Description of the Green, Williams and Housatonic River Flood Plain and the Inland Wetlands in the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts," dated 1974. In cases of conflict between the Robert G. Brown and Associates, Inc., and FIRM and FBFM maps, the latter two maps shall govern. The base (one-hundred year) flood elevations at any given point between any two successive control points (cross sections) as shown on the floodplain maps have been determined using topographic maps at a scale of 1:4,800, with a contour interval of five feet, this forming the flood boundary shown for the entire length of the Housatonic River, Green River, Williams River and Alford Brook on the series of Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps.

9.1.4 Floodways. All encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements to existing structures and other developments in the floodway are prohibited unless certification by a professional engineer registered and licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is provided by the applicant demonstrating that such encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the one-hundred-year flood. Any encroachment meeting the above standard shall comply with the floodplain requirements of the State Building Code.

In A Zones along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

9.1.45 Special Permit Required. Any person desiring to establish any permitted use in a FPOD involving or requiring the erection of new structures and/or alteration or moving of existing structures or dumping, filling, transfer, relocation or excavation of earth materials or storage of materials or equipment, or parking of recreational vehicles, shall submit an application for a special permit to the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) Selectboard in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.4. The Selectboard shall be the SPGA for floodplain special permits.

Such <u>special permit</u> application shall describe in detail the proposed use of the property and the work to be performed and shall be accompanied by plans as specified therein. In addition to the information required thereby, such plans shall also include boundaries and dimensions of the lot, existing and proposed drainage easements, all existing and proposed fill, existing and proposed sewage disposal facilities, means of access and mean sea-level elevation, with contour separation of two feet or less, of the existing and proposed land surface, cellar floor and first floor. All plans shall be prepared and certified by a professional engineer registered and licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The special permit application shall include a checklist of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the FPOD. The applicant must acquire all necessary permits, and must submit the completed checklist demonstrating that all necessary permits have been acquired prior to issuance of any permit by the Building Inspector.

9.1.5 Submittals. The SPGA shall ensure that the applicant provides sufficient information to determine:

- 1. That the floor level of areas to be occupied by human beings as living or working space shall be at a safe elevation:
- 2. That furnaces and utilities are protected from the effects of flooding and that the structure will withstand the effects of flooding in accordance with the State Building Code;
- 3. That the proposed construction, use or change of grade will not obstruct or divert the flood flow, reduce natural water storage or increase stormwater runoff so that water levels on other land are substantially raised or danger from flooding increased;
- 4. That safe vehicular and pedestrian movement to, over and from the premises is provided in the event of flooding; and
- 5. That the proposed methods of drainage and sewage disposal are approved by the Board of Health and will not cause pollution or otherwise endanger health in the event of flooding.
- 9.1.6 Decision. The SPGA may issue a special permit in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Bylaw, for establishment or alteration of a permitted use in a FPOD, provided that the Selectboard determines the following. Such findings shall be in addition to the findings required by Section 10.4.
- 1. The use would otherwise be permitted if such land were not, by operation of this section, in the FPOD;
- 2. The use of such land for the proposed purpose will not interfere with the general purpose for which such FPODs have been established;
- 3. That the floor level of areas to be occupied by human beings as living or working space shall be at an elevation in accordance with the State Building Code;
- 4. That furnaces and utilities are protected from the effects of flooding and that the structure will withstand the effects of flooding in accordance with the State Building Code;
- 5. That the proposed construction, use or change of grade will not obstruct or divert the flood flow, reduce natural water storage or increase stormwater runoff so that water levels on other land are substantially raised or danger from flooding increased;
- 6. That safe vehicular and pedestrian movement to, over and from the premises is provided in the event of flooding; and
- 7. That the proposed methods of drainage and sewage disposal are approved by the Board of Health and will not cause pollution or otherwise endanger health in the event of flooding.
- 8. If Zones AO and AH exist on the applicable FIRM, that adequate drainage paths are provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.
- 9.1.7 Conditions. Special permits issued under this section may be subject to such conditions as the Selectboard deems necessary in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare. The burden of proving that the proposed use will not endanger the health and safety of the occupants or the public shall rest upon the applicant, who shall provide such engineering, ecological and hydrological data as may be required by the SPGA or any state or federal agency.
- 9.1.8 Encroachment. All encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements to existing structures and other developments in the floodway are prohibited unless certification by a professional engineer registered and licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is provided by the applicant demonstrating that such encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the one-hundred year flood. Any encroachment meeting the above standard shall comply with the floodplain requirements of the State Building Code.
- 9.1.8. Subdivisions. All subdivision proposals and development proposals for property in the Floodplain Overlay District shall be reviewed to assure that: (1) such proposals minimize flood damage; (2) public utilities and facilities are located and constructed so as to minimize flood damage; and (3) adequate drainage is provided. When proposing subdivisions or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less), the proponent must provide technical data to determine base flood elevations for each developable parcel shown on the design plans.
- 9.1.9 Effect. Granting of a special permit under this section by the SPGA does not in any way indicate compliance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, s. 40, which provides, among other things, that

