

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN MEETING
AT MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
STOCKBRIDGE ROAD
MAY 1, 2017 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 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 led by the boy scouts.

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Robert Patterson, Town Council David Doneski, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton, Selectboard: Stephen Bannon, Daniel Bailly, Edward Abrahams and William Cooke. Then he introduced the Finance Committee; Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Walter Atwood, Eugene W. Curletti and Janet Lee.

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. More specifically, Mr. Wise 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. 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 yellow 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 auditorium and will report their numbers to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by someone else in the audience to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED AT 6:08 PM

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

ARTICLE 1:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town amend the Great Barrington Code by inserting a new bylaw establishing revolving funds, to be under the control of the Town Treasurer, as set forth in the Warrant for this Town Meeting, and authorize the Town Clerk to assign chapter and section numbers for the bylaw within Division 1, Part I of the Town Code; and further, to set FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as set forth in the Warrant, namely, Plumbing Inspections - \$15,000, Wiring Inspections - \$50,000, Gas Inspections - \$15,000, Town Code Printing - \$10,000, Parks and Recreation - \$5,000, Recycling/Green Product Sales - \$5,000, Cemetery - \$5,000, and Fire Inspections - \$5,000.

VOTED AT 6:23 PM

ARTICLE 2:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

Selectboard: \$12,500 (\$2,500 per Selectboard member)

VOTED AT 6:24 PM

ARTICLE 3:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, 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 6:25 PM

ARTICLE 4:

On a motion by Walter Atwood and seconded by someone in the audience, that the sum of \$3,010,000 is appropriated to (i) pay the costs of building improvements at a cost of approximately \$836,000, 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 \$100,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iii) pay the costs of acquiring a new highway dump truck at a cost of approximately \$190,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iv) pay the costs of acquiring a new cemetery dump truck at an approximate cost of \$63,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (v) pay the costs of acquiring a new highway skid steer at an approximate cost of \$55,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (vi) pay the costs of replacing communications antennae at a cost of approximately \$70,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (vii) pay the costs of information technology upgrades at a cost of approximately \$136,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (viii) pay the costs of street, road and sidewalk improvements at an approximate cost of \$1,430,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (ix) pay the costs of engineering services at a cost of approximately \$100,000, (x) pay the costs of Olympian Meadow improvements at a cost of approximately \$30,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$3,010,000 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; and, further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Mr. Wise stated that this article had to be a 2/3rd secret ballot. He then read each item in the article and asked if anyone had a question to yell out a hold on that item. There were holds put on item (i), (iii), and (vii).

- (i) Eileen Mooney and Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin spoke on this item.
- (ii) Patrick Fennell and Sean Van Deusen spoke on this item.
- (vii) Patrick Fennell and Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin spoke on this item.

Someone in the audience made a motion to request a separate vote on item (vii). The Moderator then asked for a hand count to have a separate vote on item (vii).

MOTION FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON ITEM (vii) DEFEATED AT 6:30 PM

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on the entire motion. He requested voters to go to the ballot boxes and vote using the pink yes/no slips.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 6:45 PM
YES – 327 NO – 28

ARTICLE 5:

On a motion by Walter Atwood and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below, and to authorize the use of funds from the Town Manager/Selectboard line item in an amount sufficient to pay the fiscal year 2018 cost items associated with collective bargaining agreements for Town employees and for non-union employees upon execution of the applicable agreement setting forth the Town's obligation for such fiscal year.

General Government

| | |
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| Town Manager/Selectboard | 491,076 |
| Finance Committee | 300 |
| Reserve Fund | 150,000 |
| Town Accountant | 103,900 |
| Technology | 179,100 |
| Assessors | 142,770 |
| Treasurer/Collector | 182,396 |
| Town Clerk/Elections | 112,462 |
| Conservation Commission | 24,436 |
| Historic District Commission | 2,500 |
| Various Boards/Commission | 9,470 |
| Planning Board | 5,850 |
| Board of Appeals | 2,600 |
| Office of Planning/Community Development | 100,775 |

Public Safety

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| Police Department | 1,557,588 |
| Fire Department | 513,200 |
| Communications/Emergency Management | 34,288 |
| Building Inspector | 160,400 |
| Parking Clerk | 1,150 |
| Weights/Measures | 4,700 |
| Animal Control | 12,850 |

