

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
STOCKBRIDGE ROAD
MAY 4, 2015 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 6:01 P.M. by Moderator Edward McCormick who welcomed everyone to the 255th 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 the next night. 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 the Honor Guards from the Adams-Budz Post and Boy Scout Troop #23 (Andrew Console, Kevin Robertson, Cory Keefner and Logan Willemain). A moment of silence was requested for the following town officials who passed away from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; Paul Hammer, Joseph Aberdale, Sr., Frank Ptak, Michelle Banach, Judith Hagberg, Lydia Gerard, Dorothy “Dot” Casey, Alice Siok and Norman Roy. 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 Deborah Phillips, Selectboard: Sean Stanton, Stephen Bannon, Daniel Bailly, Edward Abrahams; Finance Committee Members: Sharon Gregory, Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Michael Wise, Walter Atwood, III and Leigh Davis.

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 yellow 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 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 6:32 P.M.

ARTICLE 1:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and 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 (\$40,000)
- 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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), 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 6:35 PM

ARTICLE 2:

On a motion by Thomas Baluvelt, seconded by Michael Wise, voted that the Town accept MGL Chapter 60, §15B to establish a tax title collection revolving fund , which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited any fees, charges, and costs collected upon the redemption of tax titles and sales of real property acquired through foreclosures of tax titles; and further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with the Mass General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for such revolving fund shall not exceed the receipts for such fund; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to start this revolving fund.

VOTED AT 6:37 PM

ARTICLE 3:

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

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

VOTED AT 6:37 PM

ARTICLE 4:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, 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 6:38 PM

ARTICLE 5:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood , voted that the sum of \$639,000 is appropriated to (i) pay the costs of constructing and equipping a Highway storage facility at a cost of approximately \$210,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (ii) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping two new police cruisers at a cost of approximately \$80,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iii)

pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new Fire Chief vehicle at a cost of approximately \$40,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iv) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping two new pickup trucks for the use of the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$117,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (v) pay the costs of acquiring and equipping one new dump truck for the use of the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$192,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town is authorized to use \$52,536 of remaining bond proceeds from the borrowing authorized at the May 5, 2014 Town Meeting Article 4, towards the purchase of the dump truck and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$586,464 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.

Mr. McCormick read each item and asked that if any voter had a question or wanted to put a hold on any item, to call out so. There was a hold placed on the Highway Storage Facility. Mr. McCormick then informed the voters that this Article had to be voted by 2/3rd Majority secret ballot. Charles Williamson asked a question in regards to the Dump Truck. The Moderator then asked the voters to go forward with the blue yes/no slips to the ballot boxes and vote on all items except the Highway Storage Facility.

2/3RD MAJORITY DECLARED AT 7:06 PM
YES – 203 NO- 70

Selectboard Member Sean Stanton made a motion to amend the article in regards to the Highway Storage Facility. This amended motion was seconded by someone in the audience. Sean Stanton moved to amend the main motion under Article 5 by adding the following language: “Provided, however, that no sums shall be expended for the Highway Storage Facility until the Town is required to vacate the former Fire Station site on Castle Street.”

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:46 PM

Mr. McCormick then asked if there was any further discussion, seeing none, he instructed the voters to use their white yes/no slips and go to the ballot boxes and vote on the Highway Storage Facility.

2/3RD MAJORITY DECLARED AT 7:06 PM
YES – 228 NO- 60

ARTICLE 6:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,500 for the following General Fund Capital Items:

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Town Manager/Selectboard</u>	
Copier	\$ 10,500
Total	10,500
<u>Public Works</u>	
Pedestrian Tunnel Rehab design	10,000
Senior Center Building Repairs	15,000
Total	25,000
<u>Parks</u>	
Improvements	45,000
Total	45,000
Total Capital-General Fund	\$ 80,500

The Moderator read each item and instructed voters to make notice if they had a question or would like a hold placed on any item. There was a question on the Parks Improvement.

Patricia Ryan, Charles Williamson, and Joseph Sokul spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:54 PM

ARTICLE 7:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by Sean Stanton, 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 FY16 Annual Budget for the General Fund.

Mr. McCormick read the total for each department line items and asked for anyone that requires a hold for discussion on a particular item to call out “hold”. There was one hold placed on the Insurance line item 223. He then asked for a vote on the entire budget minus the Insurance line.