no person shall remove, fill, dredge or alter any swamp, creek, river, stream, pond or lake or any land subject to flooding, except with a written permit from the Conservation Commission.

- 9.1.9. Recreational Vehicles. If otherwise permitted in accordance with this Zoning Bylaw, in A1-30, AH, AE Zones, V1-30, VE, and V Zones, all recreational vehicles to be placed on a site must be elevated and anchored in accordance with the zone's regulations for foundation and elevation requirements, or be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days, or be fully licensed and highway ready.
- 9.1.10 Community Floodplain Administrator. The Town of Great Barrington hereby designates the Building Inspector to be the official Floodplain Administrator for the Town.
- 9.1.11 Variances from Building Code Floodplain standards. Should a proponent be granted a Building Code variance by the Commonwealth, the proponent shall notify the Building Inspector in writing, and the Town will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record in the Town's files.

The Town shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing over the signature of a Town official that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the Floodplain Overlay District.

- 9.1.12. Variances from Zoning Bylaw related to community compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Zoning Board of Appeals may issue a variance from the requirements of the Floodplain Overlay District in accordance with the requirements set out by State law, and a variance may only be granted if:

  1) Good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exist;
- 2) the variance will not result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and
- 3) the variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.
- 9.1.13 Limitations. The floodplain management regulations found in this section shall take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local laws, ordinances or codes. The degree of flood protection required by this bylaw is considered reasonable by the Town but does not imply total flood protection. Granting of a special permit under this section by the Selectboard does not in any way indicate compliance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, s. 40, which provides, among other things, that no person shall remove, fill, dredge or alter any swamp, creek, river, stream, pond or lake or any land subject to flooding, except with a written permit from the Conservation Commission.
- 9.1.14 Watercourse alterations and New data. In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:
  - Adjacent Communities, especially upstream and downstream
  - Bordering States, if affected
  - NFIP State Coordinator

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

251 Causeway Street, 8th floor

Boston, MA 02114

NFIP Program Specialist

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I

99 High Street, 6th Floor

Boston, MA 02110

If the Town acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting the technical or scientific data that supports the change(s.)

Notification shall be submitted to:

FEMA Region I Risk Analysis Branch Chief

99 High St., 6th floor, Boston, MA 02110

And copy of notification to:

Massachusetts NFIP State Coordinator

MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114

Amend Section 11.0 by adding the following definitions under a new entry FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT:

FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT: The following definitions shall apply in the FPOD. Reference is also made to 44 CFR §59.

<u>DEVELOPMENT</u> means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

FLOOD BOUNDARY AND FLOODWAY MAP means an official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-year floods and the 100-year floodway. (For maps prepared in 1987 and later, the floodway designation is included on the FIRM.)

FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP (FHBM.) An official map of a community issued by the Federal Insurance Administrator, where the boundaries of the flood and related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A or E.