Department of Public Works 2,116,679

Public Health

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| Board of Health | 118,857 |
| Inspector of Animals | 2,000 |

Community Services

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| Council on Aging | 178,819 |
| Veteran's Affairs | 181,851 |
| Human Services | 52,000 |

Cultural/Recreation

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| Libraries | 518,503 |
| Parks/Recreation | 75,750 |

Miscellaneous

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| Insurance | 1,736,331 |
| Debt Service | 1,475,000 |
| Retirement | 819,000 |
| Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs | 15,433 |
| Unfunded Employee Benefits | <u>30,000</u> |

Total General Fund **\$ 11,112,034**

VOTED AT 6:41 PM

ARTICLE 6:

On a motion by Walter Atwood and seconded by someone in the audience, 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 | \$ 420,368 |
| Expenses | 620,450 |
| Insurance/Benefits | 238,911 |
| Miscellaneous/Transfers | 108,629 |
| Debt Service | <u>657,000</u> |

Total Wastewater Treatment Plant **\$ 2,045,358**

James Stark, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Town Counsel David Doneski and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Tim Drumm, all spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:45 PM

ARTICLE 7:

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$155,919.03, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 9 of the May 7, 2001 Town Meeting for remodeling, reconstructing, equipping and making extraordinary repairs to the Mason Library, to authorize expenditure of said sum 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 for a period of twenty (20) or more years.

Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin and William Warford spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:49 PM

ARTICLE 8:

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Forty Five Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Three Dollars (\$14,745,183) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Eighty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$584,214) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Fifteen Million, Three Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand , Three Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars (\$15,329,397) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon spoke on this article. Someone in the audience requested a motion for a secret ballot. The Moderator asked for a show of hands if this article should be by secret ballot.

MOTION FOR SECRET BALLOT DEFEATED AT 6:57 PM

Mr. Wise then called for the vote on the main motion.

VOTED AT 6:57 PM

ARTICLE 9:

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town authorize the use of \$2,450,000.00 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2018.

Town Accountant Robert Patterson and Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:01 PM

ARTICLE 10:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Eugene W. Curletti, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for deposit into the Police Special Detail Revolving Account.

VOTED AT 7:01 PM

ARTICLE 11:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Walter Atwood, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to reduce the deficit in the Fiscal Year 2017 snow and ice budget.

VOTED AT 7:02 PM

ARTICLE 12:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Karen Smith, 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 2018 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:

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| From FY 2018 revenues for historic resources reserve | \$ 43,050 |
| From FY 2018 revenues for community housing reserve | \$ 43,050 |
| From FY 2018 revenues for open space reserve | \$ 43,050 |

Appropriations:

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| From FY 2018 revenues for administrative expenses | \$ 19,178 |
| From undesignated fund balance for 2018 budgeted reserve | \$ 250,000 |

Thomas Blauvelt, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee explained the article and did a short power point presentation. He told the audience they could follow along by looking at the yellow insert in the warrant.

VOTED AT 7:07 PM

ARTICLE 13:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for fiscal year 2018 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

| PROJECT | TOTAL APPROPRIATION | Source of Appropriation | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | 201 BUDGETED RESERVE | RESERVED FUND BALANCES | 201 REVENUES |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING | | | | |
| Affordable Housing Trust Fund | \$ 50,000 | \$ 6,950 | \$ 43,05 | \$ - |
| Berkshire Housing Development Corp. creation of new affordable housing units | 200,000 | 99,55 | - | 100,450 |
| SUBTOTAL | 250,000 | 106,500 | 43,05 | 100,450 |
| HISTORIC PRESERVATION | | | | |
| Town Hall roof replacement | 150,000 | 6,500 | 43,05 | 100,450 |
| Wheeler House handicapped access/bathrooms | 33,000 | 33,00 | - | - |
| Berkshire Pulse elevator/handicapped access | 30,000 | 30,00 | - | - |
| SUBTOTAL | 213,000 | 69,50 | 43,05 | 100,450 |
| OPEN SPACE | | | | |
| Lake Mansfield engineering work preserve open space | 106,400 | 29,86 | 43,05 | 33,48 |
| Berkshire Natural Resources Council for creation of trail access | 41,230 | 7,747 | - | 33,48 |
| GB Land Conservancy for pre- development work towards creation of a trail | 58,000 | 24,51 | - | 33,48 |
| SUBTOTAL | 205,630 | 62,13 | 43,05 | 100,450 |
| TOTAL | \$ 668,630 | \$ 238,130 | \$ 129,150 | \$ 301,350 |