VOTED AT 7:01 PM

Patrick Fennell made a motion to amend the Insurance line item 223 to cut the amount to \$1,032,968. This amended motion was seconded by someone in the audience. There was no further discussion. Mr. McCormick asked for a vote on the amendment.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 7:03 PM

Mr. McCormick then asked for a vote on the Insurance line item 223 as presented.

VOTED AT 7:03 PM

ARTICLE 8:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III and 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 FY16 Annual Budget for the Sewer Fund.

James Stark and Town Counsel David Doneski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:05 PM

ARTICLE 9:

On a motion by Michael Wise and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Dewey Building, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing pursuant to this vote from the limitation on total property taxes levied within the Town set forth in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (also known as Proposition 2 1/2).

Mr. McCormick stated that this article if passed also needs to pass on the Town Election ballot next week as well. This article has to be voted by 2/3rds Majority secret ballot. Sean Stanton and David Long spoke on this article. Mr. McCormick then asked voters to proceed to the ballot

boxes using their brown yes/no slips.

2/3RD MAJORITY DECLARED AT 7:41 PM
YES – 276 NO- 13

ARTICLE 10:

On a motion by Deborah Phillips and seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Million, Nineteen Thousand , Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine Dollars (\$13,019,769.00) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars (\$504,735.00) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Twenty Four Thousand, Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$13,524,504.00) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon gave a short power point presentation on the school. Then following people spoke on this article:

David Long	George Beebe
Charles Williamson	David Jaicks
Daniel Bailly	Karen Christensen
Ellen Lahr	C. Lee Rogers
Sharon Gregory	Malcom Fick
Anthony Dapolito	

VOTED AT 7:41 PM

ARTICLE 11:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$100,000 from the Pension Reserve Fund to reduce the,FY16 appropriation required under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for the Berkshire Regional Retirement System.

VOTED AT 7:42 PM

ARTICLE 12:

On a motion by Michael Wise and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$2,350,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2016.

VOTED AT 7:42 PM

ARTICLE 13:

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience, 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 2016 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:

Appropriations:

From FY 2016 revenues for administrative expenses	\$21,525
From FY 2016 revenues for 2016 Budgeted Reserve	\$49,825
From undesignated fund balance for 2016 Budgeted Reserve	\$250,000

Reserves:

From FY 2016 revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$43,050

From FY 2016 revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$43,050

From FY 2016 revenues for Open Space Reserve \$43,050

Community Preservation Committee Chair, Karen Smith gave a short power point presentation on this article.

VOTED AT 7:46 PM

ARTICLE 14:

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for fiscal year 2016 the amounts as shown in Article 14 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>Source of Appropriation</u>		
			2015 budgeted reserve	reserved funds balances (housing, open space, or historic)	2016 revenues
	<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u>				
1	100 Bridge Street - creation of affordable units	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$120,000	
	Total Affordable Housing	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$0
	<u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</u>				
2	Mahaiwe Arts - foundation/basement drainage remediation	\$30,000	\$30,000		
3	St. James Place - roof repair/replacement	\$150,000		\$120,000	\$30,000
4	Town Newsboy Statue/Fountain - restoration	\$31,640	\$31,640		
5	Wheeler Farmstead - preservation historic buildings	\$50,000	\$50,000		
6	Town Hall - design repair plans for eaves	\$20,000	\$20,000		
7	Town Mason Library - restoration/repairs cupola and roof	\$65,000	\$65,000		
	Total Historic Preservation	\$346,640	\$196,640	\$120,000	\$30,000
	<u>OPEN SPACE</u>				
8	100 Bridge Street - riverfront open space	\$300,000		\$100,000	\$200,000
9	The Trustees of Reservations - rehab and creation of trails	\$20,000		\$20,000	
	Total OpenSpace	\$320,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$200,000
	TOTAL	\$866,640	\$276,640	\$360,000	\$230,000

Town Planner Christopher Rembold did a short power point presentation on each project. Ellen Lahr and Karen Smith each spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:54 PM

ARTICLE 15:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend the Finance Committee Bylaw Chapter 7, Article II of the Code of Great Barrington, by adding a new section, § 7-6.1, Financial Reports and Information, as shown in Article 15 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article:

Sharon Gregory	Karen Christensen
Edward Abrahams	Patricia Ryan
Michael Wise	Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager
Anthony Dapolito	Malcom Fick
Vivian Orlowski	Richard Dohoney
Lauren Sartori Hobgood	C. Lee Rogers
Deborah Phillips	Chip Elitzer

Mr. McCormick asked for a vote and was unable to determine show of hands so he then asked the counters to do a count of hands.