FLOODWAY. The channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE means any structure that is:

- (a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
- (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, or
- (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

NEW CONSTRUCTION. Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the Town's first floodplain bylaw, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. *New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement.* 

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE means a vehicle which is:

- (a) Built on a single chassis;
- (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and

(d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

REGULATORY FLOODWAY - see FLOODWAY.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA. The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or V1-30.

START OF CONSTRUCTION. The date of issuance of a building permit for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns. Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

STRUCTURE means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION. When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR (the Massachusetts State Building Code).

VARIANCE means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation.

VIOLATION means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44 CFR §60.3 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

Malcolm Fick spoke on this article. The Moderator asked for a vote on the article and stated that it had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

#### VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:25 PM

#### ARTICLE 23: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend Section 8.2.3, item 2, of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in Article 23 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

*Purpose of the Amendments*: This amendment will ensure the Zoning Bylaw requirement regarding ADU size utilizes a measurement consistent with other portions of the Zoning Bylaw; instead of being measured by gross square footage, the ADU will be measured by net usable square feet.

Proposed deletions of existing text are struck through

Proposed insertions are underlined

Amend Section 8.2.3, item 2, as follows:

2. An ADU may not in any case be larger than 900 gross-square feet of net usable floor area. If a dwelling unit greater than 900 gross-square feet of net usable floor area is created within a single-family home, the residence will be considered a two-family dwelling and will be subject to the requirements of Section 8.1 of this Bylaw. Jonathan Hankin spoke on this article.

The Moderator asked for a vote on the article and stated that it had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:27 PM

## ARTICLE 24: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Pedro Pachano and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town amend Sections 4.2.1 and 8.1.1 of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the Amendments: These amendments are proposed in order to correct internal inconsistencies in the Town's zoning regulations governing two-family residential uses, and to ensure that regulation of two-family residential use of a single lot in two separate principal structures is not overly restrictive. In 2014 and again in 2019, the Town amended the Zoning Bylaw to reduce requirements on two-family residential use of a single lot. However, those amendments inadvertently did not delete language in Sections 4.2.1 and 8.1.1 which could be interpreted in a way that makes it impossible to build two separate single family structures on otherwise conforming lots. This proposal will address that issue in keeping with previous Town Meeting votes.

Proposed deletions of existing text are struck through. Proposed insertions are <u>underlined</u>. Amend Sections 4.2.1 and 8.1.1 as follows:

- 4.2.1 More than One Principal Structure per Lot. In any zoning district, more than one building or structure housing a principal permitted use may be erected or placed on a single lot of record, provided that area, width, frontage, yard and other requirements of this Bylaw shall be met-for each building or structure as though it were on an individual lot, except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw.
- 8.1.1 General. The two-family residential use of a single lot is permitted as set forth in Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations. For the purposes of this section, any two dwelling units on a single lot, whether in the same building or in separate buildings, shall be considered two-family residential use, except where Section 4.2.1 or Section 8.2 applies. In the event of two dwelling units in separate buildings, all applicable requirements of this Bylaw shall apply.

Pedro Pachano spoke on this article. The Moderator asked for a vote on the article and stated that it had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

#### VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:28 PM

## ARTICLE 25: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Garfield Reed, that the Town adopt a Short-Term Rental bylaw as shown in the handout distributed at this Town Meeting, and authorize the Town Clerk to assign chapter and section numbers for the bylaw within the Town Code.

## SHORT-TERM RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Purpose and Intent.

Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c.64G, the Town establishes these regulations to balance private, neighborhood, and municipal interests. These regulations are intended to:

- 1. Enable residents to earn extra money from their properties to better afford to live here, maintain their properties, and contribute to the community.
- 2. Minimize public safety and health risks.
- 3. Deter commercial interests from buying housing to use primarily as short-term rental businesses.

## Definitions.

For this Chapter, the following terms shall have the definitions indicated

*Owner*. Any person who alone, or severally with others, has legal or equitable title or beneficial interest in any dwelling unit; a mortgagee in possession; or agent, trustee or person appointed by the courts. An Owner can be a single person, a marital unit, a group of people, LLC or a Trust. The Owner may also be referred to as the Operator, or the Host.

