

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
STOCKBRIDGE ROAD
MAY 9, 2016 AT 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

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 6:10 P.M. by Moderator Edward McCormick who welcomed everyone to the 256th Great Barrington Annual Town Meeting. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening but will make a determination later in the meeting if this is not possible and the meeting will be adjourned to Thursday, May 12th. Mr. McCormick 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. Mr. McCormick requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Myles Houle, boy scout from Troop 23 from Great Barrington. Mr. McCormick requested a moment of silence for recently deceased Great Barrington Police Officer, Ryan Storti. A moment of silence was requested for the following town officials who passed away from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; Mary A. Seelig, Nola Watson Lawrence, John Edward Hassett, Catherine S. Mielke, William H. Mooney, Roberta Lucy Wheeler, Ruth Siok, Aldo L. Oggiani, Elizabeth W. Long, Paul M. Baumann, Sr., Benjamin A. Koldys, Jr., Natalie W. Goranson and Jane Finn. Mr. McCormick introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Lauren Sartori Hobgood, Town Council David Doneski, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton, Selectboard: Stephen Bannon, Daniel Bailly, Edward Abrahams and William Cooke; Finance Committee Members: Michael Wise, Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Walter Atwood, III, Leigh Davis and Eugene Curletti.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. McCormick. The meeting will be governed by the Massachusetts General Laws, the Bylaws of the Town of Great Barrington and Town Meeting Time. More specifically, Mr. McCormick reminded everyone of the fire/safety regulations and requested that there be no standing or sitting in the aisles. 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. McCormick 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. All votes to raise and appropriate by borrowing shall be done by secret ballot. Any funds in excess of the Finance Committee recommendation will be by secret ballot if twenty or more voters request it. If twenty or more voters request a secret ballot on any issue, the moderator will determine if one is necessary. Each voter has received a warrant, a green card and a packet of yes/no cards. Mr. McCormick will instruct voters when these are to be used and what color to use. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the auditorium

and will report their numbers to the Town Clerk.

Mr. McCormick then explained that he would need to excuse himself from articles 6, 23 and 25. He then made a motion to accept Richard Dohoney to step in as moderator for those articles, motion seconded by the Lauren Sartori Hobgood. He asked if there was any discussion, seeing none, asked for a vote. All were in favor.

Selectboard Chair, Sean Stanton then took over the microphone. He announced that this was Mr. McCormick's final Town Meeting as Moderator and thanked him for his 21 years of service as an exceptional Moderator. He presented him with a clock and a proclamation from the Town. Mr. McCormick thanked everyone.

Mr. McCormick introduced Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin who presented a power point slide presentation in regards to the articles.

Mr. McCormick requested that any preliminary motions be made at this time.

A motion was made by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, seconded by Sean Stanton to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED AT 6:34 PM

ARTICLE 1:

On a motion by Leigh Davis seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

- a. Plumbing Inspector (\$15,000)
- b. Wire Inspector (\$50,000)
- c. Gas Inspector (\$15,000)
- d. Town Code Printing (\$10,000)
- e. Parks Commission (\$5,000)
- f. Recycling/Green Product Sales (\$5,000)
- g. Cemetery (\$5,000)
- h. Fire Inspectors (\$5,000)

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00), which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, §53 E 1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

VOTED AT 6:38 PM

ARTICLE 2:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

Selectmen: \$7,500 (\$1,500 per Selectman)

Asa Hardcastle made a motion to amend this article to change the amount from \$7,500 to \$12,500 and (\$1,500 per Selectman) to (\$2,500 per Selectman). This amendment was seconded by the audience.

Anthony Dapolito and Sean Stanton spoke on this amendment and there was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote.

VOTED AS AMENDED AT 6:41 PM

Mr. McCormick then called for the vote on the article as amended.

VOTED AT 6:42 PM

ARTICLE 3:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (Mass DOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the 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 6:42 PM

ARTICLE 4:

On a motion by Michael Wise seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the sum of \$2,638,250 is appropriated to (i) pay the costs of acquiring five voting machines at a cost of approximately \$33,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (ii) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new police cruiser at a cost of approximately \$45,600, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iii) pay the costs of acquiring Air Packs for the Fire Department at a cost of approximately \$200,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iv) pay the costs of acquiring new Computers and new

Phone system for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$94,300, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (v) pay the costs of acquiring two new Radio Consoles for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$216,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (vi) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new Pickup Truck at a cost of approximately \$45,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (vii) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new Dump Truck at a cost of approximately \$225,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (viii) pay the costs of Town buildings improvements at an approximate cost of \$91,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (ix) pay the costs of various roadway and drainage improvements at a cost of approximately \$608,350, (x)) pay the costs of various Bridge Repairs and painting at a cost of approximately \$1,080,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$2,638,250 pursuant to chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of the expenditure or expenditures approved by this vote.

Mr. McCormick then read each item and told the audience if they had any questions or holds to yell it out as he read each item. There were no questions or holds on any item. The Moderator stated that this vote has to be a 2/3rd majority vote by secret ballot. He then instructed the voters to go to the ballot boxes with their pink yes/no slips.

DECLARED 2/3RD MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:06 PM
YES – 266 NO- 86

ARTICLE 5:

On a motion by Eugene Curletti seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$78,200 for the following General Fund Capital Items excepting the sum of \$14,000 which is to be transferred from cemetery perpetual care interest account for the cemetery mower and the sum of \$7,200 from the police drug forfeiture account for the license plate reader.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Police</u>	
License Plate Reader	\$ 19,200
<u>Public Works</u>	
Cemetery-mower	14,000
<u>Parks</u>	
Improvements	45,000
Total Capital-General Fund	\$ 78,200

Mr. McCormick then read each item and told the audience if they had any questions or holds to yell it out as he read each item. There was a hold on the Police License Plate Reader and Parks Improvements.

Public Works – Cemetery Mower

Michelle Loubert spoke on this item of the article.

VOTED AT 6:53 PM

Police – License Plate Reader

Carol Diehl and Police Chief Walsh spoke on this item. Mr. McCormick then asked for a vote, which he then asked for a hand count by the counters.

DEFEATED AT 7:13 PM

YES – 171 NO - 187

Parks – Improvements

Karen Smith spoke on this item.

VOTED AT 7:08 PM

ARTICLE 6:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the sum of \$600,000, is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new fire truck, and for 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 \$600,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided: the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town on account of the expenditure or expenditures approved by this vote, and further, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder until the Town shall have voted to exclude the

amounts required to repay any borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitations on the levy of local property taxes contained in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Prop. 2 ½).

Mr. Richard Dohoney stepped in as Moderator for this article. He asked if there was any discussion and seeing none, stated that this vote has to be a 2/3rd majority vote by secret ballot. He then instructed the voters to precede to the ballot boxes with their purple yes/no slips.

DECLARED 2/3RD MAJORITY VOTE AT 8:08 PM
YES – 268 NO- 125

ARTICLE 7:

On a motion by Eugene Curletti seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Four Dollars (\$13,827,234.00) for the operating assessment, and Six Hundred Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$636,165.00) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Fourteen Million, Four Hundred Sixty Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars (\$14,463,399.00) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

Peter Dillon, Berkshire Hills Regional School District Superintendent presented a power point on the school budget. The following people spoke on this article:

George Beebe	Roselle Chartock
Gabrielle Senza	Marsha Weiner
Susan Higa	Daniel Bailly
Gene Kalish	Malcolm Fick
Karen Smith	Michael Ury
Ron Banks	Ellen Lahr
Sharon Gregory	Ruthie Lee
Leigh Davis	Marianne Young
Chip Elitzer	Peter Dillon

Mr. McCormick stated he believed that this article should be by secret ballot. He then asked voters to go to the ballot boxes with their white yes/no slips.

DEFEATED AT 8:17 PM
YES – 176 NO - 215

ARTICLE 8:

On a motion by Michael Wise seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing year as detailed in the FY17 Annual Budget for the General Fund.

The Moderator read each item and asked the voters to call out question or hold if they had any. Then we would vote on all non-held items and go back to discuss the held items. There were no questions or holds on any line item.

VOTED AT 8:13 PM

ARTICLE 9:

On a motion by Leigh Davis seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted 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 year as detailed in the FY17 Annual Budget for the Sewer Fund.

VOTED AT 8:14 PM

ARTICLE 10:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$155,919.03, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 7 of the May 16, 2005 Town Meeting for remodeling, reconstructing, equipping and making extraordinary repairs to the Mason Library, to authorize expenditure for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to any Town library or for any other Town library improvement purposes for which the Town is authorized to borrow in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as it may be amended, or any other enabling authority.

VOTED AT 8:15 PM

ARTICLE 11:

On a motion by Leigh Davis seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$2,150,000.00 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2017.

VOTED AT 8:15 PM

ARTICLE 12:

On a motion by Karen Smith seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted 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 fiscal year 2017 and for Budgeted Reserve, and reserve for future appropriation for

community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY 2017 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$ 43,050
From FY 2017 revenues for community housing reserve	\$ 43,050
From FY 2017 revenues for open space reserve	\$ 43,050

Appropriations:

From FY 2017 revenues for administrative expenses	\$ 19,178
From undesignated fund balance for 2017 budgeted reserve	\$ 250,000

VOTED AT 8:17 PM

ARTICLE 13:

On a motion by Karen Smith seconded by Chris Rembold, voted that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for fiscal year 2017 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

	Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation		
			2016 budgeted reserve	reserved funds balances (housing, open space, or	2017 revenues
	<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u>				
1	100 Bridge Street - creation of affordable housing units	\$250,000	\$250,000		
2	316 State Road - creation of affordable housing units	\$220,000		\$64,555	\$155,445
3	Total Affordable Housing	\$470,000	\$250,000	\$64,555	\$155,445
	<u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</u>				
4	Restoration of 1089 Main Street	\$60,000		\$60,000	
5	Wheeler Farmstead - preservation phase 1B	\$24,250		\$4,555	\$19,695
6	Historical Commission Town-wide historic resources survey	\$15,000			\$15,000
7	Total Historic Preservation	\$99,250	\$0	\$64,555	\$34,695
	<u>OPEN SPACE</u>				
8	Creation of trails at CHP campus	\$10,000			\$10,000
9	Agricultural Preservation of Windy Hill Farm	\$170,000	\$49,825	\$64,555	\$55,620
10	GBLC for River Walk restoration	\$26,412			\$26,412
11	Total OpenSpace	\$206,412	\$49,825	\$64,555	\$92,032
12	TOTAL	\$775,662	\$299,825	\$193,665	\$282,172

Chris Rembold, Town Planner, made a power point presentation on the projects for this article. Then the moderator read each item and asked for the voters to callout any questions or holds. One item #1 – questions by Patrick Fennell, John Breasted, Gabrielle Senza – and Tim Geller answered the questions. On item # 8 – questions by Eugene Warford and answered by Sean Stanton. There were holds placed on items #1, 4 and 9.

Mr. McCormick then asked for a vote on all other items.

VOTED AT 8:29 PM

#1 – 100 Bridge Street

Gabrielle Senza and Chris Rembold spoke on this item. Mr. McCormick asked for a hand counted vote.