DEFEATED AT 8:17 PM
YES – 124 NO - 193

ARTICLE 16:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by Lauren Sartori Hobgood, voted that the Town accept the provisions of MGL chapter 143, section 3Z, in order to permit a part time building inspector to practice for hire or engage in the business for which he is certified, licensed or registered under the State Building Code, while serving as such inspector.

VOTED AT 8:18 PM

ARTICLE 17:

On a motion by Shepley Evans and seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town amend Chapter 168 of the Code of Great Barrington, the Wetlands Bylaw, by deleting the existing text and replacing it with the revised text shown in Article 17 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Conservation Commission Agent Shepley Evans gave a brief explanation on the changes to the Bylaws in this article. David Jaicks, George Beebe and Raymond Crowley each spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 8:25 PM

ARTICLE 18:

On a motion by Suzanne Fowler and seconded by Jonathan Hankin, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.9, Housatonic Village Center (HVC) zone, by adding a new Section 9.10, Housatonic Village Overlay District (HVOD), by revising Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations to provide for uses in the HVC zone, by revising Section 4.1.2, Schedule of Dimensional Requirements to add provisions for the HVC zone,, by revising Section 8.4.1 to clarify applicability of mixed-use requirements, and by revising the Zoning Map accordingly, as shown in Article 18 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member Jonathan Hankin gave a Planning Report on this article. Town Planner Christopher Rembold and James Stark each spoke on this article.

James Stark made a motion for an amendment to leave the area on the corner of Front Street and South Street (All Saints Church) as residential. This was seconded by someone in the audience. Deborah Phillips spoke on this amendment. The written motion given by Mr. Stark was deemed unacceptable by Town Counsel for lack of specific information on the parcel number. Mr. McCormick asked to pass on this article until Mr. Stark could gather that information to continue on the amendment.

Mr. McCormick later in the meeting asked for James Stark to present the information requested. Mr. Stark was not present at the time. The amendment was not accepted per Town Council. Mr. McCormick then asked for a vote on the original article.

VOTED AT 8:47 PM

ARTICLE 19:

On a motion by Jack Musgrove and seconded by Jonathan Hankin, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Map by changing the designation of the existing R1B zone in Housatonic to the R3 zone, and re-zoning the property shown on 2013 Assessors' Map 1 as parcels 62, 82, 83, 84, 161, and 162A from B2 to R3, as illustrated on the maps printed in Article 19 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, which reflect the applicable Assessors' parcels.

Planning Board Member Jonathan Hankin gave the Planning Board Report on this article.

Town Planner Christopher Rembold mentioned to the Moderator that this article should not be voted on at this point until Article 18 was voted on. If Article 18 does not pass or the amendment passes on that article, it would affect this article due to the zoning. Mr. McCormick stated that this article would be passed over until Article 18 was voted on.

Mr. McCormick later in the meeting, after the passing of Article 18 then asked for a vote on this article.

VOTED AT 8:47 PM

ARTICLE 20:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town amend the B1 column of Section 3.1.4 (Table of Use Regulations) and the B1 row of Section 4.1.2 (Schedule of Dimensional Requirements) of the Zoning Bylaw, as shown in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and amend the Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of the land on North Plain Road shown on 2013 Assessors' Map 26 as Parcels 10-18 from B2 to B1, and by changing the zoning designation of the land on Park Street/Route 183 shown on 2013 Assessors' Map 6 as Parcels 25, 26, 37, 38, and 39 from B2 to B1, as illustrated on the maps printed in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member Jonathan Hankin presented the Planning Board Report on this article.

VOTED AT 8:42 PM

ARTICLE 21:

On a motion by Jeremy Higa and seconded by Jonathan Hankin, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Map by rezoning the land shown on 2013 Assessors' Map 13 as Parcels 1 and 26E from R2 to R1A, as illustrated on the map printed in Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member Jonathan Hankin presented the Planning Board Report on this article.

VOTED AT 8:43 PM

ARTICLE 22:

On a motion by Jack Musgrove and seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town amend Sections 3.2, 4.2, 8.2, and 11.0 of the Zoning Bylaw as shown in Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member Jonathan Hankin presented the Planning Board Report on this article.

VOTED AT 8:46 PM

ARTICLE 23:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town approve, and authorize the Select Board 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 Housatonic Solar 1, LLC or any successor lessee/operator for personal property taxes associated with the 2.5MW solar photovoltaic facility to be located on property at 295 Park St. in the Village of Housatonic and shown on 2013 Assessors' Map 7 as Parcel 30, 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 8:49 PM

ARTICLE 24:

On a motion by Steve Bannon and seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town approve the Resolution in Support of Fossil Fuel Divestment and to Address the Climate Crisis printed in article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article:

Gary Stoller	George Beebe
Deborah Phillips	Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager
Michael Feldstein	Patrick Fennell
Karen Christensen	

VOTED AT 8:57 PM

ARTICLE 25: (by petition)

On a motion by Patrick Fennell and seconded by Andrew Moro, that we respectfully request the Berkshire Hills Regional School be required to report in the Great Barrington Annual Town Report all payments of \$5001.00 or greater.

Patrick Fennell, Karen Smith and Andrew Moro all spoke on this article. Mr. McCormick stated that this article is a non-binding/ advisory article only.

DEFEATED AT 9:02 PM

ARTICLE 26: (by petition)

On a motion by Patrick Fennell and seconded by Andrew Moro, that we respectfully request the Berkshire Hills Regional School budget be decided by the majority of the combined vote cast by the Great Barrington, Stockbridge and West Stockbridge Annual Town Meeting.

Andrew Moro and Richard Coons spoke on this article. Mr. McCormick stated that this article is a non-binding/ advisory article only.

DEFEATED AT 9:05 PM

ARTICLE 27: (by petition)

No motion was made and the petitioner, David Magadini was not present. Mr. McCormick passed over this article.

ARTICLE 28 (by petition)

On a motion by Micelle Loubert and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that that the Town Amend the Great Barrington General Bylaw by adding the following: Every Committee or Board whether appointed or elected shall place on their agenda of public meetings an item for Citizen Speak time.

Michelle Loubert made a short power point presentation on this article. Jack Musgrove and William Cooke spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:11 PM

ARTICLE 29: (by petition)

On a motion by Karen Christensen and seconded by someone in the audience, voted to see if the Town will instruct Great Barrington Board of Selectmen to support leading-edge education with fair share taxation by taking the steps outlined in Article 29 of the warrant.

The following people spoke on this article:

Malcom Fick	Steve Bannon
Sharon Gregory	Edward Abrahams
Chip Elitzer	David Long

McCormick stated that this article is a non-binding/ advisory article only.

DEFEATED AT 9:25 PM

ARTICLE 30: (by petition)

On a motion by Ronald Banks and seconded by Patrick Fennell, voted to see if the Town will instruct Great Barrington Board of Selectmen to support leading-edge education with fair share taxation by taking the steps outlined in Article 30 of the warrant.

Ronald Banks, Deborah Phillips and Chip Elitzer all spoke on this article.

McCormick stated that this article is a non-binding/ advisory article only. He asked for a vote and then asked for the counters to do a hand count.

VOTED AT 9:42 PM
YES – 68 NO – 54

ARTICLE 31: (by petition)

On a motion by Vivian Orlowski and seconded by someone in the audience, voted to see if the Town will instruct Great Barrington Board of Selectmen to support leading-edge education with fair share taxation by taking the steps outlined in Article 31 of the warrant.

McCormick stated that this article is a non-binding/ advisory article only. He asked for a vote and then asked for the counters to do a hand count.

DEFEATED AT 9:45 PM
YES – 37 NO – 52

Sean Stanton made a motion for adjournment, seconded by the audience.
Adjourned at 9:46 PM.

There were 324 voters at the meeting out of the 4379 registered voters. (7%)

Respectfully Submitted,

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