Short-Term Rental. The rental of a whole or a portion of a residential or secondary dwelling unit, in exchange for payment, as residential accommodations for not more than thirty consecutive days, excluding a Hotel, Motel, or Lodging House or Tourist Home for Transient Guests as defined and permitted under the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations.

No dwelling unit or part thereof may be offered as a Short-Term Rental within the Town of Great Barrington unless it is registered annually with the Town through an application process approved by the Selectboard and in accordance with this Chapter, and registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue in accordance with applicable laws.

An Owner may register to operate only one dwelling unit as a Short-Term Rental. If a person owns two properties, or owns one and is listed as a manager or agent for a second that is owed by an LLC, for example, that person must choose one or the other to be registered as a Short-Term Rental. No person shall have more than one legal

or equitable title or beneficial interest in any dwelling unit used for a Short-Term Rental except as provided for above. An Owner may hire a property management company to list and manage Short-Term Rentals, but the registration must be in the Owner's name.

Up to two bedrooms in a dwelling unit or an entire secondary dwelling unit on the same parcel may be registered and rented as a Short-Term Rental by right. The registered Short-Term Rental may be rented for an unlimited number of days per year, provided that the Owner is residing in one of the dwelling units on premises at the time of the rental. In cases where the Owner is not residing on premises at the time of the rental, no unit or portion thereof may be rented more than 150 days per year.

Short-Term Rentals are prohibited in dwelling units owned by a corporation. Short-Term Rentals are permitted in dwelling units owned by an LLC or Trust only when every shareholder, partner, or member of the legal entity is a natural person, as established by documentation provided by the applicant at the time of registration.

Short-Term rentals are prohibited in dwelling units designated as affordable or otherwise income-restricted, which are subject to affordability covenants or are otherwise subject to housing or rental assistance under local, state, or federal programs or law.

An Owner shall not register or offer a rental unit subject to a long term lease as a Short-Term Rental, nor shall a tenant offer his/her/their rental unit as a Short-Term Rental.

Requirements for Short-Term Rental Operations.

- 1. An Owner shall post in any Short-Term Rental unit the following information in a conspicuous place:
  - a. the Owner's certificate of registration with the Town;
  - b. Short-Term Rental street address;
  - c. Contact information for the Operator and whom to call in an emergency;
  - d. Instructions for recycling and waste disposal;
  - e. Notice that dogs must be leashed when outdoors if not in a securely fenced enclosure;
  - f. Notice that no excessive noise shall occur after 8:00 PM or earlier than 8:00 AM.
- 2. Each unit shall contain functional smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and a properly maintained and charged multi-purpose fire extinguisher.
- 3. A Short-Term Rental is not allowed on any property with outstanding violations of Building, Fire, Health codes, and/or Town Bylaws.
- 4. Events that include amplified music or tents which would customarily require a license or permit are prohibited.
- 5. Signs on the property advertising the Short-Term Rental are prohibited.

#### Inspection.

Short-Term Rentals may be subject to inspection by the Great Barrington Health Department, Fire Department, and/or the Building Inspector. Short-Term Rental Owners are required to provide access for the purpose of conducting safety inspections when necessary. Failure to provide access to an inspector upon request and after proper notice will invalidate the registration to operate a Short-Term Rental until an inspection by the appropriate authority has been conducted, and all violations have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Department and/or the Town. Failure to comply with orders to correct deficiencies may result in fines or refusal to allow registration renewal.

Owners can appeal a written violation notice within 21 days of the date of the notice in accordance with M. G. L. Ch. 40 § 21D.

In the event that there are three or more violations within a twelve-month period, Short-Term Rental Registrations may be revoked and permanently denied by a vote of the Selectboard.

Penalties.

If any Owner violates any provision of this bylaw, the Owner may be subject to a civil penalty in accordance with M. G. L. Ch. 40. § 21D, with the following:

\$100 1st Offense \$200 2nd Offense \$300 3rd Offense and each subsequent offense

Each day that a violation exists constitutes a separate offense.

Selectboard Authority. The Selectboard shall have the authority to create a registration application form, set registration fees, and adopt rules, regulations, policies or procedures to implement the provisions of this Chapter. The registration process shall require an Owner to include the address of the unit to be registered, to list the names of all organization members if owned by a legal entity, and to provide verifiable documentation of the owners or members of that legal entity.

Severability. If any provision in this section shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date. The provisions of this Bylaw "Short-Term Rental of Residential Properties" shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold presented the bylaw. He stated that there would be discussion and voting on the article as written in the neon green handout and <u>not</u> the article as written in the warrant. This handout had several minor changes that were recommended by Town Counsel.

David Long made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to amend the proposed bylaw with the two (2) changes below:

Insert the words at the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph under "Regulations": "as long as it is located within a Residential District. Any property located within a Business or Industrial District would require a Special Permit from the Planning Board."

# This change in context would read:

An Owner may register to operate only one dwelling unit as a Short-Term Rental as long as it is located within a Residential District. Any property located within a Business or Industrial District would require a Special Permit from the Planning Board. If a person owns two properties, or owns one and is listed as a manager or agent for a second that is owed by an LLC, for example, that person must choose one or the other to be registered as a Short-Term Rental. No person shall have more than one legal or equitable title or beneficial interest in any dwelling unit used for a Short-Term Rental except as provided for above. An Owner may hire a property management company to list and manage Short-Term Rentals, but the registration must be in the Owner's name. Town Counsel stated that Article 25 is a general bylaw and the amendment being proposed is a zoning concept and it would not have gone through the correct process to be approved as written. He stated that even if the proposed amended bylaw was approved by the voters, it would not be approved once presented to the Attorney General's office for this reasoning.

The Moderator then ruled that the motion is out of order. The following people spoke on the article as originally presented:

Claudia Laslie; Christopher Hale; Christopher Tucci; William Sothern Jr.; Jonathan Hankin; Stephen McAlister; Sarah Dixon; Garfield Reed; Tracey Thornton; Jennifer Clark; Anne Alquist; Jorge Alcala; Seth Keyes; Barbara Matz

Margaret Hassett made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to vote on this article as a secret ballot to allow for a more accurate count due to the darkness and in case there was a need for a recount.

## **MOTION CARRIES AT 9:22 PM**

The following people also spoke on the article: Kristin Grippo; Sharon Gregory; Sasa Zelenovic Sasa Zelenovic moved to take no action on this article in an attempt to bring the town together and carve out something that we can all agree to. He stated that it should be moved to a committee to further research and discussion and be brought back to the Annual Town Meeting in 2023. The Moderator was given the motion and he stated that the motion needed to specify which committee it should be referred to and how the committee will be chosen before he could accept the motion.

James Manning then spoke on this article.

There was a "call for a vote" by someone in the audience to end the debate and to vote on this article. The Moderator stated this would require a 2/3rds majority vote.

### VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:36 PM

The Moderator stated that the previous motion by Sasa Zelenovic to refer this bylaw to a committee did not specify the committee therefore no action could be taken on the motion.

The Moderator stated that this article would require a majority vote and that it was going to be done by secret ballot. He then asked the voters to use their pink yes/no cards to vote when the tellers collected them.

### VOTED MAJORITY by SECRET BALLOT AT 9:37 PM

YES - 207 NO - 111

# ARTICLE 26: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town amend Article III of Section 153 of the Town Code, Common Driveways, as set forth in Article 26 of the warrant for this Town Meeting

Purpose of the Amendments: These amendments are proposed in order to foster good design, safe construction, and efficient use of land. The amendments will ensure the common driveway regulations set clear standards of construction, and do not conflict with the Town's zoning regulations. The existing standards for common driveways are no different than those of a standard residential driveway, despite the fact that common driveways are often longer and used by more vehicles. Also, the existing common driveway regulations limit the number of

units served to three units, which is less than the Zoning Bylaw allows to be built on three adjacent lots.