VOTED AT 8:49 PM

YES – 155 NO - 100

#4 – 1089 Main Street

The following people spoke on this item:

Chris Rembold
Paul Ivory
Sharon Gregory
Fred Clark

Attorney David Doneski
Carol Diehl
James Stark
Ed Abrahams

VOTED AT 8:49 PM

#9 – Agricultural Preservation Windy Hill Farm

People who spoke on this article:

George Beebe
Patrick Fennell
Vivian Orlowski

Karen Smith
Ann Fredericks

VOTED AT 9:00 PM

ARTICLE 14:

On a motion by Ed Abrahams seconded by Michael Wise, voted that the Town a) approve an increase in the property tax exemption amount under Clause 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, Senior Exemption, from \$750 to \$1,000; b) increase the asset limits for eligibility for the exemption from \$28,000 to \$40,000 for a single person and from \$30,000 to

\$55,000 for married persons; and c) accept Clause 41D of said Section 5 so as to approve tying the income limits for eligibility (currently \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for married persons) and the asset limits (as adjusted hereunder) to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the U.S. Department of Labor as reported by the Department of Revenue (DOR) each year.

VOTED AT 9:01 PM

ARTICLE 15:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire easements in and over land in the vicinity of Meadow Street and Front Street in the Village of Housatonic in connection with the Front Street Drainage Improvements Project, including portions of Lots 117A, 119, 120, and 121 as shown on Assessors' Map 1, and portions of Lots 9, 22, and 50 as shown on Assessors' Map 2, containing in total approximately 16,049 square feet and more particularly shown on a plan entitled "Easement Plan Front Street," dated October 5, 2015, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1.00 for such acquisition; and authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

Mr. McCormick stated this article had to be by a 2/3rds majority vote.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:03 PM

ARTICLE 16:

On a motion by Sean Stanton seconded by Michael Wise, voted that the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, a parcel of land lying between Main Street in Housatonic and Van Deusenville Road, identified as Lot 29A on Assessors' Map 26, containing in total approximately 3.34 acres and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Great Barrington, MA Prepared for Kirt Mayland," dated July 16, 2015, prepared by Whitman & Bingham Associates, LLC, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1.00 for such acquisition; and to authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

Patricia Ryan spoke on this article. The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:04 PM

ARTICLE 17:

On a motion by Jeremy Higa seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Sections 2.1, 2.2, 7.12, and 11.0, as shown in Article 17 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Jeremy Higa. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:06 PM

ARTICLE 18:

On a motion by Jeremy Higa seconded by Chris Rembold, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 5.7, as shown in Article 18 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Jeremy Higa. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:07 PM

ARTICLE 19:

On a motion by Brandee Nelson seconded by Chris Rembold, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 8.2.2, as shown in Article 19 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

A Planning Board report was read by Brandee Nelson. Patricia Ryan, Joseph Carini and Chris Rembold all spoke on this article.

Mr. Carini made a motion for an amendment: to delete the words “Abutters within 300 feet of” and replace it with “Immediate abutters having common boundaries with”. This motion was seconded by someone in the audience. Jonathan Hankin, Jack Musgrove, Malcolm Fick, Carol Diehl and Pat Ryan spoke on this amendment. Then Mr. McCormick asked for a hand count vote on the amendment:

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 9:20 PM
YES – 69 NO – 90

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:20 PM

ARTICLE 20:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick seconded by Chris Rembold, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.10.2, as shown in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Malcolm Fick. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:19 PM

ARTICLE 21:

On a motion by Suzanne Fowle seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.11, Mixed Use Transitional Zone (MXD), and by revising Section 2.1.2, Section 3.1.4, Section 4.1.2, Section 8.3.6, Section 8.4.1, and Section 8.4.2, as shown in Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting; and amend the Zoning Map accordingly, as described in said Article 21.

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Suzanne Fowle. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:23 PM

ARTICLE 22:

On a motion by Brandee Nelson seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.1.4 and 8.3.3, as shown in Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Brandee Nelson. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:26 PM

The Moderator stated that he would do article 24 and then stated that Mr. Dohoney will step in for him as moderator for article 23 and 25.

ARTICLE 23:

On a motion by Jack Musgrove seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 11.0, as shown in Article 23 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Richard Dohoney stepped in as Moderator for this article. The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Jack Musgrove. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:30 PM

ARTICLE 24:

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin seconded by Chris Rembold, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Sections 9.2 and 11.0, as shown in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The Moderator then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. A Planning Board report was read by Jonathan Hankin. There was no discussion.

DECLARED A 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:29 PM

ARTICLE 25:

On a motion by Stephen Bannon seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town release any rights that may exist requiring the use and development of the property at 79 Bridge Street in conformance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Riverschool Redevelopment, LLC and the Town dated July 26, 2010.

John Breasted and Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin spoke on this article and Richard Dohoney was the moderator.

VOTED AT 9:31 PM

ARTICLE 26:

On a motion by Sean Stanton seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town authorize the Selectboard to petition the Legislature to enact special legislation, to be effective upon passage, authorizing the Town of Great Barrington to adopt a local tax in an amount of 5 cents per gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel sold to the public, said tax to be administered by the Selectboard, with such receipts to be expended for the repair and maintenance of the Town's roads and bridges, provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary from the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

Patrick Fennell, George Beebe, Sean Stanton and John Breasted all spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:36 PM

ARTICLE 27:

On a motion by William Cooke seconded by Stephen Bannon, voted that the Town approve, and authorize the Selectboard to enter into, a Tax Agreement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, and/or any other enabling authority with RT MA Solar, LLC or any successor lessee/operator for personal property taxes associated with the 2.1

megawatts (“MW”) solar photovoltaic facility to be located on property at 67 Van Deusenville Road in the Village of Housatonic and shown on Assessors’ Map 5 as Parcel 10, for a term of up to twenty (20) years, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this article.

VOTED AT 9:37 PM

ARTICLE 28:

On a motion by Ed Abrahams seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town adopt a demolition delay bylaw as set forth in Article 28 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and authorize the Town Clerk to assign chapter and section numbers for the bylaw within Division 1, Part II of the Town Code.

Malcolm Fick presented a power point presentation. Jonathan Hankin, Patricia Ryan, Paul Ivory, Jack Musgrove, Brandee Nelson, and Diego Gutierrez all spoke on this article.

DEFEATED AT 9:51 PM

ARTICLE 29:

On a motion by Stephen Bannon seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town amend Chapter 163 of the Town Code, Trees, by adding a new section 3 as set forth in Article 29 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Tree Committee member, Jess Wikle spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:52 PM

ARTICLE 30:

On a motion by William Cooke seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town adopt the resolution declaring Great Barrington to be a Pollinator-Friendly Community as set forth in Article 30 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Vivian Orlowski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:56 PM

ARTICLE 31:

On a motion by William Cooke seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town adopt the resolution in favor of Massachusetts House Bill 2870 as set forth in Article 31 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Natalie Narotzky spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:58 PM

ARTICLE 32:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly seconded by Stephen Bannon, voted that the Town adopt the resolution in favor of Massachusetts House Bill 2871 as set forth in Article 32 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Natalie Narotzky spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:59 PM

ARTICLE 33:

On a motion by Sean Stanton seconded by Stephen Bannon, voted that the Town adopt the resolution regarding the Housatonic River Cleanup as set forth in Article 33 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

VOTED AT 10:00 PM

ARTICLE 34: (by Petition)

On a motion by Eileen Mooney and seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Great Barrington Town Bylaws be amended to add the following: Within thirty-five (35) days of an open meeting of an elected or appointed board, minutes of the meeting must be posted on the town website and signed by the person who prepared them. If the board has not yet approved the minutes, "UNAPPROVED MINUTES" shall be written in large letters on the first page.

Eileen Mooney spoke on this article.

Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin made a motion to amend this article to delete "and signed by the person who prepared them". This was seconded by someone in the audience.

AMENDMENT PASSED AT 10:03 PM

Mr. McCormick asked for the vote on the amended article.

VOTED AS AMENDED AT 10:04 PM

**Daniel Bailly made a motion for adjournment, seconded by the audience.
Adjourned at 10:04 PM.**

There were 410 voters at the meeting out of the 4590 registered voters. (11%)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marie Y. Ryan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk
Town of Great Barrington**