Town Planner Chris Rembold explained each project in this article. Bill Warford and Harrison Ungar also spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:21 PM

ARTICLE 14:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of the Town Hall property, located at 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, and shown on Assessors' Map 19 as parcel 91, from the Selectboard for the municipal purpose of a town hall, to the Selectboard for the purpose of a town hall and historic preservation purposes and for the purpose of conveying a perpetual historic preservation restriction encumbering the land and the buildings thereon to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission; and authorize the Selectboard to convey such restriction on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Selectboard deems appropriate, and to take all action and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

The following people spoke on this article:

Town Planner Chris Rembold
David Jaicks
Town Counsel David Doneski
Gabrielle Senza
Steve McAlister

Craig Okerstrom Lang
Bill Warford
Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton
Charles Williamson

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:34 PM

ARTICLE 15:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town accept and acquire a storm drainage easement from 47 Railroad, LLC in, over and through the property located adjacent to the Castle Street Parking Lot, said easement area being shown generally on a plan entitled "Preliminary 3/31/17 Plan Showing a Drainage Easement to be Conveyed to the Town of Great Barrington prepared for 47 Railroad, LLC Great Barrington, Massachusetts" by Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates, Inc., dated March – 2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; and authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

VOTED AT 7:36 PM

ARTICLE 16:

On a motion by William Cooke and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to grant an easement in, over and through a portion of the site of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 100 Bentley Road, to the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire for wetlands mitigation activities in connection with the development of the property located at 100 Bridge Street; and authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

The following people spoke on this article:

Steve Farina
Bill Warford

Town Planner Chris Rembold
Rosalma Zubizarreta

The Moderator asked for the vote and then asked for the counters to do a hand count.

VOTED AT 8:06 PM
YES – 185 NO – 170

ARTICLE 17:

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 10.5.5, item 2, as shown in Article 17 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board member Jonathan Hankin gave the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:45 PM

ARTICLE 18:

On a motion by Brandee Nelson and seconded by Malcolm Fick, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 11, Definitions, as shown in Article 18 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Chair Brandee Nelson gave the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:47 PM

ARTICLE 19:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.12, Solar Energy Systems, and revising Section 3.1.4, Section 4.1, and Section 11, as shown in Article 19 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member Malcolm Fick gave the Planning Board report on this article.

A motion was made by Barbara Syer and seconded by Patricia Ryan for the following amendment to this article;

Move to amend the proposed table of use regulations in Article 19, by adding the following footnote:

For residentially zoned properties within the Taconic West Avenue National Historic District, ground mounted accessory use solar systems are allowed by Planning Board Special Permit only.

Patricia Ryan then gave a short power point presentation on the amendment.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jonathan Hankin
Ronald Banks
Jack Musgrove

Craig Okerstrom Lang
Daniel Bailly
Sharon Gregory

The moderator asked for the vote and then requested a hand count.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:22 PM
YES – 180 NO – 125

A motion was then made by Sharon Gregory and seconded by someone in the audience for the following amendment to this article;

Move to amend the proposed solar bylaw by adding a sentence after Section 9.12.3, section #1 as follows:

“In R1A, R1B, R3 zones, ground mounted solar arrays of any size are prohibited from being placed nearer to the front lot line or front setback line than the primary structure.”

Sharon Gregory then gave a short power point presentation on the amendment.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jonathan Hankin
Holly Hamer
Jack Musgrove
Nan Wile

Town Planner Chris Rembold
Joseph Cooney
Malcolm Fick
Rosalma Zubizarreta

The moderator asked for the vote and then requested a hand count.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:30 PM
YES – 187 NO – 141

A motion was then made by Holly Hamer and seconded by someone in the audience for the following amendment to this article;

Motion to amend the proposed solar bylaw that addresses the residential/farming zones of R2 and R4:

- In Section 9.12.4.4 after “Agricultural Land” add “in any zone” in the first sentence**
- In Section 9.12.4.4, in the last sentence beginning with “The land removed from Agricultural use...” change 15 acres to 5 acres**
- In the Table of Use Regulations, 3.1.4, under Commercial Scale in residential zones, R2 and R4, change “PB” to “N”, not allowed.**

Holly Hamer then gave a short power point presentation on the amendment.