Proposed deletions of existing text are struck through

Proposed insertions are underlined

Section153-19. General requirements and restrictions.

A. Definitions: As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

<u>COMMON DRIVEWAY – A driveway over which two or more abutting property owners gain vehicular access to their property from a Way or a Public Way.</u>

- A. B. Permits. Any abutting property owner(s) desiring to gain access to a way by means of a common driveway that serves no more than three dwelling units may do so only in accordance with the provisions of a permit issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this Section. A fee shall be paid to the Town of Great Barrington when the application is submitted to the Planning Board, and the permit shall include all applicable aspects of a permit under Articles II and III of this chapter.
- C. The requirements of this Section shall not apply to Common Driveways in physical existence as of January 1, 2022 and that remain unchanged; if more units are added to the properties and will utilize the common driveway, it shall be subject to all provisions of this Section.
- B. D. Number of units accessed. A common driveway shall provide access to no more than three lots and no more than three lots more than three lots provided that restrictions are recorded, in a deed or other covenant or agreement, which would prevent more than a total of nine dwelling units being accessed by the common driveway.
- C. E. Frontage. Frontage on a common driveway may not be used to satisfy zoning frontage requirements. Each lot passed by the common driveway shall have access on a way acceptable to the Planning Board.
- D. <u>F.</u> Design requirements. <u>Design requirements for eCommon driveways serving not more than three dwelling units</u> shall be <u>designed and constructed to</u> the same <u>standards</u> as those for driveways under Section 153-14A through L of the Town Code<del>Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Great Barrington Planning Board</del>.

Common driveways serving between four and six dwelling units shall be designed and constructed to the same standards as a "Small Lane" as set forth in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Great Barrington Planning Board, however the requirements for a Right-of-Way, shoulders, and asphalt paved surface shall not apply to common driveways.

Common driveways serving between seven and nine dwelling units shall be designed and constructed to the same standards as a "Minor Way" as set forth in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Great Barrington Planning Board, however the requirements for a Right-of-Way, shoulders, cul-de-sac, and asphalt paved surface shall not apply to common driveways.

The design of any common driveway also shall, in the opinion of the <u>Superintendent of Public Works</u>, <u>Fire Chief</u>, and <u>Police Chief</u> Board of Selectmen and the <u>Highway Superintendent</u>, assure adequate safety and access for emergency vehicles.

E. G. Origin orof driveway. A common driveway must originate on approved frontage.

F. Minimum width. The traveled way shall have a minimum width of 14 feet.

- G. H. Easements. The application for a common driveway must be accompanied by a declaration of covenants, easements and restrictions for the use and maintenance of said common drives.
- H. I. The sale of lots and/or the erection of buildings is prohibited until such time as the common driveway has been constructed in accordance with the permit approval plan and until the Board of Selectmen Planning Board has written verification that all covenants, easements and restrictions have been recorded in the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds.

Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold presented the changes to this bylaw. Town Counsel David Doneski and Ephrat David also spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:43 PM

#### ARTICLE 27: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court for special legislation entitled, "An Act Providing that Future Members of the Police Department of the Town of Great Barrington Shall Be Exempt from the Provisions of the Commonwealth's Civil Service Law, M.G.L. c. 31," a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and substantially in the form thereof, provided, that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the public objectives of the petition. Town Manager Mark Pruhenski and Police Chief Paul Storti gave an explanation on this article. Erica Mielke spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:49 PM

## ARTICLE 28: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town increase the maximum qualifying gross receipts that seniors (persons 65 or older) may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 41A to \$40,000.00; and further, to change the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 41A from 8.0% to 5.0%, with such rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022.

Vivian Orlowski presented information on this article. Carol Diehl and Garfield Reed spoke on this article.

#### **VOTED AT 9:55 PM**

There was a motion by a gentleman in the audience and seconded by someone in the audience to move up Article 33 to now so quorum is not lost before continuing on with the rest of the articles.

Kate Burke made a point of order. She asked if it was known what happens if both Article 25 and Article 33 pass. The Moderator stated "no". The Moderator asked for a vote to change the order and that it would require a majority vote. He stated that Article 33 would be discussed and voted and then he would continue on with Articles 29 through 32.

### VOTED to move to ARTICLE 33 at 9:56 PM

#### ARTICLE 33: (by citizen petition)

Purpose and Intent: Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c.64G, The Town establishes these regulations to balance private, neighborhood, and municipal interest, including:

- Enabling residents to earn extra money from their properties to better afford to live here, maintain their properties, and contribute to the community
- Minimizing public safety and health risks; and,
- Deterring commercial interests from buying housing to use solely as short-term rental businesses.

Definition of Short-Term Rental - An accessory lodging use in owner-occupied, tenant-occupied or non-owner occupied dwelling unit including, but not limited to, an apartment, house, accessory dwelling unit, cottage, condominium, or a furnished accommodation that is not a hotel, motel, inn, resort, lodging house, or bed and breakfast establishment, where at least 1 room or unit is rented to an occupant or sub occupant for 1-31 consecutive calendar days; and, all accommodations are reserved in advance, except for certain lodging types excluded from such regulation by Massachusetts General Law.

Short-Term Rentals, may be rented by right, by a homeowner, in all zones, with the following exceptions:

- a. Residential property owned by a corporation other than an LLC may not engage in Short-Term Rentals.
- b. Residential premises designated as affordable or otherwise income-restricted, which are subject to affordability covenants or are otherwise subject to housing or rental assistance under local, state, or federal programs or law, may not engage in short term rentals.
- c. Units meeting the definition of "Professionally Managed Units" under MGL, Chapter 64G, Section 1.

General Requirement for all Short-Term Rentals During Use:

- a. All overnight parking must be within the property's driveway or garage or as permitted by right through posted town laws.
- b. Events that include tents or amplified music or which would customarily require a license or permit are not allowed
- c. Signs advertising the Short-Term Rental are not permitted
- d. Occupancy is limited to the total legal occupancy per dwelling.
- e. A short-Term Rental is not allowed on any property with outstanding violations of the Building Code, Fire Code, Board of Health, or Town General Bylaws.
- f. A Short-Term unit must include a local contact, who is able to act responsibly and can be reached in an emergency. The responsible party's contact information shall include both a phone number and an email address and shall be clearly posted in an obvious location.
- g. Trash removal shall be the responsibility of the homeowner (or the homeowner's responsible party) and shall be collected weekly or more frequently as needed, by residential trash collection services or weekly trips to the Town Transfer Station.
- h. Every Short-Term Rental is required to have a functioning fire extinguisher, as well as a current and functioning Smoke and CO detectors, to code, as per MGL Chapter 148, section 26E
- i. Every Short-Term rental operator must maintain liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.00, to cover each Short-Term Rental unless such Short-Term rental coverage is offered through the Hosting venue such as Airbnb that maintains equal or greater coverage per MGL, Chapter 337, Section 4Fb.

- j. Homeowners shall submit an annual form, similar to the current dog license, confirming the Homeowner's name, address, and contact information phone and email and attesting to the following:
  - 1. That the presence of smoke and CO detectors are to code, functioning, and up to date.
  - 2. There is a functioning fire extinguisher located within the Short-Term Rental Unit, or one per unit, as required.
  - 3. The Homeowner further attests that there is liability coverage maintained of not less than \$1,000,000.00, to cover each Short-Term Rental unless such Short-Term Rental coverage is already offered through the Hosting venue.

Claudia Laslie made a principal motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to put the citizen petition to vote and adopt it as written but to make an amendment and strike through item c in the first section as such:

c. Units meeting the definition of "Professionally Managed Units" under MGL, Chapter 64G, Section 1.

The following people spoke on this amendment: Craig Okerstrom-Lang; James Manning; Jorge Alcala; Claudia Laslie; Christopher Tucci. The Moderator asked for a vote on adopting Article 33 as presented.

#### MOTION FAILED AT 10:06 PM

# ARTICLE 29: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town adopt the resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth as printed in Article 29 of the Warrant of this Town Meeting, and that the Town forward the adopted resolution to the representatives and senators in the General Court as specified therein. Erica Mielke spoke on this article.

#### VOTED AT 10:07 PM

## ARTICLE 30: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Leigh Davis, that the Town accept Chapter 64G, section 3D (a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorizing the imposition of a community impact fee of 3% on the transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental in a "professionally managed unit," which term is defined in G.L. c. 64G, §1, with said fee to apply to transfers of occupancies on or after October 1, 2022.

#### VOTED AT 10:08 PM

# ARTICLE 31: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town accept Chapter 64G, section 3D(b) of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorizing the imposition of a community impact fee of 3% on the transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit that is located in a two- or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence, with said fee to apply to transfers of occupancies on or after October 1, 2022.

#### VOTED AT 10:10 PM

## ARTICLE 32: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Garfield Reed, that the Town dedicate 100% of any community impact fees collected under Chapter 64G, Section 3D (a) or (b) of the General Laws to affordable housing, as follows: fees shall be deposited in a receipts reserved for appropriation account, for appropriation by vote of Town Meeting for the purpose of supporting affordable housing including grants to the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

# VOTED AT 10:11 PM

Motion to adjourn by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience.

# MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Messina, Town Clerk

Total Registered Voters: 5,047 Total Voters: 381 (7.5%)

# TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

All Emergencies

Great Barrington Fire Department:

911

528-0788

Great Barrington Fire Department.		320-0700	
Housatonic Fire Department		274-3391	
Ambulance		528-3900	
Police (non-Emergency)	)		528-0306
State Police			243-0600
DEPARTMENT:	CONTACT:		TELEPHONE:
Board of Health	Rebecca Jurczyk		528-0680
Cemeteries	Steven Larkin		528-1800
DPW Superintendent	Joseph Aberdale		528-0867
Emergency Communications	Paul Storti		528-0306
Fence Viewers:	Bernard Drew		528-4953
	Kurt Barbieri		528-6278
Fire Chief	Charles Burger		528-0788
Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari		274-0267
Highway	John Mulumphy		528-2500
Housatonic Community Center	Francis Tarnawa		274-8375
Housatonic Water Works Company	James Mercer		528-1780
Housing Authority	Tina Danzy		274-1142
Inspector of Buildings	Edwin May		528-3206
	Samara Klein		
Libraries: (Mason Library, GB)	Samara Kiein		528-2403
(Ramsdell, Housatonic)	D 1 , 17 1.		274-3738
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski		229-8019
Recycling Center	Friday	(8 AM - 3 PM)	528-5011
	Saturday	(7 AM - 3 PM)	
	Sunday	(10 AM - 3 PM)	
Schools- Berkshire Hills Regional School District			
	Monument Mountain High School		
	Monument Valley Middle Muddy Brook Elementary		644-2300
			644-2350
School Superintendent	Peter Dillon		298-4017
Senior Center/Council on Aging	Polly Mann Salenovich		528-1881
Sewer Treatment Plant	Paul Ely		528-0650
TOWN HALL:			528-1619
Assessor's Office	Ross Vivori		x 2300
Conservation Commission	Shepley Evans, Agent		x 2801
Selectboard	Amy Pulver		x 2900
Town Accountant	Allison Crespo		x 2500
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Alicia Dulin		x 2200
*Parking Clerk, Tag Sale Permits, Tax Bills (Real Estate & Motor Vehicle), Sewer Bills			
Town Clerk	Jennifer Messin		x 2100
*Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, Dog Licenses, Voter Registration			
Town Manager	Mark Pruhensk		x 2900
Town Planner	Christopher Rembold		x 2400
Tree Warden	Michael Peretti		528-5552
Veteran's Services	Vacant		528-1580
Water Department (G.B. Fire District)	Cindy Ullrich		528-0133
water Department (G.D. File District)	The Land of the Control of the Contr		320-0133

Theodore Piontek

274-6605

Wire Inspector