

Town of Great Barrington 2019 Special Town Meeting

WARRANT

Wednesday, December 11, 2019



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1. Citizen Petition: Home Rule Petition for “An Act relative to horse racing within the Town of Great Barrington”

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS

To William Walsh, Chief of Police of the Town of Great Barrington, in said Berkshire County,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to present the Home Rule Petition set forth below to the General Court, that the Town's representatives in the General Court be requested to immediately introduce legislation as set forth below and ask that the General Court enact such legislation; further that the General Court may make constructive changes in the text hereof as may be necessary or advisable to accomplish the intent of this proposed legislation in order to secure its passage.

“AN ACT concerning horse racing within the town of Great Barrington

Be it enacted in the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that the citizens of Great Barrington have the opportunity to decide whether the long abandoned practice of horse racing in their town shall return.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this act, “horse racing” shall mean every meeting where horses are raced and where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of horses shall be permitted.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 128A, section 13A, M.G.L. c. 271, section 33, nor any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be no license granted by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission nor any other state or local Commission or agency, for horse racing within the Town of Great Barrington, unless or until the Citizens of said Town shall approve such license and the resumption of horse racing in said Town at an annual town meeting and confirmed by a majority vote ballot in said Town.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

or otherwise act thereon.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and of this Warrant and your doings thereon, make due return to the Clerk of said Town at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Great Barrington, this 25th day of November, 2019.

Stephen C. Bannon, Chair

Edward D. Abrahams

William F. Cooke

Kate F. Burke

Leigh S. Davis

Selectboard of the Town of Great Barrington

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

William R. Walsh, Chief of Police
Town of Great Barrington

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS.

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof in the following places in the Town of Great Barrington, namely:

The vestibule of the Town Hall Building and the Post Office in the Town of Great Barrington, the post office in the Village of Housatonic, Mason Library in the Town of Great Barrington, and the Ramsdell Library in the Village of Housatonic, Fourteen days, at least before the time of holding the within mentioned Town Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 25th day of November, 2019.

William R. Walsh, Chief of Police
Town of Great Barrington