The following people spoke on this article:

Planning Board Chair Brandee Nelson
Sharon Gregory
Jack Musgrove
Jonathan Hankin
Karen Smith

Malcom Fick
Michael Cohen
Craig Okerstrom Lang
Bill Warford

Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton called for the vote. The moderator then asked for a show of hands to call the vote on the amendment. The Moderator stated that there was a 2/3rds majority vote to call the vote on the amendment.

MOTION FAILED FOR AMENDMENT AT 8:49 PM

Jack Musgrove and Sharon Gregory spoke on the main motion.

The Moderator then asked for the vote on the main motion with the first two amendments.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE WITH AMENDMENTS AT 8:51 PM

ARTICLE 20:

On a motion by Jack Musgrove and seconded by Sean Stanton, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.13, Smart Growth Overlay District, as shown in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and with the clerical revisions shown on the projection screen and the copy provided to the Town Clerk at this meeting for the purpose of creating overlay districts, as opposed to a single district, in particular a north district and a south district, and the revisions shown to subsections 9.13.2 and 9.13.6 as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, which are also shown on the screen and the copy provided to the Town Clerk.

Planning Board Member Jack Musgrove gave the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 8:57 PM

ARTICLE 21:

On a motion by William Cooke and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town adopt the Resolution regarding Protection of Sustainable and Organic Agriculture in the Town of Great Barrington, as set forth in Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

William Cooke and Vivian Orlowski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:01 PM

ARTICLE 22:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by Steve Bannon, that the Town amend Chapter 135 of the Great Barrington Code, Plastic Bag Reduction, as shown in Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

VOTED AT 9:02 PM

ARTICLE 23:

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, section 8J to authorize the creation of a Commission on Disability and the appointment of members of the Commission by the Selectboard, as defined in the law.

VOTED AT 9:03 PM

ARTICLE 24:

On a motion by Steve Bannon and seconded by Sean Stanton, that the Town amend Chapter 91 of the Great Barrington Code, Schedule of Town Clerk's Fees, as shown in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Craig Okerstrom Lang made a motion to amend this article to read as follows:

Line 13 – certificate of birth \$2

Line 30 – certificate of marriage \$2

Line 44 – certificate of death \$2

Mr. Wise asked for a vote on the amendment.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 9:08 PM

James Brown, Town Counsel David Doneski, Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton and Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin all spoke on this article.

VOTED WITH AMENDMENT AT 9:10 PM

ARTICLE 25:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town adopt the resolution to designate the Town Of Great Barrington as a Safe And Inclusive Community, as set forth in Article 25 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article;

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Gwen VanSant | Anne O'Dwyer |
| Barbara Zheutlin | Jeff Lowenstein |
| Roslma Zubizarreta | Lara Setti |
| Gabrielle Senza | Lilly Swartz |
| Police Chief William Walsh | Anne Alquist |
| Steve Farina | Christopher Tufts |

Someone in the audience called for the vote. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to call the vote on the main motion. Mr. Wise asked called for a vote on the main motion.

VOTED AT 9:33 PM

ARTICLE 26: (by petition)

Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton requested this article be passed over.

ARTICLE PASSED OVER AT 9:34 PM

ARTICLE 27: (by petition)

One a motion by Robert Slonaker and seconded by Sean Stanton the following motion was made;

Voted that the Town transfer a portion of land between Gilmore Avenue and Hillside Avenue, identified as an approximately 0.81 acre portion of Assessor's Map 14, Lot 60, to the charge of the Great Barrington Parks Commission to be held and managed by the Parks Commission as a public park under the specific care, custody, and control of the Parks Commission pursuant to Chapter 45, Section 3 of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Craig Okerstrom Lang, Nick Diller and Andrew Blechman spoke on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:38 PM

ARTICLE 28: (by petition)

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by someone in the audience, the following motion was made;

“Voted, that the School Committee and the Select Board take necessary steps to create a formal delegation of school committee members, town officials and citizens to open discussion with other school districts and towns to create an expanded regional high school.

The following people spoke on this article;

Sharon Gregory
Bill Warford
Ronald Banks

Sean Flynn
Steve Bannon
Peter Dillon

Someone in the audience called for the vote. The moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the main motion. Mr. Wise asked called for a vote on the main motion.

MAIN MOTION DEFEATED AT 9:49 PM

Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

There were 406 voters (11%) at the meeting out of 4595 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk