

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2023



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IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of the following former Town officials during the Fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

**Richard A. Flach
Commission on Disability Chairman
July 25, 2022**

**Raymond A. Shepardson
Monument Mountain Regional High School
Teacher & Guidance Counselor
August 25, 2022**

**Ann M. Waldman
Republican Town Committee
December 4, 2022**

**Charles F. Plungis Jr.
Personnel & Compensation Board
Memorial Field Committee
September 3, 2022**

**Hilda Banks Shapiro
Library Board Trustee
Cultural Council
Democratic Town Committee
Tree Committee
August 17, 2022**

**Deborah A. Ball
Assistant Tax Collector
November 21, 2022**

**Patrick J. Fennell
Republican Town Committee
Planning Board
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November 22, 2022**

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GREAT BARRINGTON FACTS



Settled	1726
Incorporated	1761
Location	Southwest Corner of Massachusetts
Population	6,829 (Annual Town Census)
Legal Voters	4,754
Form of Government	Selectboard/Town Manager
Tax Rate	\$14.07 Fiscal 2023
Public Schools	Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Police	Chief, Three Sergeants, Fifteen 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	May 1, 2023
Annual Town Election	May 9, 2023

US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Governor Maura Healey

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Office of the Governor
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Springfield, MA 01103
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Springfield, MA 01103
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Lenox, MA 01240
413-637-0631



CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Selectboard</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Stephen Bannon	2025
Leigh Davis	2025
Garfield C. Reed	2024
Eric Gabriel	2024
Benjamin Elliot	2026

<u>Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Diane Singer	2024
Richard Dohoney	2024
Anne Hutchinson	2024
Stephen C. Bannon	2026
William Fields	2026

<u>Board of Health</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Lanoue	2025
Dr. Ruby Chang	2026
Peter Stanton	2024

<u>Constables</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Walter F. Atwood, III	2024
John Broderick, Jr.	2024

<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Philip Orenstein	2024
Richard Geiler	2024
Milena Cerna	2025
Anne O'Dwyer	2026
Madonna Meagher	2025

<u>Housing Authority</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Eileen Mooney	2024
VACANCY	2025
Philip Orenstein	2028
Jacqueline Sinico,	8/7/2028
VACANCY, State Appointee	2024

<u>Library Trustees</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	2024
Carol McGlinchey	2024
Lauren E. Clark	2025
Ruby Chang	2025
Sandra Pantorno	2026
Robert Shaeffer	2026

<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Wise	2024

<u>Planning Board</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Brandee K. Nelson	2025
Jeremy K. Higa	2025
Malcom Fick	2026
Jonathan Hankin	2026
Pedro Rafael Pachano	2024

<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Wise	2028
Madonna Meagher	2024
Carolyn Ivory	2025
Stephen McAlister	2024
Peter Most	2028

CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>Affordle Housing Trust</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Fred Clark	2026
William Cooke	2026
Garfield Reed	2026
Joseph Method	2024
Ananda Timpane	2024
Krysia Kurzyca	2024
VACANCY	2026

<u>Agricultural Commission</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Vivian Orlowski	2026
Krysia Kurzyca	2026
Devan Arnold	2025
Christopher Wiltshire	2024
Andrea Panaritis	2024
Ambrose Clausen, Alt. Member	2024

<u>Animal Control Officer</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite

<u>Animal Inspector</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite

<u>Assessor, Principal</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ross Vivori	Indefinite

<u>Board of Assessors</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ross Vivori	Indefinite
Tammy Touponce	2026
Carol Strommer	2024

<u>Board of Registrars</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jennifer L. Messina	Indefinite
Marie Y. Ryan	2026
Linda A. Coons	2025
Ellen Smith	2024

<u>Building Commissioner</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Matthew Kollmer	Indefinite

<u>Cemetery Commissioners</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Marilyn Bisiewicz	2026
Walter F. Atwood, III	2026
Stephen Bannon	2024
William Brinker	2024

<u>Chief Procurement Officer</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mark Pruhenski	Indefinite

<u>Commission on Disability</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jeanne Bachetti	2024
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	2024
VACANCY	2025
VACANCY	2026
VACANCY	2026

<u>Community Preservation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Karen Smith	2026
Rich Geiler	2026
Jeremy Higa	2025
Patricia Sharpe, Citizen at Large	2026
Leigh Davis	2024
James Mercer	2025
Martha Fick, Citizen at Large	2026
Kate VanOlst	2026
VACANCY, Housing Authority	2024

<u>Conservation Commission</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Andrew Mankin	2025
David Shanahan	2025
Michael Lanoue	2026
Kate VanOlst	2024
Andrew Didio	2025
Thomas Ferris	2024
VACANCY	2026

<u>Conservation Agent</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite

<u>Council on Aging</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Doug Wilber	2025
David Rutstein	2024
Maureen Avery	2025
Jeanne Holcolmb	2026
Barbara Bailly	2024
Donna MacDowell	2024
Susan Hipwell Morris	2024
Sandra Larkin	2024
Amy Rutstein	2024

<u>Council on Aging</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joan Peters, Director	Indefinite

<u>Cultural Council</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Sherry Steiner	2024
Patrick Barrett	2024
Ellen Shanahan	2024
Elissa Haskins-Vaughan	2026
Allison Zivin	2025
VACANCY	2024
VACANCY	2025
VACANCY	2025
VACANCY	2026

<u>Public Works Superintendent</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joseph Aberdale	Indefinite

<u>Design Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Matthew Kollmer	Ex-Officio
Jennifer Clark	2028
James Mercer	2024
Jacqueline Kain	2024
JB Brodeur	2024
VACANCY, Architect Member	2025

<u>Emergency Management</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Storti, Director	Indefinite

<u>Fence Viewers</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Kurt Barbieri	2024
Bernard Drew	2024

<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Scott Turner, Chief	Indefinite
Robert Hammer Jr., Deputy Chief	Indefinite
James Mead, Deputy Chief	Indefinite
Christopher Laramée, Lieutenant	Indefinite
Darrell Marks, House Captain	Indefinite
Joshua A. Seile, House Captain	Indefinite
Robert Gaughran, Training Captain	Indefinite
Michael Bissaillon	Indefinite
Joseph Bozza	Indefinite
Iovan deRis	Indefinite
Trevor deRis	Indefinite
George Houghtlin	Indefinite
Joseph D. Keefner	Indefinite
Kevin Learnard	Indefinite
Adam Mead	Indefinite
Brian Mead	Indefinite
Justin Osak	Indefinite
Elizabeth Pevzner	Indefinite
Matthew Pevzner	Indefinite
Kayne Wellauer	Indefinite

<u>Five Town Cable Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Thomas Hatch	Indefinite
Daniel Miller	Indefinite
VACANCY	Indefinite

<u>Gas Inspector</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robert L. Gennari	Indefinite
Robert Krupski, Deputy	Indefinite

<u>Housing Authority</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
VACANCY	

<u>Health Agent</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Rebecca Jurczyk	Indefinite

<u>Health Inspector</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
VACANCY	Indefinite

<u>Historical Commission</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Malcolm Fick, Chair	2024
James Mercer	2025
Donald Howe	2025
Abby Schroeder	2026
Marilyn Bisiewicz	2024
Gary Leveille	2024
VACANCY	2026

<u>Historic District Commission</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Donald Howe, Chair	2024
James Mercer	2025
Fred Clark	2026
Abby Schroeder	2026
Carrie Chen	2024
Marilyn Bisiewicz, Alternate	2025
VACANCY, Alternate	2024

<u>Housatonic Improvement</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Angela Lomanto, Chair	2024
Eric Gabriel	2026
Beverly Nourse	2024
Louise Goldsmith	2025
Scott Shortt	2026
Benjamin Elliot	2025
VACANCY	2026

<u>Keeper of the Lock-up</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Storti	Indefinite

<u>Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force</u>	
Christine Ward	Leigh Davis
Dale Abrams	Brandee Nelson
William Meier	Cindy Schoenfeld
Andrew Didio	

<u>Library Director</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dawn Jardine	Indefinite

<u>Open Space & Recreation Plan Task Force</u>	
Jovanina Pagano	Jennifer Connell
Pedro Rafael Pachano	Andrew Didio
Kate VanOlst	

<u>Parking Clerk</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Matthew Kollmer	Indefinite

<u>Parks Commissioners</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Karen Smith, Chair	2025
Paul Gibbons	2025
Thomas Norton	2026
Sridevi Reddy	2026
Ilana Siegal	2026
Terrance Chamberland	2026
William Meier	2025
Stephen Bannon	2024
Julie Anidjar	2024

<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robert Krupski	Indefinite
Robert Gennari, Deputy	Indefinite

<u>Police Officers</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Storti, Chief	Indefinite
Adam J. Carlotto, Sergeant	Indefinite
Timothy Ullrich, Sergeant	Indefinite
Christopher Peebles	Indefinite
Elias Casey	Indefinite
Cameron Forest	Indefinite
Brandon Hammer	Indefinite
Caleb Kollmer	Indefinite
Robert Lamont	Indefinite
Bradley Lupiani	Indefinite
Joseph O'Brien	Indefinite
Westley Reel	Indefinite
Sam Riva	Indefinite
Victor Zucco	Indefinite
Daniel Hadsell	Officer in Training
Michael Kotleski	Officer in Training
Kevin Troiano	Officer in Training

<u>Parking Enforcement</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Victoria Pevzner	Indefinite
Connor Storti	Indefinite
Nicky Huertas	Indefinite

<u>Regional Transportation Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tate Coleman	2024
Benjamin Elliott, Selectboard Liason	2024
William Cooke, Citizen at Large	2024
Deborah Phillips, Citizen at Large	2026
Gabrielle Brussel, Citizen at Large	2024
Hannah Walton, PR Officer	2025

Sanitary Inspector Term Expires

VACANCY

Selectboard & Planning Housing Subcommittee

Leigh Davis	Garfield Reed
Jonathan Hankin	Malcolm Fick

Sign Officer Term Expires

Matthew Kollmer	Indefinite
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Director of Finance
and Accounting Term Expires

Allison Crespo	Indefinite
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Town Clerk Term Expires

Jennifer L. Messina	Indefinite
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Town Collector Term Expires

Alicia Dulin	Indefinite
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Town Counsel Term Expires

KP Law

Town Manager Term Expires

Mark Pruhenski	Indefinite
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Town Treasurer Term Expires

Alicia Dulin	Indefinite
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Tree Committee Term Expires

Julie Anidjar	2024
Michael Peretti	2024
Gary Frenkel	2024
Mary Stephen	2025
Bobby Houston	2025
Brooke Davida	2026
Christopher Wiltshire	2026

Tree Warden Term Expires

Michael Peretti	Indefinite
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Truck Weigher Term Expires

Paul Storti	Indefinite
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Veteran's Agent Term Expires

Thomas Beasley	Indefinite
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W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee

Randy Weinstein	Gwendolyn VanSant
Barbara Dean	Leah Reed
Leigh Davis	Stephanie Wright
Tim Likarish	Sara Mugridge
Dena Fisher	Thasia Giles
Alexandria Russell	Dubois Thomas
Ny Whitaker	Ari Zorn

Wire Inspector Term Expires

Theodore Piontek	Indefinite
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Zoning Board of Appeals

(Associate Members) Term Expires

JB Brodeur	2025
VACANCY	2025



BOARD AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

<u>Affordable Housing Trust Fund</u>	Call of Chair
<u>Agricultural Commission</u>	Call of Chair
<u>Board of Assessors</u>	As needed
<u>Board of Health</u>	First Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
<u>Cemetery Commissioners</u>	As needed
<u>Commission on Disability</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Community Preservation Committee</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
<u>Council on Aging</u>	Last Wednesday of each month at 1:00 P.M.
<u>Cultural Council</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Design Advisory Committee</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.
<u>Five Town Cable Advisory Committee</u>	Meets quarterly at 6:30 PM
<u>Historical Commission</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Historic District Commission</u>	Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
<u>Housing Authority</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Housatonic Improvement Committee</u>	Third Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M.*
<u>Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Library Trustees</u>	Second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 P.M.
<u>Parks Commissioners</u>	Third Monday of each month at 5:15 P.M.
<u>Planning Board</u>	Second & Fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 P.M.
<u>Regional Transportation Advisory Comm.</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>School Committee</u>	Twice a month at 7:00 PM
<u>Selectboard</u>	Second & Fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 P.M.*
<u>Tree Committee</u>	Second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 P.M.
<u>W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee</u>	Call of the Chair
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	As needed

*This is the typical meeting schedule, contact Town Hall or committee chairs to confirm.

SELECTBOARD & TOWN MANAGER

Fiscal Year 2023 was another busy year for the Selectboard and Town Manager's office. Here's a sampling of the priorities as identified by the Selectboard in FY23:

- Housatonic Water Works Quality Improvements
- Affordable Housing Creation
- Housatonic School Re-Use/Re-Development
- Main Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- MMRHS Entrance Safety Improvements
- Ramsdell Library Entrance
- Short-Term Rental Compliance
- Improvements to Streets and Sidewalks
- Remediation of Trip Hazards on Main Street
- Website Upgrade

Below is a more in-depth look at some of our accomplishments from fiscal year 2023:

Website Upgrade: Funding was approved for a complete redesign of the Town's website. The project is currently in the final stages and the site should be going live shortly. In addition to having a more modern appearance, the new website aims to make it easier for residents to find information about Town programs and events.

Ramsdell Library Entrance: After years of deferment this long overdue project has been completed. The new ramp significantly improves accessibility to the beautiful and historic Housatonic library. This is the first step in our long-range goal of bringing the entire building into compliance with ADA regulations.

Short-Term Rental (STR) Compliance: After being approved by voters at the last Town Meeting, a new bylaw regulating STR's went into effect this year. Town staff worked with a software firm to build-out a registration and payment portal which is now live. Staff is currently focused on bringing the roughly 150 STR's currently operating in our town into compliance.

Trip Hazards on Main Street: Following the completion of our Main Street project several years ago, a number of trip hazards were identified. Once funding was secured, the Public Works Department immediately got to work designing solutions with an engineering firm. Last year, every trip hazard was addressed making the downtown area safer and more accessible for everyone.

Main Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements:

Safety enhancements of Main Street continue! The final design for two popular street crossings was approved by the Selectboard and construction began last summer. The finishing touches, painting and installing a brick-like surface on both crosswalks, will be completed in the spring of 2024. The LED flashers have proven to be effective in bringing attention to pedestrians crossing the street.

Housatonic School Re-Use/Re-Development:

Last on this list, but certainly one of the Town's top priorities, is the re-development of this historic Housatonic village structure. After several failed attempts to secure a developer, the Selectboard chose WDM Properties, LLC of North Adams to take on the project. A special permit was granted to convert the former school into 8 2-bedroom apartments. Construction will be getting underway very soon.

A complete list of priorities and projects can be found on the Town website under the [Selectboard Priority Planning List tab](#). The list is updated twice a year during Priority Planning Meetings.

During FY 23 the Selectboard issued 180 Annual Licenses:

Common Victualler	76
Restaurant (All Alcohol)	30
Weekday Entertainment	16
Inn holder's	14
Sunday Entertainment	10
Class II Auto	9
Package Store (All Alcohol)	7
Restaurant (Wine & Beer)	6
Package Store (Wine & Beer)	4
Class III Auto	3
Motion Picture	2
Amusement Device	1
Bowling	1
Inn holder's (All Alcohol)	1

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the help of the Town's dedicated staff and the support of our residents. It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve the residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic this year.

Stephen Bannon, [Selectboard Chair](#)

Mark Pruhenski, [Town Manager](#)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following is a report from the Board of Assessors for the Fiscal Year 2023

Total Amounts to be Raised by Taxation

1. Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation	\$38,316,963.00
2. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	\$90,229.29
3. State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	\$64,495.00
4. Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	\$426,569.18
Total Amounts to be Raised	<u>\$38,898,256.47</u>

Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources

1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$1,350,377.00
Total Estimated State Receipts	\$1,350,377.00
2. Local Estimated Receipts	
a. Motor Vehicle Excise	\$600,000.00
b. Other Excise - Meals & Room	\$555,000.00
c. Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$75,000.00
d. Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$5,000.00
e. Fees	\$180,000.00
f. Rentals	\$115,000.00
g. Other Departmental Revenue	\$85,000.00
h. Licenses & Permits	\$330,000.00
i. Fines & Forfeits	\$20,000.00
j. Investment Income	\$70,000.00
Local Receipts Not Allocated	<u>\$2,037,179.00</u>
k. Enterprise Funds	\$2,723,092.00
l. Community Preservation Funds	<u>\$1,492,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Local Receipts	\$6,252,271.00
3. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:	
a. Free Cash	\$608,000.00
b. Other Available Funds	\$406,000.00
Total Available Funds	\$1,014,000.00
4. Other Revenue Sources Appropriated to Reduce the Tax Rate	
Free Cash Appropriated before 6-30-19	\$4,100,000.00
Total Other Sources	\$4,100,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources	\$12,716,648.00

Tax Rate Summary FY23

Total Amount to be Raised	\$38,898,256.47
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources	\$12,716,648.00
Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy	\$26,181,608.47

BOARD OF ASSESSORS CONTINUED

Tax Rate FY23

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	815635%	\$1,517,743,428	\$14.07	\$21,354,650.04
Open Space	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	14.2334%	\$264,856,479	\$14.07	\$3,698,390.66
Industrial	0.7821%	\$14,553,200	\$14.07	\$204,763.53
Personal Property	3.4210%	\$63,657,730	\$14.07	\$895,664.27
	100.00%	\$1,860,810,837.00		\$26,153,468.50

Fire District Tax Rate FY23

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	71.6151%	\$702,237,355.00	\$1.01	\$709,259.73
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	26.6392%	\$234,948,951.00	\$1.01	\$237,298.44
Industrial	0.4920%	\$4,824,300.00	\$1.01	\$4,872.55
Personal Property	3.9325%	\$38,561,350.00	\$1.01	\$38,946.97
	100.00%	\$980,571,956.00		\$990,377.69

Ten Largest Real & Personal Property Taxpayers in FY23

Name	Assessed Value	Amount of Tax
1. Great Barrington Real Estate	\$15,852,100	\$223,039
2. Big Y Foods	\$14,363,300	\$202,092
3. Powerhouse Square LLC	\$7,022,200	\$98,802
4. Stockbridge Road Realty	\$9,693,300	\$136,385
5. Individual	\$5,565,600	\$78,308
6. KSNS Stockbridge Road Realty LLC	\$7,760,300	\$109,187
7. Individual	\$6,317,000	\$88,354
8. Individual	\$6,279,600	\$88,282
9. Berkshire Bank	\$5,884,800	\$82,799
10. Beech Tree Apt	\$5,879,000	\$82,718

Respectfully submitted, Ross Vivori, Carol Strommer, and Tammy Touponce, [Board of Assessors](#)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Following is the unaudited balance sheet as of June 30, 2023. Audited financial statements and other additional financial information is make available on the Town Website as it is received.

Respectfully submitted, Allison Crespo, Director, [Financial Services](#)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Internal Services	Fund Types Trust and Agency	Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise					
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,487,780.17	\$ 5,163,603.90	\$ 3,365,440.00	\$ 7,124,230.14			\$ 3,557,332.46		\$ 35,698,386.67
Receivables:									
Personal property taxes	90,076.68								90,076.68
Real estate taxes	423,451.25	10,438.13							433,889.38
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(312,753.64)								(312,753.64)
Tax liens	861,269.05	13,362.17							874,631.22
Deferred taxes	11,099.82								11,099.82
Motor vehicle excise	263,757.61			522,276.09					263,757.61
User fees				159,145.62					159,145.62
Utility liens added to taxes									
Departmental	35,812.00	27,168.48							62,980.48
Due from other governments	35,494.00	408,859.20							444,353.20
Other receivables	1,300.00								1,300.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	244,581.82	3,084.54		22,078.57					269,744.93
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds								17,274,539.70	17,274,539.70
Total Assets	\$ 18,141,868.76	\$ 5,626,516.42	\$ 3,365,440.00	\$ 7,827,730.42	\$ -	\$ 3,557,332.46	\$ 17,274,539.70	\$ 55,793,427.76	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Withholdings	\$ 43,382.71								\$ 43,382.71
Deferred revenue:									
Real and personal property taxes	200,774.29	10,438.13		159,145.62					211,212.42
Tax liens	861,269.05	13,362.17							1,033,776.84
Deferred taxes	11,099.82			22,078.57					11,099.82
Foreclosures/Possessions	244,581.82	3,084.54							269,744.93
Motor vehicle excise	263,757.61			522,276.09					263,757.61
User fees									
Departmental	35,812.00	27,168.48							62,980.48
Due from other governments		408,859.20							408,859.20
Other receivables	1,300.00								1,300.00
Agency Funds			7,540,588.00				15,804.88		15,804.88
Notes payable									
Bonds payable								17,274,539.70	17,274,539.70
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,661,977.30	\$ 462,912.52	\$ 7,540,588.00	\$ 703,500.28	\$ -	\$ 15,804.88	\$ 17,274,539.70	\$ 27,659,322.68	
Fund Equity:									
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 516,176.71	\$ 789,852.82	\$ 6,927,608.62	\$ 48,623.64		\$ 8,549.20		\$ 8,290,810.99	
Reserved for expenditures	5,623,394.00		38,873.92	614,400.00		5,000.00		6,281,667.92	
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	(158,374.12)							(158,374.12)	
Reserved for premiums	4,809.37							4,809.37	
Undesignated fund balance	10,493,885.50	2,874,372.50	(11,141,630.54)	6,461,206.50		3,527,978.38		12,215,812.34	
Reserved Fund Balance		1,499,378.58						1,499,378.58	
Total Fund Equity	\$ 16,479,891.46	\$ 5,163,603.90	\$ (4,175,148.00)	\$ 7,124,230.14	\$ -	\$ 3,541,527.58	\$ -	\$ 28,134,105.08	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 18,141,868.76	\$ 5,626,516.42	\$ 3,365,440.00	\$ 7,827,730.42	\$ -	\$ 3,557,332.46	\$ 17,274,539.70	\$ 55,793,427.76	

TREASURER COLLECTOR

I respectfully submit the following reports for the Fiscal Year 2023:

- Schedule of Tax Receivables for Fiscal Year 2023
- Report of Receipts for Fiscal Year 2023
- Report of Fiscal Year 2023 Gross Wages paid (except police)
- Report of Fiscal Year 2023 Gross Wages paid to Police

I am honored to serve the people of the Town of Great Barrington and Village of Housatonic as their Treasurer/Collector, and will do my best to provide them with the best of services.

Alicia Dulin, [Treasurer/Collector](#)

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2023

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2022</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u> <u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Transfers</u> <u>Tax Titles &</u> <u>Foreclosures</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>
Real Estate						
2023		25,257,502.29	(29,968.98)	(88,250.45)	(24,900,274.76)	239,008.10
2022	320,982.55	1,980.42	102,916.43	(27,058.44)	(362,742.96)	36,078.00
2021	186,677.81	-	(6,876.03)	(29,878.39)	(98,983.30)	50,940.09
2020	(36,555.88)	-		(5,789.29)	49,452.23	7,107.06
2019	11,093.20	-	(14,024.66)	0..00	2,701.21	(230.25)
Totals	482,197.68	-	52,046.76	(150,976.57)	(25,309,847.58)	332,903.00

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2022</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u> <u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>
Personal Property					
2023	-	895,664.52	(13,279.43)	(904,907.92)	(22,522.83)
2022	82,708.74	-	(625.60)	(71,618.52)	10,464.62
2021	8,951.03	-	-	3,084.00	12,064.63
2020	7,095.03	-	-	2,130.03	9,225.06
2019	5,651.77	-	-	4,035.38	9,687.15
2018	7,410.37	-	-	-	7,410.37
2017	6,958.49	-	-	-	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
Totals	132,808.18	895,664.52	(13,905.03)	(967,277.03)	47,320.24

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2022</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u> <u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>
Motor Vehicle					
2023	-	899,661.80	(14,741.56)	2,577.03	116,357.81
2022	119,430.71	80,710.54	(9,808.96)	(171,720.73)	18,611.56
2021	36,013.40	-	(855.29)	(22,775.78)	12,382.33
2020	13,320.76	-	(378.48)	(4,922.85)	8,019.43
2019	6,244.10	-	-	(850.74)	5,393.36
2018	8,153.37	-	-	(1,786.16)	6,367.21
2017	5,727.47	-	-	(314.59)	5,412.88
2016	4,827.22	-	-	(36.25)	4,790.97
2015	4,074.36	-	-	-	4,074.36
2014	3,703.92	-	-	-	3,703.92
2013	2,769.37	-	-	-	2,769.37
2012	4,618.25	-	-	-	4,618.25
2011	5,094.08	-	-	-	5,094.08
2010	4,323.00	-	-	-	4,323.00
2009	5,185.21	-	-	-	5,185.21
2008	7,072.21	-	-	-	7,072.21
2007	6,070.23	-	-	-	6,070.23
2006	4,634.28	-	-	-	4,634.28
2005	5,768.97	-	-	-	5,768.97
2004	4,911.99	-	-	-	4,911.99
2003	4,404.77	-	-	-	4,404.77
2002	4,924.30	-	-	-	4,924.30
2001	4,806.58	-	-	-	4,806.58
2000	3,465.44	-	-	-	3,465.44
1999	4,145.86	-	-	-	4,145.86
1998	8,375.33	-	-	-	8,375.33
Totals	282,065.18	980,372.34	(25,784.29)	2,577.03	265,683.70

TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2023
JULY 1, 2022 to JUNE 30, 2023

STATE TREASURER

Unrestricted State Aid	\$879,123.00
Veterans Benefits reimbursement	\$30,869.00
Exemptions to Elderly&Veterans	\$43,526.00
State Owned Land	\$359,995.00
Mark & Clear Fees	\$3,680.00
Room Occupancy Tax	\$968,419.30
Meals Tax	\$361,939.88
Cannabis Tax	\$1,345,556.93
Other Revenue	\$11,816.12
Court Fines	\$5,341.09
Total State Revenue	\$4,010,266.32

TAX COLLECTOR

Personal Property Taxes	\$967,277.03
Real Estate Taxes	\$25,309,847.58
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$973,546.56
Interest & Penalties	\$164,707.73
Collector's Fees	\$21,074.00
I & E Penalties	\$33,250.00
Payment in lieu of Taxes	\$32,295.15
Municipal Lien Certificate	\$5,500.00
Tag Sale Permits	\$235.00
Research Charges	\$751.00
Misc. Other	\$4,482.49
Total	\$27,512,966.54

TOWN TREASURER

Tax Liens Payments	\$121,519.34
Interest on Tax Liens	\$43,679.19
Earnings on Investments	\$268,598.97
Misc. Other	\$ -
Total	\$433,797.50

SELECTBOARD

Alcohol Licenses	\$47,500.00
Community Impact Fees	\$840,467.53
Other Licenses & Permits	\$44,697.50
Total	\$932,665.03

LIBRARY

Fees	\$1,406.78
Fines	\$4,797.61
Misc. Other	\$325.00
Total	\$6,529.39

General Fund Receipts Total

State Revenues	\$4,010,266.32
Tax Collector	\$27,512,966.54
Treasurer	\$433,797.50
Selectboard	\$932,665.03
Library	\$6,529.39
Town Clerk	\$41,090.20
Police Department	\$46,812.74
Building Department	\$194,043.00
Revolving Funds fees	\$6,348.00
Other Departments	\$203,228.90
Total Receipts General Fund	\$33,387,747.62

TOWN CLERK

Birth Certificates	\$7,415.00
Marriage Certificates	\$2,815.00
Death Certificates	\$10,745.00
Dog Licenses Fees & Penalties	\$7,650.00
UCC Filing Fees	\$5,200.00
Marriage Intentions	\$2,345.00
Non Crimininal Violations	\$50.00
Other	\$4,870.20
Total	\$41,090.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Permits and fees	\$1,850.00
Mutual Aid	\$1,650.00
Insurance Reports	\$625.00
Detail Admin fees	\$19,754.34
Parking Tickets & Late fees	\$22,933.40
Misc revenue	\$ -
Total	\$46,812.74

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits & Fees	\$194,043.00
Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Total	\$194,043.00

INSPECTIONS ADMIN FEES

Gas Inspector	\$1,290.00
Plumbing	\$1,272.00
Electrical Inspector	\$3,786.00
Total	\$6,348.00

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Assessors	\$472.00
Conservation Commission	\$1,035.00
Planning Board	\$750.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$600.00
Planning/Community Developmt	\$1,425.00
Board of Health Inspection &Permits	\$47,731.20
Recycling/Landfill Fees	\$66,451.51
Fire Department	\$54,401.00
Insurance Reimbursements	\$18,180.84
Rent of Town Buildings	\$12,182.35
Misc other various depts	\$ -
Total	\$203,228.90

Sewer Enterprise Fund

User Fees	\$2,480,115.07
Connection Fees	\$225,150.00
Septic Dumping Fees	\$494,944.96
Sewer liens	\$95,386.45
Interest Income	\$34,947.26
Interest on user fees	\$41,588.81
Sewer Tax Title Redemption	\$8,702.58
Returns & refunds	\$ -
Total Receipts- Sewer	\$3,380,835.13

Fiscal Year 2023 Vendor Payments	
Vendor Name	Total Payments
MARK LEFENFELD	\$20,000.00
MARGARET HASSETT	\$99.75
1BERKSHIRE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE, INC.	\$350.00
1ST RESPONDER NEWSPAPER	\$35.00
50 STOCKBRIDGE RD LLC	\$2,715.77
80 LEWIS AVE LLC	\$34.89
A & A MEMORIAL INC	\$17,432.00
JOSEPH ABERDALE	\$1,162.60
AERIAL TESTING COMPANY	\$3,116.00
AFLAC INC	\$35,971.71
AFSCME COUNCIL 93	\$12,888.05
GREAT BARRINGTON AGWAY	\$1,604.52
COMMUNITY LEGAL AID, INC	\$11,000.00
AIRGAS EAST	\$84.73
AJ VIRILIO CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$401,453.60
ALAN BESAW	\$4,041.21
ALERT SCIENTIFIC INC	\$1,117.00
ALL PRO TRAILER SUPERSTORE INC	\$45,701.00
ALL STATE FIRE EQUIP	\$572.40
ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS INC	\$2,750.00
LOUIS C. ALLEGRONE, INC.	\$93,837.16
ALLSTATE CONSTRUCTION INC	\$10,200.00
ALPINE WEB DESIGN	\$300.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	\$15,536.28
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD, INC.	\$135,138.00
AMERICAN LEGION POST 298	\$9,000.00

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	\$686.00
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	\$541.00
AMERICAN SAFETY & SUPPLY, INC	\$990.00
AMERICAN TRADEMARK CO	\$92.80
AMERIGAS PROPANE LP	\$119.38
AMY PULVER	\$297.69
ANDRUS POWER SOLUTIONS INC	\$15,326.82
APALACHEE LLC	\$142,119.01
OLD DRONE APIARIES	\$320.00
APPLE & ALBANO PC	\$455.20
APPLIED DYNAMICS CORP	\$1,756.32
ARTHUR P. JONES AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$29,406.22
ASCAP	\$420.00
ASSOCIATED ELECTRO-MECHANICS INC	\$50,428.46
ATG PATRIOT LLC	\$12,045.05
THE ATLANTIC	\$69.99
ATLANTIC COAST POLYMERS INC	\$3,245.00
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	\$3,015.14
AUBUCHON CO INC WE	\$282.43
DARRYL AUSTIN	\$159.99
AUTO PLUS AUTO PARTS	\$130.63
MAUREEN AVERY	\$339.71
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	\$69,404.20
KENNETH BABCOCK	\$4,794.00
BACHER CORP OF CONNECTICUT	\$10,929.56
ALLEN WAYNE TIMMONS	\$250.00
BAILEY'S TEST STRIPS	\$257.00
GEORGE P BAKER JR	\$600.00

BALTAZAR CONTRACTORS INC	\$205,446.95
BANKESB	\$8,777.86
BARBIERI LYNN B	\$218.18
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	\$6,431.76
F A BARTLETT TREE EXPERT COMPANY	\$89,573.22
BAYSCAN TECHNOLOGIES	\$46.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION	\$40.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY TREASURERS	\$30.00
BDP INDUSTRIES INC.	\$835.69
BEAVER SOLUTIONS LLC	\$840.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	\$125.00
BERKSHIRE CTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$1,427.58
BERKSHIRE HEALTH GROUP	\$1,628,111.00
BERK. COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$1,515,306.89
BERK. COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS	\$200.00
BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER	\$55,136.90
BERKSHIRE PULSE, INC	\$2,000.00
BERKSHIRE DESIGN INC	\$8,600.00
BERKSHIRE WATER MANAGEMENT INC	\$300.00
BERKSHIRE MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER CO	\$218.50
BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY	\$56,726.09
BERKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL VENTURES INC	\$20,000.00
BERKSHIRE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$8,142.08

BERKSHIRE CAMINO LLC	\$3,400.00
BERKSHIRE CENTER FOR JUSTICE INC	\$32,000.00
BERKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHORUS	\$150.00
BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$100.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S	\$50.00
BERKSHIRE FENCE CO	\$445.00
BERKSHIRE FIREWORKS	\$3,000.00
BERKSHIRE GMC, INC.	\$5,531.98
BERKSHIRE GRAPHICS INC	\$2,139.64
BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$19,146.63 2.48
BERKSHIRE MEDICAL CENTER INC	\$5,543.96
BERKSHIRE MUSIC SCHOOL	\$250.00
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	\$61,548.83
BERKSHIRE SHOPPERS GUIDE LLC CORPORATION	\$3,124.62
BERTHET ROBIN	\$10.30
BETA GROUP INC	\$121,202.03
B-G MECHANICAL SERVICE INC	\$4,209.76
BIG Y FOODS INC	\$4,976.43
BILMAR VETERINARY HOSPITAL	\$1,112.62
NEW ENGLAND BIOASSAY INC.	\$10,400.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$3,871.42
BLUE 20/20	\$2,226.40
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC	\$18,538.81

BLUETARP FINANCIAL INC	\$59.98
BOBBY SWEET	\$450.00
THE BOOKLOFT	\$30.00
BOSTON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO - W	\$403.32
BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO -G	\$9,511.80
ALGONQUIN ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC	\$337.95
BOTACH INC	\$1,330.00
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS, INC.	\$39.96
BOYDCO INC	\$928.00
BRIEN CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH	\$1,000.00
KENNETH BROWNE	\$27.00
BROWNELLS INC	\$7,174.61
STEPHEN BROWNING	\$604.80
BRTA	\$549.55
BULLDOG FIRE APPARATUS	\$63,385.36
SCOTT D BURNS	\$11,676.20
MERCH LLC	\$2,406.00
C & C HYDRAULICS INC & LUBRICATION	\$693.44
C HASSETT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LLC	\$1,013.94
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES INC	\$7,000.00
E. CALIGARI & SON, INC.	\$515.63
CAMELOT TOOLS LLC	\$480.20
CAMPBELL SCIENTIFIC	\$487.04
CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY CORP	\$350.00
CANINE LINK INC	\$50.00
CARA J. BECKER	\$8.80
CARLSEN SYSTEMS	\$3,476.09
BETH ELAINE CARLSON	\$1,434.00
CARLSON WOOD FLOORS	\$500.00

CAROLYN CALANDRO	\$1,530.00
CARR HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO INC	\$48,500.76
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES INC	\$4,977.37
CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT INC	\$47,776.33
CCP INDUSTRIES, INC	\$328.34
CENTER POINT INC	\$2,305.92
CF MEDICAL INC	\$11,210.00
CHADWICK-BAROSS INC	\$109,213.00
RUBY CHANG	\$50.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	\$16,765.26
CHESTNUT RIDGE NURSERY INC	\$1,113.00
CHRIS PEEBLES	\$254.75
PINEBAY GROUP INC.	\$1,930.32
CINTAS CORP	\$22,023.13
CITY OF PITTSFIELD	\$19,822.00
CIVICPLUS LLC	\$2,731.04
CLARION EVENTS INC	\$2,002.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION	\$90.00
CLIFFORD OIL COMPANY, INC	\$2,734.64
CN WOOD ENVIRO LLC	\$349.68
COLARUSSO BLACKTOP CO	\$23,255.91
TATE COLEMAN	\$3,610.50
COMALLI GROUP, INC.	\$65,511.46
COMMONWEALTH OF MA, MPTC	\$12,800.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$650.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$3,500.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MA	\$801.60
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.	\$1,960.00

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$120.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$300.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$281,942.23
COMPUMERIC ENGINEERING INC	\$1,854.00
CONCRETE BENCH MOLDS LLC	\$529.00
CONCRETE BLOCK SUPPLY LLC	\$3,070.00
CONSTANT CONTACT, INC.	\$192.00
CONSTRUCT	\$670,335.00
DYLAN COOK	\$657.52
CORP WAREHOUSE	\$489.85
COSTUME SPECIALISTS INC	\$145.00
KATHERINE COUCH	\$68.40
COVERT TRACK GROUP INC	\$600.00
CPTC	\$75.00
CRANE & SON INC	\$3,740.97
CREATIVE INSTINCT, INC.	\$161.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$5,400.00
CROCKER COMMUNICATION S INC	\$3,504.00
CSS VENTURES INC	\$265.00
CUMMINS NORTHEAST INC	\$6,487.41
CUSTOM DRUG TESTING, INC	\$1,020.00
DAEDALUS INC	\$1,500.00
DANIEL FITCH CONSULTING LLC	\$5,535.00
LEIGH DAVIS	\$28.11
DEMCO INC	\$2,168.73
THOMAS DEMPSEY	\$49.65
DENISE CURTIN	\$150.00
DENNIS P MOUNTAIN	\$2,520.00
DEPT OF TREASURY	\$782,318.95

DEWEY MEMORIAL HALL INC	\$600.00
DISA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS INC.	\$1,018.00
DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	\$333.84
DISTRICT DEPT OF VETERANS' SERVICES	\$34,433.50
YASMIN DIVINE	\$350.00
DOBBERT HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.	\$1,700.00
DOUG SCHMOLZE	\$375.00
DOW JONES & COMPANY INC	\$1,260.00
DAVID PRICKETT CONSULTING LLC	\$212,469.26
DRAEGER INC.	\$866.50
DRESSER-HULL CO.	\$480.98
DSCI LLC	\$12,916.94
DUKES ROOT CONTROL INC	\$5,307.30
ALICIA DULIN	\$251.47
SUSAN E. DYER	\$80.00
EAGLE SHOE REPAIR	\$7,116.90
EAGLES COMMUNITY BAND	\$250.00
EARTHLIGHT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$341.00
EDM INC	\$22,283.45
EDWARD ABRAHAMS	\$362.92
EVERETT J. PRESCOTT, INC	\$1,421.87
ELDER SERVICES OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY INC	\$1,000.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE LLC	\$778.23
ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER INC	\$7,000.00
ELIZABETH GOWAN BERLINER	\$200.00
ELM ELECTRICAL INC	\$1,000.00
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$810.00

MARKETING CORP INC	
ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESS	\$476.37
BIGSON II LLC	\$37.22
ESO SOLUTIONS INC	\$6,270.00
SARAH FELICE EVANS	\$200.00
E-ZPASS MA	\$258.66
CHRISTINE FABER	\$1,800.00
FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL	\$678.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$11,242.55
FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	\$130.61
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY	\$78,934.00
LORENA FELLOWS	\$6,097.40
FIBER CONNECT LLC	\$1,788.00
FIDDLEHEADS GRILLE INC	\$476.25
FINDAWAY WORLD LLC INC	\$1,400.99
FINNERTY & STEVENS FUNERAL HOME	\$4,000.00
FIRE CHIEFS, ASSOC. OF	\$500.00
MASSACHUSETTS FIRE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$2,043.10
FIRE TECH & SAFETY	\$9,457.96
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO.INC.	\$1,715.26
FIRST CONGREGATIONA L CHURCH OF GT BARRINGTON	\$137,414.00
FIRST ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE INC.	\$5,648.00
FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY LLC	\$10,053.98
FLYING CLOUD INSTITUTE	\$250.00
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	\$780.49
FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES INC	\$198,787.15
FORMEL AUTO SALVAGE	\$465.00

NADINE B FOSTER	\$1,849.00
MARILYN FRACASSO	\$19.50
FRANKLIN PAINT CO, INC	\$264.04
FRANKLIN SPORTS	\$465.00
FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$13,235.00
THOMSON GALE	\$3,557.63
GALLS	\$2,339.21
GAS PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES	\$850.84
ROBERT GAUGHRAN	\$24.00
GB EATS	\$7.50
GT. BARRINGTON FIRE DIST	\$1,337,946.35
GB POLICE ASSOCIATION	\$3,300.00
GEMINI CREATIVE LLC	\$1,050.00
GEOSYNTEC INC	\$6,999.50
GILMORE'S HEATING, PLUMBING & A/C	\$27,489.49
GIM RCOM	\$35.00
GIR USA INC	\$792.00
GLASDON INC	\$3,079.80
GO PERMITS	\$112.00
GORHAM & NORTON, INC.	\$1,332.81
GOVOS INC.	\$18,000.00
GRANTA	\$65.00
GREAT-WEST LIFE	\$199,723.49
GREAT BARRINGTON ROTARY CLUB	\$250.00
GREEN MONSTER PROMOS LLC	\$521.89
GREENAGERS CORP	\$4,000.00
ANGELA GRINCATO	\$10.00
GT BARRINGTON BAGEL	\$86.39
GUARDIAN UNIFORM AND SUPPLY	\$4,164.38
GUARDIAN ENERGY MGMT SOLUTIONS	\$149,377.00
ELLA GUTKOWSKI	\$2,000.00

H.H.H. INCORPORATED	\$1,365.22
HACH COMPANY	\$1,454.04
HALLIGAN, INC.	\$1,000.00
HALSTEAD & ASSOCIATES	\$213.08
HANRAHAN CONSULTING LLC	\$250.00
HAWILLS LIMITED LLC	\$2,464.99
HD SUPPLY INC	\$591.64
HEALTHEQUITY INC	\$13,467.19
ED HERRINGTON, INC.	\$18,964.89
MAYA HERSCOVICI	\$350.00
HEVREH OF SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE, INC	\$6,000.00
HILLMAN CONSULTING LLC	\$6,625.00
HILLTOP SECURITIES INC	\$12,377.29
HOLLAND COMPANY	\$2,151.75
MARJORIE TURNER HOLLMAN	\$150.00
HOOD PROS INC	\$390.00
TIM HOSIER	\$61.41
HOUSATONIC WATER WORKS	\$44,820.77
HOUSATONIC BASIN SAMPLING & TESTING	\$2,880.00
HOUSTON ENTERTAINMENT	\$500.00
JEFFREY HOWARD	\$250.00
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	\$715.00
ICC GENERAL CODE INC	\$3,874.32
INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION	\$1,053.00
IDENTISYS INC	\$77.77
IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$1,874.66
ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	\$452.30
IMAGE TEK LLC	\$745.00

INGERSOLL LAND CARE LLC	\$2,362.19
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	\$44,020.43
INSITE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP	\$2,107.00
INTEGRATION PARTNERS CORP	\$730.00
INTERACTIVE SCIENCES INC	\$372.96
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$6,000.00
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIAPL CLERKS	\$185.00
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	\$203.50
DENNIS IODICE	\$750.00
ERIC IVES	\$550.00
J & J LOCK	\$5,930.00
JACK GONCALVES & SONS INC	\$16,526.48
JERRY MOREY	\$61.41
JOHN GUILFOIL PUBLIC RELATIONS LLC	\$1,449.88
JOHN MALUMPHY	\$59.46
JOHNSON FORD	\$2,350.67
JOHNSON CONTROLS US HOLDINGS LLC	\$3,029.96
REBECCA JURCZYK	\$177.50
JUREK BROTHERS, INC.	\$8,921.66
KAESER COMPRESSORS INC	\$4,010.70
KANOPY INC	\$1,260.65
DAVID KATZENSTEIN	\$635.00
KCM AUTO WASH LLC	\$300.00
JAMES KEEGAN	\$300.00
KELLY GRANGER PARSONS & ASSOC INC	\$4,685.00
KENT HICKS CONSTRUCTION CO INC	\$339.00
KEVIN SMITH	\$250.00
KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS	\$2,558.57
KIRKUS REVIEWS	\$199.00

SAMARA Q. KLEIN	\$600.00
KMS ACTUARIES LLC	\$4,350.00
KOFILE PRESERVATION	\$3,413.00
CALEB KOLLMER	\$346.52
KP LAW PC	\$42,252.96
KWIK PRINT INC	\$2,078.50
LACAL EQUIPMENT INC	\$1,044.20
SUZANNE LACOMBE	\$10.00
LADYS TOUCH	\$5,750.00
LAERDAL MEDICAL CORPORATION	\$153.95
E G LAHR PR & MEDIA	\$21,812.50
ROBERT LAMONT	\$1,470.75
JOHN S. LANE & SON, INC.	\$4,922.19
LAPINSKI ELECTRIC, INC.	\$19,269.30
LARAMEE CLEANERS	\$242.50
LARKIN LTD ENTERPRISES LLC	\$8,217.41
LAROCHELLE CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$94,607.97
LAURIE HARRISON	\$33.80
LAW OFFICE OF IRIS A LEAHY	\$9,700.08
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$2,452.18
LAZAN GLOVER & PUCILOSKI LLP	\$600,000.00
LEE AUDIO N SECURITY INC	\$45,439.50
TALYA LEODARI	\$51.25
GARY LEVEILLE	\$355.00
LEWIS JOSEPH C	\$28.31
LEXIPOL LLC	\$6,125.05
LHS ASSOCIATES INC	\$8,055.45
LIBERTY CHEVROLET INC.	\$44,541.00
LIBRARY IDEAS, LLC	\$1,532.12
LIBRARY JOURNAL	\$157.99
LIPTON ENERGY	\$41,419.50
ANGELA M LITTLETON	\$10.00
LL DATA DESIGNS LLC	\$1,410.00

LLB ARCHITECTS, INC.	\$40,264.50
LOCKE LORD LLP	\$14,100.00
LOCKER DOWN SECURITY PRODUCTS CORP	\$1,078.00
LSSP CORPORATION	\$7,195.00
LUBRICATION TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$2,395.12
MA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INC	\$150.00
MA HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION INC	\$150.00
MA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	\$4,255.00
MA POLICE WORK DOG ASSOC	\$275.00
MASSACHUSETTS TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION	\$400.00
MACES MARINE INC	\$1,320.00
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	\$24,943.03
ROBERT MACVEETY	\$500.00
MADSEN OVERHEAD	\$1,051.64
MAG RETAIL HOLDINGS - FFD LLC	\$36,269.35
ROBERT MAGADINI	\$245.00
MAINTENANCE MAN ASSOCIATION INC.	\$15,662.50
MANHATTAN PIZZA	\$568.33
MARCOTTE FORD SALES INC	\$40,834.00
MARK PRUHENSKI	\$5,596.99
MARKETPLACE KITCHEN	\$530.40
CWMARS INC	\$20,524.62
DALE S MARTIN	\$6,630.00
MARTIN GEO ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	\$2,650.00
LUSHA CALIENDO MARTIN	\$456.30
FRANKLIN MARVAL	\$1,700.00
MA ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING	\$75.00

WESTERN MASS ASSOC OF COUNCILS ON AGING INC	\$995.00
MASSACHUSETTS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN INC	\$6,472.00
MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRI	\$532.00
MASS DEPT OF REVENUE	\$75.00
MASS DOR	\$263,587.50
MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	\$20.00
MASS POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION INC	\$2,021.00
MASS. ASSOC. OF	\$267.00
MASS.CHIEF'S OF POLICE ASSN	\$955.00
MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF POLICE	\$8,022.00
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$150,632.44
MA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC INC	\$100.00
J.H MAXYMILLIAN INC.	\$853,771.14
EDWIN A MAY	\$1,837.16
MAYFLOWER VALUATION LTD	\$32,500.00
MCGOVERN MHQ INC	\$32,919.95
FRANCIS MCKEEVER	\$240.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	\$938.92
MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO	\$191.19
MA COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
MCVAC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$3,799.50
MEADOW FARM EQUIPMENT INC	\$3,856.96

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION	\$420.60
AMY MELTZER	\$200.00
MARY MENATTI	\$85.00
JENNIFER MESSINA	\$733.91
BRANDON R. MESSINA	\$414.80
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	\$6,941.00
MIDWEST VETERINARY PARTNERS LLC	\$325.00
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	\$8,127.54
MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP	\$190,408.11
MILLER'S PETROLEUM	\$662.77
MIRABITO ENERGY PRODUCTS	\$4,193.08
MA MUNICIPAL ASSOC OF TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEES	\$184.00
MA MUNICIPAL AUDITORS' & ACCOUNTANTS' ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL	\$525.00
TOWN OF MONTEREY	\$7,475.61
LORIANN J MORO	\$3,607.52
MOTION PICTURE LICENSING CORP	\$244.09
MOTION INDUSTRIES, INC	\$879.38
MOTOROLA, INC.	\$65.55
MOUNT EVERETT SANITATION	\$6,535.00
MOVING ARTS EXCHANGE	\$200.00
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	\$27.20
MT LIBRARY SERVICES INC	\$4,746.23
THOMAS MULLANY	\$50.00
MUNICIPAL POLICE INSTITUTE, INC	\$454.00

MUSIC ART PUPPET SOUND INC	\$250.00
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY INC	\$1,131.83
WP COMPANY LLC	\$1,365.00
LEV NATAN	\$270.00
NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION	\$23,625.00
NCL OF WISCONSIN	\$148.80
NEACTC	\$35.00
NE ASSOC OF CITY & TOWN CLERKS	\$250.00
NEIWPC	\$550.00
NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS INSTITUTE & ACADEMY	\$1,100.00
NEOPOST USA INC	\$19,385.53
NESPIN	\$100.00
NETWORK ENGINEERING, LLC	\$37,587.00
NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS INC	\$7,395.28
NEW ENGLAND AQUATIC SERVICES LLC	\$2,250.00
NEW ENGLAND INSTRUMENT SERVICE	\$400.00
NEW ENGLAND TIME SOLUTIONS INC	\$459.02
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH	\$56,712.60
THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY	\$7,384.00
N.E. WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC	\$160.00
NEWEGG BUSINESS INC.	\$4,621.50
THE NEWSLETTER	\$165.00
NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISES INC	\$200.00
NEXUS CONSULTING LLC	\$2,081.00
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION	\$291.99
NICHE ACADEMY LLC	\$990.00
NOFA/MASS	\$868.00

NONPROFIT CENTER OF THE BERKSHIRES, INC.	\$3,500.00
NORTH AMERICAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING	\$1,290.00
NORTH PLAIN FARM LLC	\$92,000.00
NORTHEAST FASTENERS CO INC	\$791.70
EUROVIA ATLANTIC COAST LLC	\$524.97
NORTHEAST RESCUE SYSTEMS INC	\$3,658.00
NORTHERN SAFETY CO	\$345.07
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT	\$1,961.76
NORTHWEST RIVER SUPPLIES	\$2,574.79
NSI SOLUTIONS, INC	\$546.00
JOSEPH O'BRIEN	\$3,574.26
O'CONNELL OIL ASSOC INC	\$129,457.33
OLDE VILLAGE MONOGRAMMING INC	\$1,435.90
ONSOLVE, LLC	\$5,571.11
ORIENTAL TRADING CO, INC	\$942.17
ORMSBEE GAS COMPANY INC	\$3,982.95
OSTERMAN PROPANE, INC	\$2,110.21
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	\$26,907.27
OVERDRIVE, INC	\$24,775.07
RIPLEY HOLDINGS OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$640.95
DONALD C PADRICK	\$270.00
DEAN PARISE	\$61.41
PARTAC PEAT CORP	\$3,489.60
PATRIOT PROPERTIES, INC	\$4,500.00
PAULA BRADLEY	\$200.00
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT INC	\$600.00
PEOPLES PANTRY	\$36,750.00

PERMA-LINE CORPORATION OF NEW ENGLAND	\$16,970.15
PETE'S SALES & SERVICE	\$200.00
JOAN PETERS	\$349.69
PITTSFIELD NEWS CO INC	\$1,851.04
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATION S SYSTEMS,	\$9,881.13
PITTSFIELD TIRE & AUTO	\$1,808.08
PLIMPTON & HILLS	\$223.08
PLURALISM SOLUTIONS LLC	\$2,150.00
PMAM CORPORATION	\$618.00
POLLY MANN SALENOVICH	\$786.97
POOL OPERATION MANAGEMENT	\$700.00
POSTMASTER	\$60.00
POWER AMERICA CLEANING SYSTEMS	\$655.13
PRECISION AUTOCRAFT, INC	\$500.00
PRECISION TRENCHLESS LLC	\$122,079.75
PREFERRED PRINT SOLUTIONS	\$460.62
OTT TO PRINT GREEN, INC.	\$2,493.00
PRIORITY PET CARE LLC	\$341.45
PROVIDENT LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	\$24.48
GREAT BARRINGTON PUBLIC THEATER INC	\$250.00
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY	\$249.99
QJP LLC	\$3,568.92
R & J SUPPLIES INC	\$21,019.00
R.I. BAKER COMPANY, INC	\$8,489.09
R.W.'S INC	\$4,020.00
RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC.	\$34,000.00
RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT	\$183,416.50
RAIS	\$9,235.08

PAUL RAMUNNI	\$125.00
GAIL RANZONI	\$13,526.89
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING LLC	\$249.99
JL RAYMAAKERS & SONS INC	\$536,187.00
RDM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE LLC	\$7,332.86
REAL ESTATE RESEARCH CONSULTANTS	\$13,860.00
DAVID REED	\$250.00
WESTLEY REEL	\$234.95
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$1,788.25
SENTA REIS	\$1,120.00
RELIABLE ELECTRIC MOTOR SOLUTIONS	\$29.12
RELIANT INK LLC	\$443.91
CHRIS REMBOLD	\$385.00
RI BAKER CO INC	\$3,175.24
RICHARD ELDREDGE	\$950.00
LISA RICHARDS	\$509.42
RAIANNE RICHARDS	\$270.00
RIFENBURG CONTRACTING CORPORATION	\$1,651,555.91
SAMUEL RIVA	\$1,257.11
RIVISTAS, LLC	\$2,590.47
RJ ALOISI ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR INC	\$9,245.87
ROBBINS-ZUST MARIONETTES	\$700.00
ROBERT KELLY	\$200.00
LEE ROGERS	\$1,250.00
ROLL N RACK LLC	\$484.00
RP MA SOLAR LLC	\$262,551.73
RR DONNELLEY	\$210.00
RS AMERICAS INC	\$385.12
RWB SERVICES LLC	\$9,090.00
S & A SUPPLY INC	\$1,543.10
SAFETY FIRST FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTING	\$4,357.50
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	\$2,314.84

SALEM FARM SUPPLY INC.	\$52,543.59
SAM STOLZAR	\$20.70
SAND ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL, LLC	\$548.10
SARAT FORD SALES INC	\$3,810.45
NED SAVISKI	\$106.50
SCANLON & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$51,000.00
SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING, INC.	\$1,804.00
LAURA SCHULTZ	\$10.00
SCHWAAB, INC.	\$37.25
SCRAPPER SMITH LLC	\$344.00
JOHN FRANCIS SEGALLA	\$100.00
SENTRY UNIFORM &	\$18,203.55
SERVICE MATTERS LLC	\$3,000.00
SEWARDS TIRES INC	\$3,107.55
PITTSFIELD SHAKESPEARE, INC.	\$100.00
SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY INC	\$150.00
CRYSTAL SHEEHAN	\$1,620.00
TOWN OF SHEFFIELD	\$2,427.38
BERKSHIRE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	\$1,400.00
SHOWCASE SIGNS	\$1,000.00
SIGN BARN	\$199.00
BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK	\$30,251.68
SIRENNET.COM	\$447.20
SKIP'S OUTDOOR ACCENTS, INC.	\$10,950.77
SLACK CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$37,250.16
SMARTSIGN	\$780.75
KAREN SMITH	\$19.50
SECOND NATURE ARTS	\$200.00
SNODEPOT	\$1,041.00
ALAN SOTO	\$35.00
SOUTHERN BERK. POWER	\$2,706.30

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$520.00
M ALICE SPATZ	\$200.00
SPECIAL OLYMPICS MASSACHUSETTS INC	\$100.00
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES,INC	\$4,758.50
STAPLES	\$1,192.46
STAPLES INC	\$8,117.82
SUBURBAN STATIONERS, INC	\$1,878.01
STEVE'S AUTO REPAIR, INC	\$390.66
STEVEN LARKIN	\$26.55
STOCKBRIDGE SINFONIA INC	\$400.00
PAUL STORTI	\$1,141.19
STRYKER SALES, LLC	\$2,871.33
BERKSHIRE STUMP GRINDING	\$2,280.00
SULLIVAN ASSOCIATES	\$1,173.64
SUMMIT HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC	\$4,152.00
SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS CORPORATION	\$4,741.74
SUPERIOR SPRING & MGF CO	\$17,893.28
SURF & TURF LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST LLC	\$4,250.00
SYNAGRO NORTHEAST INC	\$140,772.74
SYNCB/AMAZON	\$8,678.48
SYSTEMWORKS LLC	\$1,250.00
TATRO FLOORING	\$39,599.00
TAYLOR RENTAL CENTER	\$893.98
TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL CO LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$1,965.00
TERRY HALL	\$1,200.00
THE GORMAN GROUP LLC	\$2,200.49
THE HOPING MACHINE	\$200.00

THE MAHER CORPORATION	\$9,322.00
THOMAS TRABKA	\$300.00
THOMPSON & JOHNSON	\$409.31
TIGHE & BOND INC	\$599,615.00
TMDE CALIBRATION LAB, INC	\$473.50
TOCE BROTHERS INC	\$3,067.29
TOTAL TOOL LTD	\$395.00
GGY TRANSPORT LLC	\$4,830.84
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON	\$7,626.24
TOWN GREAT BARRINGTON	\$32,310.95
TOWN OF EGREMONT	\$3,124.64
TOWN OF LEE	\$12,507.78
TOWN OF LENOX	\$4,468.00
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE	\$4,815.20
TRANSCOR-IT HAYWOOD ASSOC INC	\$3,454.11
TRC	\$470.00
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$20,753.42
TRUPANION	\$1,258.42
TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND ACTION FUND	\$2,875.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES,IN C	\$58,107.62
U.S.POSTAL SERV.(HOUS.)	\$146.00
ULINE	\$259.78
TIMOTHY ULLRICH	\$1,059.39
UMASS	\$1,600.00
UMASS CONFERENCE SERVICES	\$395.00
UNIBANK FOR SAVINGS	\$15.50
UNIFIED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$113.36
UNITED CONSTRUCTION & FORESTRY, LLC	\$348.41
UNITED AG & TURF	\$78.28

UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$14,537.36
UNIVAR USA INC	\$48,072.24
UNWIN OVERHEAD DOOR	\$1,298.01
US BANK TRUST COMPANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$6,908,880.41
US PLAYGROUND SURFACING LLC	\$2,471.00
VALERIO DOMINELLO & HILLMAN LLC	\$30,313.31
VALLEY COMMUNICATION S SY INC	\$273.50
VALLEY GREEN SHREDDING	\$540.00
JEFFREY VAN-DE-VISSE	\$8,404.00
VCA ALL CARING ANIMAL HOSPITAL	\$122.11
VERIZON COMMUNICATION S INC	\$24,601.46
ADAMS BUDZ POST 8183	\$9,000.00
VG ACQUISITIONS LLC	\$942.00
ROSS VIVORI	\$239.26
VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE	\$82,500.00
TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE	\$5,936.68
MILTON C. WALSH & ASSOCIATES	\$20.00
WARD'S NURSERY	\$20,494.69
WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION	\$330.00
WB MASON COMPANY INC	\$7,771.65
WEB DU BOIS CENTER FOR FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY	\$21,862.00
WILLY WELCH	\$400.00
WELL RESTAURANT AND BAR	\$132.15
WEST FARM EQUIPMENT, INC	\$21.98
WESTERN MASS FIRE CHIEFS	\$365.00
WHEELER & TAYLOR, INC.	\$1,649.00

WHITE ENGINEERING INC	\$37,664.25
BARRY WIESENFELD	\$300.00
WILDFLOWERS	\$325.00
JOE WILKINSON EXCAVATING INC	\$36,929.44
WILLIAMS PAVING LLC	\$12,380.00
WIN-911 SOFTWARE	\$2,160.00
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	\$198.82

RECYCLE AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.	\$5,898.65
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION	\$250.00
BETH ANN WOLFSON, ESQ	\$2,700.00
WONDERPLAY INC	\$2,237.84
WOODARD & CURRAN	\$74,545.00
WORKCARE, INC	\$1,103.60
WW GRAINGER INC	\$9,513.93

XAVUS SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,500.00
YANKEE HILL MACHINE COMPANY INC.	\$434.47
YANKEE RESTROOMS	\$3,815.00
YOUR COLOR CONNECTION, INC.	\$564.25
ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION S, INC.	\$5,449.00
VICTOR ZUCCO	\$141.90
ZWACK, INC	\$775.23

Employee Wages

Last Name	First Name	FY23 TOTAL			
ABERDALE	JOSEPH	\$ 92,528.78	DAVIS	LEIGH	\$ 4,899.96
ABRAHAM	EDWARD	\$ 4,491.63	DAWSON	JACQUELINE	\$ 43,880.00
AGAR	EUNICE	\$ 448.00	DE RIS	IOVAN	\$ 8,847.23
AHERNE	BRIAN	\$ 60,702.54	DE RIS	TREVOR	\$ 17,824.46
AKERS	MARY	\$ 1,500.00	DULIN	ALICIA	\$ 83,076.73
ARIENTI	JUDITH	\$ 550.50	DUPONT	ELLYN	\$ 54,488.00
ATTARIAN	CHERYL	\$ 29,080.98	DYMEK	FREDERICK	\$ 289.50
AUSTIN	DARRYL	\$ 70,455.25	DYMEK	PATRICIA	\$ 289.50
AVERY	MAUREEN	\$ 2,110.50	ELY	PAULA	\$ 89,340.00
BAILLY	BARBARA	\$ 1,789.50	ERIKSON	JULIA	\$ 803.25
BANNON	STEPHEN	\$ 4,899.96	EVANS	SHEPLEY	\$ 39,328.45
BARA	IRENE	\$ 80.00	FIELDS	WILLIAM	\$ 686.00
BARNARD	JANE	\$ 13,170.37	FIRGER	BRUCE	\$ 600.00
BATES	EASTLYND	\$ 12,567.85	FISHER	DENA	\$ 142.50
BECKER	CARA	\$ 60,065.92	FRACASSO	MARILYN	\$ 9,166.25
BELL	JAMES	\$ 5,205.32	GABRIEL	ERIC	\$ 4,899.96
BENNER	KATHRYN	\$ 81.00	GAUGHRAN	ROBERT	\$ 67,262.20
BILL	JAMES	\$ 4,932.00	GENNARI	ROBERT	\$ 11,340.00
BISIEWICZ	MARILYN	\$ 189.75	GIBBONS	PAUL	\$ 60.00
BLAUVELT	MARIE	\$ 13,431.35	GIBBS	SHEA	\$ 56,403.05
BLETOS	SOPHIA	\$ 69,115.63	HAMMER	ROBERT	\$ 17,775.22
BLOUNT	CLAUDE	\$ 3,631.68	HARRIGAN	MICHAEL	\$ 5,380.00
BONA	JUSTIN	\$ 83,381.48	HARRIS	JULIANA	\$ 31,003.93
BOYER	DONNA	\$ 71.25	HARRISON	LAURIE	\$ 49,387.83
BOZZA	JOSEPH	\$ 2,548.00	HERNANDEZ	FRANCES	\$ 40,176.36
BROGAN	JOHANNA	\$ 1,500.00	HOSIER	TIMOTHY	\$ 61,359.30
BROWN	DONNA	\$ 55,016.52	HOSKEER	PATRICIA	\$ 175.50
BROWNING	STEPHEN	\$ 29,857.00	HOUGHTLIN	GEORGE	\$ 11,371.86
BUCHTE	MARGARET	\$ 232.88	IVORY	CAROLYN	\$ 289.50
BUDZ	ELIZABETH	\$ 261.00	JONES	ELIZABETH	\$ 131.63
BURGER	CHARLES	\$ 92,915.48	KATZ	JOHN	\$ 600.00
CARMEL	SUSAN	\$ 23,907.70	KEEFNER	JOSEPH	\$ 5,375.38
CHAMBERLAND	TERRANCE	\$ 510.75	KELLEHER	FRANCINE	\$ 607.88
COLEMAN	TATE	\$ 22,995.78	KLEIN	SAMARA	\$ 56,221.59
CONNELL	JENNIFER	\$ 261.00	KOLLMER	MATTHEW	\$ 750.00
COONS	CHRISTINE	\$ 686.00	KOTLESKI	KATHLEEN	\$ 185.25
COONS	LINDA	\$ 1,019.63	KRUPSKI	ROBERT	\$ 12,474.00
COONS	RICHARD	\$ 209.75	KUZIEMKO	HELEN	\$ 60.00
COUCH	KATHERINE	\$ 40,066.13	KUZIEMKO	MATTHEW	\$ 2,050.50
CRESPO	ALLISON	\$ 58,620.71	LAGOWSKI	ROBERT	\$ 13,186.70
CUNNINGHAM	ELIZABETH	\$ 189.75	LAMOREUX	DAVID	\$ 12,878.18
			LARAMEE	CHRISTOPHER	\$ 73,761.80
			LARKIN	PATRICIA	\$ 18,720.00

LARKIN	SANDRA	\$ 1,234.88
LARKIN	STEVEN	\$ 80,100.21
LAVOIE	LINDA	\$ 368.25
LEARNARD	KEVIN	\$ 1,851.10
LEODARI	TALYA	\$ 53,455.73
LOCKE	FRANCES	\$ 171.00
LOVETT	CHRISTOPHER	\$ 1,019.85
LOVETT	THOMAS	\$ 3,000.00
MACDOWELL	DONNA	\$ 1,338.00
MALUMPHY	JOHN	\$ 87,473.33
MARKS	DARRELL	\$ 80,393.46
MARONEY	KEVIN	\$ 4,039.50
MAY	EDWIN	\$ 69,913.23
MCGLINCHEY	CAROL	\$ 644.81
MCKAY	SUSAN	\$ 242.25
MCMEEKIN	LINDA	\$ 2,129.14
MEAD	ADAM	\$ 4,376.90
MEAD	BRIAN	\$ 17,539.98
MEAD	JAMES	\$ 25,710.54
MEAGHER	MADONNA	\$ 199.50
MESSINA	JENNIFER	\$ 64,500.54
MILES	BRIAN	\$ 59,600.02
MORALES	CARMEN	\$ 50,139.55
MORELLI	BRUCE	\$ 420.00
MOREY	JERRY	\$ 50,109.66
NAZOR	MATTHEW	\$ 11,684.20
NILSON	PATRICK	\$ 64,713.87
OSAK	JUSTIN	\$ 4,006.80
OSTROW	STACIA	\$ 5,820.00
PARISE	DEAN	\$ 61,181.30
PASSETTO	JOHN	\$ 171.00
PERETTI	MICHAEL	\$ 7,500.00
PETERS	JOAN	\$ 51,049.53
PEVZNER	ELIZABETH	\$ 30,002.58
PEVZNER	MATTHEW	\$ 72,976.00
PHILLIPS	DOROTHY	\$ 7,657.60
PIONTEK	THEODORE	\$ 44,346.58
PREMERLANI	FRANCES	\$ 261.00
PREMERLANI	LAWRENCE	\$ 301.00
PRUHENSKI	MARK	\$ 162,300.00
PULVER	AMY	\$ 66,668.22
REED	GARFIELD	\$ 4,899.96
REICHMAN	DAVID	\$ 18,401.25

REMBOLD	CHRISTOPHER	\$ 140,300.00
RICHARDS	LISA	\$ 60,731.96
ROGERS	COURTNAY	\$ 1,500.00
RORABACK	BARBARA	\$ 1,062.43
RUEGER	COLBY	\$ 52,700.37
RYAN	MARIE	\$ 528.00
SALENOVICH	PAULINE	\$ 69,519.36
SALVI	GENE	\$ 1,297.50
SALVI	PATRICIA;	\$ 1,370.25
SARTORI-HOBGOOD	LAUREN	\$ 57,562.50
SAVISKI	NED	\$ 8,904.33
SCAPIN	VICTOR	\$ 79,655.89
SEILE	JOSHUA	\$ 7,231.80
SHAW	KIMBERLY	\$ 5,200.00
SHIMMON	RICHARD	\$ 12,229.58
SHIMMON	RYAN	\$ 72,895.47
SMITH	ELLEN	\$ 9,226.26
SMITH	KAREN	\$ 6,340.00
SMITH	TERRY	\$ 301.00
SOTO	ALAN	\$ 14,656.39
SOULE	MARGARET	\$ 289.50
SOULES	LEE	\$ 57,197.61
SROKA	STANLEY	\$ 1,648.00
STARK	LOUIS	\$ 3,860.00
STROMMER	CAROL	\$ 60,139.53
TARNAWA	CHRISTINE	\$ 175.50
TARNAWA	FRANCIS	\$ 7,500.00
THOMSON	CHARLES	\$ 69,880.00
TORRES	DAVID	\$ 6,354.40
TOSSAVAINEN	JOHN	\$ 289.50
VALLONE	ASHLEY	\$ 76,718.21
VAN DEUSEN	REBECCA	\$ 66,225.16
VAN SLYCK	REBECCA	\$ 1,412.25
VERA	JEFFERSON	\$ 3,299.75
VIVORI	ROSS	\$ 88,434.11
VOGEL	TERRY	\$ 70,409.82
WARNER	CHRISTINE	\$ 41,337.07
WASSERMAN	MALVINA	\$ 1,500.00
WEIGLE	TRAVIS	\$ 58,972.57
WELLAUER	KAYNE	\$ 6,204.31
WELLS	DAKOTA	\$ 12,569.77
WICHMANN	CAROLYN	\$ 43,590.04

WILBUR	DOUGLAS	\$	199.50	ZAHNER	PATRICIA	\$	8,760.60
WOOD	STEPHEN	\$	3,536.00				

Police Department Wages

Last Name	First Name	FY23 TOTAL
BRAGDON	JAMES	\$ 81,831.11
CARLOTTO	ADAM	\$ 188,484.38
CASEY	ELIAS	\$ 100,458.39
FOREST	CAMERON	\$ 87,650.96
HAMMER	BRANDON	\$ 96,765.19
HUERTAS	ANDRES	\$ 123,328.65
HUERTAS	NICKOLAS	\$ 42,062.42
KOLLMER	CALEB	\$ 31,523.02
LAMONT	ROBERT	\$ 31,523.02
LUPIANI	BRADLEY	\$ 52,935.71
MESSINA	BRANDON	\$ 138,225.65
O'BRIEN	JOSEPH	\$ 108,279.93
PEEBLES	CHRISTOPHER	\$ 149,144.82
PEVZNER	VICTORIA	\$ 5,896.36
POWELL	TERRANCE	\$ 59,035.05
REEL	WESTLEY	\$ 31,523.02
RIVA	SAMUEL	\$ 31,523.02
SHIMMON	CHAD	\$ 1,952.20
STOLZAR	SAMUEL	\$ 63,691.41
STORTI	PAUL	\$ 132,012.74
ULLRICH	ROBERT	\$ 25,182.48
ULLRICH	TIMOTHY	\$ 153,617.73
VANSANT	GRACE	\$ 20,343.10
WALSH	WILLIAM	\$ 5,941.52
ZUCCO	VICTOR	\$ 114,923.66

* Gross wages include details paid by contractors and overtime, some of which is paid with state grants

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 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 departments under its jurisdiction." 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 began FY 2023 by thanking outgoing Finance Director, Sue Carmel, for her many years of service to the Town (in December 2022 the Town welcomed new Town Accountant/ Financial Services Coordinator, Allison Crespo). Anne O'Dwyer was re-elected to her third term on the Finance Committee, and was elected by the Committee to serve as Vice Chair. Committee member Richard Geiler was elected as representative to the Community Preservation Committee. The committee maintained its schedule of the 3rd Tuesday of each month as its regularly scheduled meetings. The Selectboard Chair, Town Manager, and Town Finance Director continued to be regular participants at these sessions.

During the summer and early fall, committee members focused on updating the Town Budget and Financial Policy and educating itself about the Town's OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits [other than pension]) obligations.

Regarding the Budget and Financial Policy, the Committee recommended updating the FY 2024 policy to recognize the Selectboard's recent priorities by adding "Support affordable housing" to the list of strategic priorities with financial implications. Also, the Committee recommended adding a list of potential historical data to the annual budget book. Examples of such historical data the committee felt it could benefit by having when considering budget proposals include: Projected

Debt Service payments; History of various reserve accounts; Five-year history of long term and short-term debt; and period reviews of user fees.

Following up on preliminary conversations during its FY 2022 meetings, the committee researched how other comparable and regional Towns address their OPEB obligations, noting that Lee, MA regularly put \$20,000-\$75,000 into a fund. In October, the committee met with Sheila LaBarbera, Executive Director of the Berkshire County Retirement System to learn more about OPEB. The committee proposed creating an OPEB Funding Trust; this proposal was brought to the Selectboard and ultimately the Town Meeting, where its establishment was approved by voters, and the repurposing of \$176,500 from the Town's existing Pension Reserve Trust Fund was approved as an initial contribution to the Fund [note that the town found an \$850K reserve account that was repurposed for this].

Throughout the year, the Committee spent considerable time discussing potential future costs to the Town and its residents related to Housatonic Water Works. In the short term, Committee members noted that financial assistance to HWW customers should be a priority, as well as planning for long-term strategies for improving Housatonic residents' access to high quality water at a reasonable price. The committee acknowledged that the Town Manager and Selectboard are working toward both these goals (e.g., applying for State funds)—often in executive sessions—but asked to be kept informed whenever possible. Later in FY 2023, the Town was awarded \$250,000 in State funds to assist HWW customers. The Committee discussed the allocation of these funds with the Town Manager- (although the Committee's vote was not required for any use of these funds, as they did not impact the Town budget). At its January 2023 meeting, the Committee met with the Chairman and a Prudential Committee member of the Great Barrington Fire District water company to explore options and learn more about this second water company serving Town residents.

At the December 2022 meeting, the Committee also discussed the need for guidelines regarding use of the Cannabis Community Impact Funds. The Town Manager shared with the Committee guidelines provided by Town Counsel. In May, 2023 the Committee and Selectboard met jointly with Tom Scanlon, Scanlon & Associates, who presented the FY 2021 and FY 2022 Town Audited Reports noting

that the Town's financial practices and policies are working well.

In February and March 2023, the Committee held five budget meetings jointly with the Selectboard. And on March 22, 2023 the Committee held its FY 2024 Budget Public Hearing to hear public comments and make recommendations for presentation at the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

The Committee also reviewed and approved seven Reserve Fund Transfers in FY 2023:

Oct 6, 2022:

Short-Term Rental software	\$12,000
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Nov 15, 2022:

4 new Police Officer training	\$23,300
anticipated hiring of 2 new officers	\$11,400
discarded mattress disposal regulation	\$4,000

April 4, 2023:

Fire Dept. unanticipated repairs	\$15,000
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May 26, 2023:

postage overages	\$4,000
Police overtime	\$50,000
Total	\$119,700

Finally, looking ahead to the next fiscal year, toward the end of FY 2023 (at its May 2023 meeting), Committee members met with representatives from the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board to begin to educate themselves about the financial implications of a potential School Districts Merger for Great Barrington.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Orenstein, Chair
[Finance Committee](#)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In FY23 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws and the Town's bylaws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

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

- Worked with the Historic District Commission and the DPW to restore the Belcher Square Trolley Shelter, supported by CPA funds. Began a project to create interpretive signage.
- Presented to the Selectboard the concept of a Town Artifacts Policy addressing the disposal of the Town's historic artifacts. The Selectboard requested that the Historical Commission draft such a policy for Selectboard consideration.
- Researched the signage of South Street Park, which is named Church Memorial Park by the terms of the gift of the property to the town. Obtained approval of the Park's Commission to change the sign.

Manage and Care for Town Museum Collection

- Daedalus art conservators, Watertown, MA, completed the scheduled annual maintenance of the Newsboy statue and fountain (1895).
- Continued modest work on the historical archives housed on the second floor of the Ramsdell Library. Work was limited due to the restrictions on access to the library.

- Began discussions of further cooperation with the Historical Society, especially in view of the conditions at the Ramsdell Library location.
- Continued to request landscaping work at the Newsboy Statue Park.

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.
- Developed a second smartphone app, the Dubois Freedom Center Tour, in conjunction with the Dubois Freedom Center.
- Sent a letter of support for a postage stamp for Dr. May Chinn, a pioneer in medicine who was born in Great Barrington.
- Continued to distribute Bernard Drew's book, *Great Barrington: Here & Gone*, which was published by the Historical Commission.

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

- Determined that 107 – 109 Stockbridge Road (Cove Bowling) is historical for CPA purposes.
- Submitted letter to the Community Preservation Committee supporting the Mahaiwe Theater project.

- Supported the Great Barrington Airport's Special Permit request at the Public Hearing.
- 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.

Respectfully submitted, Malcolm R. Fick, Chair
[Historical Commission](#)

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 2023 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 31 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2023 Submitted 7/01/22-6/30/23	Pmt Due in FY 2024-75%
Great Barrington	\$47,478.70	\$35,811.53

Over the last year we have completed the following on behalf of veterans from our member towns:

Applications for VA Health Care	21
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	51

DD 214s	34
Request for Grave Markers	18
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	35
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	42
Assistance with Dr. appointments	9
Home and Office Visits	240
Veterans Services Phone Calls	903

For FY 2023 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 2023 DVS budget was \$34,443.50, this number was based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas Beasley, Director
[Southern Berkshire District Veteran Services](#)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Cultural Council is to provide grants to support the arts, humanities, and interpretative sciences for the direct benefit of the residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic. Each fall the Council distributes grants ranging from \$50 to \$500. The application and guidelines can be found at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/>.

At this time the Council receives no financial support from the Town of Great Barrington, all funding comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Council is actively seeking new members. Currently the Council has 6 members, but the Massachusetts Cultural Council allows for 21 members for each local cultural council.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Steiner, Chair
[Cultural Council](#)

CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

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

Transportation: The COA provides trips to medical appointments, pharmacies, and shopping centers, as

well as rides to the senior center congregate site, and other recreational trips and programs.

Total Trips	2,725
Medical Appointments	1,025
Shopping Trips	396
Total Riders	182

Nutrition:

- Congregate meals served five days a week with special Guest Chefs two or three times a month
- Brown Bags of groceries distributed monthly; 750 bags in FY23
- Fresh produce from Berkshire Bounty available weekly
- Big Y baked goods provided twice a week
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinners provided by Wheeler and Taylor

Wellness:

- Exercise classes attended by approximately 115 seniors per week
- Support groups – 3 different groups with bi-monthly meetings

Resources:

- The senior center offers weekly Medicare and Medicaid counseling appointments via SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)

- Free Tax assistance through AARP facilitated 130 filings in FY23
- Educational workshops & presentations on a variety of topics including: estate and funeral planning, elder law, avoiding scams, and navigating technology
- CHP mobile unit and TriTown Health services available monthly
- Foot Nurse appointments available monthly
- Booster and Flu Clinics

Social Events:

- Musical Performances
- Bingo & Bridge
- Drawing, painting, and dance classes
- Fire Department Cookout
- Police Department Cookout
- Theme Parties
- Day and Weekend trips
- Earth Angels

Respectfully submitted, Joan Peters, Director
[Great Barrington Seniors](#)

LIBRARIES

Friends and Trustees: Both the Friends of Great Barrington Libraries (GBL) and the Board of Trustees contributed countless hours to elevating our public libraries. In FY23 the Friends again purchased the Library's museum passes. Trustees began the process of applying for a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program grant to renovate Ramsdell Library.

Holdings and Circulation: Great Barrington Libraries' holdings totaled 297,078 in FY23. Of that, 71,013 were print books, magazines, and periodicals including 23,916 children's books and 3,207 teen books. The remainder of the collection included eBooks and downloadable audiobooks in a local and shared collection with Central Western MA Resource Sharing as well as electronic media such as DVDs, books on CD, video games, and Ramsdell's Library of Things.

Print books and periodicals circulated 82,376 times, while eBooks and downloadable audiobooks circulated 19,623 times. Including DVDs and other non-print materials the Libraries circulated a total of to 120,612 materials in FY23.

GBL imported 17,126 interlibrary loan items for the use of Great Barrington residents, while in turn sharing 12,798 items with other Massachusetts

libraries. Visitors to the Town accounted for the circulation of 24,222 items.

In the physical collection, magazines *The New Yorker* and *The Week* were the top circulating titles, followed by mobile hotspots and Ramsdell's laptops. The most popular books were *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks and *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. The most requested adult book was *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The *Walking Dead* graphic novel series by Robert Kirkman was especially popular with young adult readers. In the children's physical collection, Mo Willems (*Elephant and Piggie*) and Lincoln Pierce (*Big Nate*) were the top circulating authors. Museum passes were used 94 times in FY23 and Ramsdell's Library of Things items was used at least 86 times.

New and notable in the collection in FY23 was the hotspot collection, allowing patrons to access the internet wherever there is cell service.

Hours and Visitors: The Libraries had 7,240 registered borrowers last year. Of those, over 5,000 were residents of Great Barrington. Mason Library was open 45 hours per week in FY23 and Ramsdell was open 23 hours a week. Between the two branches, library services were available 7 days a week.

Notable Programs and Services: GBL held 284 programs in FY23, attended by 3,837 participants. Among those offerings was Music Art Puppets Sound (MAPS), who presented Alien Puppets and Mask Making programs. MAPS also began a year in residency in June of 2023 with Community Conversations geared towards the creation of a Literature Garden. Other programs included a visit from the Berkshire Museum, Dragon Adventures, Playing with Art, and Reading with a therapy dog. 108 participants in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program logged 18,344 books read. 158 kids participated in the For the Love of Reading challenge by reading 3,129 books.

An event was held in April for the finalist sculptors for the W.E.B DuBois statue to be placed on a bench in front of Mason Library. *Le Petit Musee*, a small exhibit of tiny art, was instituted at Ramsdell. All were invited to participate as artists.

TixKeeper was purchased, allowing patrons to reserve and use library museum passes from home.

In solidarity with the American Library Association and recommendations for equitable library services, GBL eliminated overdue fines in FY23.

Policies: Several important policies were adopted in FY23 including Collection Development; Bulletin Boards, Display Cases and Exhibits; and Borrowing Policies and Procedures.

Native American Artifacts: Assistant Director Tayla Leodari worked with Bonney Hartley, the Tribal Historic Preservation Manager of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Nation towards the evaluation the Charles J. Taylor collection of artifacts that had been held at Mason Library. As a result, some items were returned to the tribe for their Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library/Museum in Bowler, Wisconsin. Some items were deemed to be human remains which were also returned to the tribe for burial.

Financial: The Libraries had \$42,836 of non-appropriated income in FY23 including \$16,328 in State Aid. \$586,040 was appropriated for GBL in the town budget. \$114,384 was spent on the collection including \$54,398 on print books and \$25,169 on digital books. \$501,403 was spent on staff and benefits.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Jardine, Director
[Great Barrington Libraries](#)

5-TOWN CABLE ADVISORY

The 5-Town Cable Advisory Committee spent the last year completing negotiations for a new 10 year contract with Spectrum Cable. All that is left as of this writing is for each of the towns' Selectboards to accept the contract for finalization.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas Hatch, [5-Town Cable Advisory](#)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (The Trust) was established by Town Meeting in 2017. The Trust is charged to create and support affordable housing as the principal funding outlet for community preservation act affordable housing funds. The Trust works in partnership with several non-profit housing groups to provide grants and operate programs targeted at affordable housing. The Trust also serves as an educational link, raising the profile of community programs.

The Trust members are Fred Clark, Chair, Bill Cooke, Vice Chair, Garfield Reed, Selectboard representative, John Katz, Joseph Method, Krystyna Kurzyca, and Ananda Timpane. John Katz, a founding member who helped shape the Trust, completed his service at the end of the year. The

Trust is grateful for his service. The Trust met monthly throughout the past year on Zoom.

The Trust has continued to work with Habitat for Humanity on the project to create twenty new affordable houses in Housatonic. During the past year the Trust was awarded a \$3.2 million grant from Mass Works for the infrastructure work. Habitat and the Trust are also renovating a house on Grove Street to be awarded to a qualified family. The Trust has continued to fund a rental assistance grant program which is administered by Construct, Inc. The Trust awarded an additional \$50,000 for the rental assistance program in April 2023. The Community Development Corporation (CDCSB) was awarded a \$200,000 grant to purchase the Marble Block and keep the apartments affordable. After subsequent due diligence CDCSB withdrew the offer to

purchase the Marble Block. Soon after they appeared before the Trust to request that the grant be transferred to the purchase of Sumner Block with its historically affordable apartments which the Trust approved.

The Trust provided support and advice regarding the use of Federal recovery funds (ARPA funds) which were substantially expended toward affordable housing.

The Trust discussed ideas throughout the year on how to encourage tiny houses and new accessory dwelling units (ADU's). Subsequently the Trust focused its efforts on creating an ADU incentive pilot program which was still under discussion. Town Meeting confirmed the CPA committee recommendation to award \$265,000 to the Trust and \$175,000 from Town free cash.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Clark, Chair
[Affordable Housing Trust Fund](#)

PLANNING BOARD

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 the Planning Board held 22 meetings and one special joint meeting with the Selectboard. Over this period, the Planning Board endorsed just seven ANR plans (subdivision Approval Not Required). New development applications slowed somewhat, with the Board approving just five Site Plan Review applications, two of which were for new multi-unit residential developments, creating new housing units. Both were market-rate developments, one being the former BCC building on Main Street and the other being the former nursing home on Maple Avenue. The Planning Board issued three special permits and made recommendations to the Selectboard on three others.

The Board and the Town Planner drafted several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Each article that was presented to the Town Meeting was approved, and one was withdrawn. The approved amendments included: Amending Section 11, Definitions related to family and dwelling units; Amending Section 6.4 Performance Standards, including adding subsections for site design and lighting standards; Amending Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, to permit 3-unit residential development by-right;

Amending Sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 governing two-, three-, accessory, and multi-unit dwellings; Amending Section 6.2.7 regarding trees on Route 7; Amending Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, to allow multi-unit residential and mixed-use development by-right in the B-2 zone and to require that such development include affordable housing;.

The Board members are also active 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. The newest member, Associate Member Jackie Kain represents us on the Design Advisory Committee. Both Fick and Higa also serve on the Selectboard/Planning Board joint subcommittee on housing. As always I am grateful for the immense volume of work that the Planning Board accomplishes thoughtfully and diligently 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.

Respectfully submitted, Brandee Nelson, Chair
[Planning Board](#)

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 FY23 include:

We continued to focus on housing and economic development projects, supporting the Affordable Housing Trust's joint efforts with Habitat for Humanity to develop 20 homes on North Plain Road.

We secured a large Mass Works grant to pay for the infrastructure, and were granted a Special Permit from the Selectboard for a Planned Unit Residential Development project. The next step will be to finalize the construction plans and also submit a definitive subdivision plan to the Planning Board for approval. Additional EPA funding was received to assess the former Ried Cleaners site.

Several grants were received, including a grant to improve bus stops in town, and a grant to extend and rebuild sidewalks on West Avenue and Lewis Avenue. We received a nearly \$1 million MVP Action Grant from the State for improvements at

Lake Mansfield, including the outlet, parking lot, and beach improvements. We also supported the launch of the new shared-ride microtransit system On May 1, expanding the senior dial-a-ride weekday service.

A number of Zoning bylaw amendments were developed by this office and recommended by the Planning Board to Town Meeting and approved May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher Rembold, AICP
[Planning Department](#)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (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 2023, and in the fall and winter dedicated itself to reviewing CPA applications and preparing for the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting, at which FY24 funds were appropriated. In the two-step application process, the CPC reviewed 10 Step 1 applications for eligibility, nine of which submitted Step 2 applications. After thorough review of the Step 2 submittals, the CPC recommended these nine projects to Town Meeting. In its recommendations, the CPC determined, among other things, that these projects met the goals of the Community Preservation Plan, provided a needed public benefit, complied with the CPA law, and demonstrated strong community support. Seven of the nine were approved by Town Meeting, as follows:

COMMUNITY HOUSING

1. Town, Affordable Housing Trust Fund – housing acquisition, creation, & support: \$265,000
2. Construct, Inc Town, Historical Comm. – housing feasibility studies: \$150,000

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

3. Town – for preservation of the Brown mausoleum in Mahaiwe Cemetery: \$20,000
4. First Congregational Church for preservation of the Manse exterior, phase 2: \$225,000
5. BAB Capital for preservation of The Cove, phase 1: \$50,000

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

6. Town, Conservation Comm. – McAllister wildlife refuge project next phase: \$20,000
7. Berkshire Natural Resources Council – Three Mile Hill Trail improvements: \$40,000

TOTAL: \$770,000

Since its inception in Great Barrington, the CPA has awarded over \$7.3 million. Voters have appropriated funds to affordable housing (38%), historic preservation (35%), and open space/recreation (27%) projects. The projects are spread all across Town and have resulted in over 130 new affordable housing units, the preservation of multiple historic sites, including rare structures, significant Town properties, and unique buildings, the conception, construction, and improvement of eight walking trails, and the preservation of 100+ acres of recreation areas and open space.

Respectfully submitted for the Community Preservation Committee, Karen W. Smith, Chair
[Community Preservation](#)

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

The members of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF) are pleased to submit this report of Fiscal Year 2023 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-to-anyone 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 FY23, LMITF completed the design and engineering plans to transform the Lake road into a recreation path, implement stormwater runoff

improvements, and improve the beach parking lot and the culvert that conveys the lake's outlet stream. The improvements will stabilize the lake edge and establish a non-vehicular recreation path along the Lake, in place of the road. With this incredible amount of work the Town was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program (MVP).

Installation of donated playground equipment was completed this fiscal year as well. A three-year water quality monitoring project in partnership with Simon's Rock began is underway. The Lake Mansfield Alliance continues to mobilize volunteers and outreach to the community, inviting people to use and steward this unique natural and recreational resource. Educational trail walks, volunteer trail clearing, and yoga classes organized by the Lake Mansfield Alliance continue to be popular and a great way to introduce the recreation area to young folks in the community. We look forward to implementing the comprehensive improvement project in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by [the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force](#)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals met twice in the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and took the following actions:

- Granted a special permit for additions to an existing non-conforming home at 110 Christian Hill Road.
- Granted a special permit for an existing non-conforming residential use and structure at 777 South Main Street.

The litigation over the Board's action concerning the airport, mentioned in the last annual report, was stayed while the airport sought a special permit from the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Wise, Chair
[Zoning Board of Appeals](#)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to start by thanking all of the officers and staff at the Great Barrington Police Department. We have been short staffed the past several years, requiring officers to sacrifice time off to help maintain a safe community. Our officers did this without complaint or hesitation illustrating their dedication and commitment to all of the people in our community.

In September, we will graduate four officers from the police academy. Officers Caleb Kollmer, Westley

Reel, Samuel Riva, and Robert Lamont. The addition of these officers will be a great help to our staffing level, and improve officers' work-life balance.

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 for the year you are looking for": <https://greatbarringtonpolice.com/wp->

<content/uploads/sites/157/2021/02/Statistics-2019-2020-1.pdf>

The body cam program has been a great success. It has offered transparency, accountability, and proven to be a helpful tool in the criminal justice process. Our commitment to the One Mind Campaign Pledge continues. Currently we have only one officer who has yet to complete the training. The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. We remain committed to continuing our education involving mental health and substance abuse.

The community has been utilizing our Safe Exchange program. This allows people to use our facility as a safe exchange zone for buyers and sellers from websites such as Craigslist or the Facebook Marketplace. Our medication drop box has also been a huge success. We have ensured the proper disposal of over approximately 1000 pounds of old and unused medication over the past year.

With the addition of our new officers in the fall, we are planning on expanding our community outreach team to help foster relationships with all community members. As part of this outreach, we have attended various community events. We co-sponsored a presentation at the Senior Center with the Berkshire

County District Attorney's Office that focused on elder fraud. Our comfort dog program has attended several events and has had a welcome presence at local businesses and schools. We have continued to grow our relationships with community services such as Rural Recovery Resources, Family Resource Center of Great Barrington, and South County Triad group.

Exiting out of civil service has been a great help in expediting our hiring and promotional process. I want to thank the Town Manager and the Great Barrington Patrol Officer Union for making this transition a success. We are continually applying for grant opportunities to help offset our budget. This past fiscal year, we have been awarded over \$96,000.00 in grant funds.

Your police department is in transition, we are hiring many new officers, making changes to meet the goals of the community by continuing to prepare the department for the future. This has been a great year for the police department and I speak for the entire police department staff when I say, "we pledge to serve with courtesy and professionalism." Thank you!

Respectfully submitted, Paul E. Storti, Chief of Police, [Police Department](#)

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 used those funds to purchase a drone. The drone will be used for search and rescue, along with other emergency incidents. 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. Our Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is reviewed annually and updated as needed.

Paul E. Storti, Director of Emergency Management

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In March of 2023, Chief Charles Burger retired from the Fire Department after 20 years, ten of those as Chief. After joining the department in 2003, he quickly developed a love for the Fire Service and a passion for serving the community. He took every opportunity to train and learn how to become the best Firefighter he could be, and carried that discipline his

entire career. Chief Burger was a leader in our town, Berkshire County and throughout the state. As a member of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, he fought hard to bring training to Western Mass. Chief Burger passed on his commitment to professionalism to the entire department, greatly

improving the level of services provided to the Town and our mutual aid partners.

Deputy Chief James Mead, a 30 year member of the department proudly filled in as Interim Chief and expressed that it was an honor and a privilege to serve both alongside and under Chief Burger.

The members of the department wish Chief Burger all the best. His dedication to the Fire Service, the Great Barrington Fire Department and the Town of Great Barrington is something he should be very proud of. His leadership will be missed, but his vision for the GBFD will carry on.

OPERATIONS: The Fire Department responded to 1156 emergency incidents in FY 2023.

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	33	2.85%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat- no fire	2	0.17%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	645	55.8%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	48	4.15%
Service Call	29	2.51%
Good Intent Call	67	5.8%
False Alarm & False Call	329	28.46%
Special Incident Type	3	0.26%
TOTAL	1156	100%

FIRE PREVENTION: The 3 full-time members conducted 852 inspections; 677 in Great Barrington, and 175 in Sheffield and issued 148 special permits related to fire safety and hazardous materials, generating a revenue totaling approximately \$62,000.

TRAINING: Members logged 1694 hours of training. These trainings varied from the very basics of firefighting to advanced fire, rescue and EMS trainings as well as incident command, leadership, management and administration. The training officer develops our Annual Training Plan with a focus on an “All-Hazard” emergency services organization. This approach ensures our Firefighters have the knowledge, skill and abilities necessary to perform exceptionally not just on fire suppression, but on any type of emergency incident we may be called to.

In closing, the members of the Great Barrington Fire Department would like to thank the residents of Great Barrington for their unwavering support; they are the reason we are here, and why we do what we do. We would also like to thank Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, and all the staff at Town Hall for everything they have done to support this department in its mission of saving lives and protecting property. Additionally, we would like to thank Chief Paul Storti and members of the Great Barrington Police Department. The working relationship between our departments is one which we are proud of. Residents can be sure they are receiving the best possible care in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Turner, Fire Chief
[Fire Department](#)

BOARD OF HEALTH

The theme of Fiscal Year 2023 was fortification as we bolstered and strengthened the Health Department. As a Department we have become more proficient post-Pandemic. We have a greater knowledge of emergency preparedness techniques and have established best practices for day-to-day work flow and recurring tasks.

One major event of FY23 was the finalizing of a settlement between the State of Massachusetts and nearly 10 pharmaceutical companies for deaths caused by the inappropriate prescription of opioids. Under the terms of the settlement pharmaceutical companies (J&J, Walgreens, Teva, etc.) will pay municipalities annually for twenty years. These funds must be allocated directly to substance use programs specializing in the prevention of opioid related deaths. Over the course of the twenty year

payment schedule, Great Barrington will receive approximately \$50,000. That amount is likely to increase as other lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies progress through the courts.

After a one year moratorium banning the use of glyphosate containing herbicides/pesticides on Town owned land, the Board of Health voted to enact a regulation making this a permanent ban in Great Barrington. The Board of Health also passed a regulation prohibiting the feeding of wildlife. The intention being, if wild animals are habituated to residential areas, they become problematic and nuisances to public health and safety.

In FY23 the Board of Health conducted the following inspections:

Title V

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Housing	15
Food Establishment	235
Temporary Food	30
Public Health Nuisance	33
Animal Inspector	48

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

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent, [Health Department](#)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year 2023, the following is the list of permits by category, the number of permits issued by category and the resultant permit fees collected by this department:

CATEGORY	# ISSUED	PERMIT FEES
Residential	365	\$163,631.75
Commercial	45	\$40,993.75
SheetMetal	14	\$3,969.00
Trench	51	\$1,320.00
Solid Fuel	9	\$315.00
Tent	28	\$775.00
Sign	30	\$1,110.00
Certificate of Inspection (CofI)	110	\$7,124.06
Electric	320	\$42,180.00
Plumbing	121	\$12,840.00
Gas	156	\$13,260.00
TOTALS	1249	\$287,518.56

The Building Department is committed to assisting the public through the permitting and inspection process. Please contact our department for any building and zoning inquiries.

Respectfully Submitted, Matthew Kollmer, Building Commissioner
[Building Department](#)

DEPARTMENT OF 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.

Highway Division: Highway division operations include approx. 98 miles of winter road maintenance pavement repairs, roadside mowing and clearing, street sweeping, litter removal, line painting (~70 miles of roadway, plus 50+ crosswalks), traffic sign maintenance, re-establishing drainage ditches, reconstructing catch basins, and servicing and maintaining all equipment. There is also unscheduled work including answering emergency calls for automobile accidents, oil spills, fallen trees, flooding, washouts, and road icing. The division is also responsible for overseeing of all roadway capital

improvement projects. The department is on call "24/7".

Public Grounds Division: Public Grounds maintains approximately 130 acres of cemeteries (7), parks, green areas, and building grounds throughout the Town. They also provide support to the Highway Department during winter maintenance activities. Other work done by the division includes weekly maintenance and repairs, building picnic tables for park areas, 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: Public Buildings maintains all of the public buildings in Town including; Town Hall, Mason and Ramsdell Libraries, Claire W. Teague Senior Center, Southern Berkshire District Court, Police Station, Great Barrington and Housatonic Fire Stations, and

Housatonic Community Center. Division staff provide daily support and respond 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 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.

During FY23 the DPW undertook several road and improvement projects including the repaving of Barrington Place, Berkshire Heights Road, Pleasant View Drive, Highland Drive & Haley Road. The Division Street Bridge temporary replacement project was completed and opened for traffic. Other completed projects include: the replacement of the Police Station generator and the replacement of the Christian Hill culvert.

Projects for FY24 will include repaving of Grove Street, Chestnut Ridge and Waubeck Street in Housatonic as well as Stillwell Street, Cooper

Road, Commonwealth Ave, Meadow Lane, Giddings Street, Locust Street and Ramsey Ave in Great Barrington.

Ongoing projects, and projects under design for future improvement include: Storm Water Asset Management Plan, Parks Asset Management Plan and Building Asset Management Plan. Brookside Road Bridge repairs, Brush Hill Road culvert replacement, South Main Street improvements, and upgrades to Memorial Field.

DPW manages the following annual contracts: winter salt and deicing materials, 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, annual maintenance contracts for back-up generators, boiler maintenance, and heavy equipment services.

I would like to thank the entire department, particularly Paula Ely, John Malumphy, and Steve Larkin, for their excellent work in FY23.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Aberdale, [DPW Superintendent](#)

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

From July 2022 to June 2023 the wastewater treatment facility processed 388.290 million gallons of wastewater and 2.485 million gallons of septic tank waste. Additionally 1,966,091 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 95.1% of the biochemical oxygen demand and 97.0% of the suspended solids.

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. We are currently undergoing an extensive upgrade to four of the six sewage pump stations replacing outdated equipment. Projected pump station project completion date is the end of FY 24.

The results of our continuous inflow and infiltration study indicated areas of concern where extraneous water was infiltrating the sewer system. We were

able to line 44 sewer manholes as a corrective measure.

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.



Respectfully submitted, Paula Ely, Wastewater Superintendent, [Wastewater Treatment](#)

TOWN CLERK

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2022 and ended June 30, 2023 there were three elections and the Annual Town Meeting.

	Registered Voters	# of Voters	% Voted
State Primary Election September 6, 2022	5,106	1,497	29.3%
State Election November 8, 2022	5,104	3011	59.0%
Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2023	4,960	288	5.8%
Annual Town Election May 9, 2023	4,960	950	19.1%

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 1, 2023 with voters acting on 42 articles. There were 7 zoning bylaw changes (one which was passed over) and 4 citizen petition articles. This meeting finally returned the voters to the Auditorium of the Monument Mountain Regional High School after a few years of holding town meetings outside in the parking lot due to COVID.

The most notable articles for the Annual Town Meeting were article 26 and the citizen petition articles (articles 38-42). Article 26 was the approval of the Community Preservation Projects. There was quite a bit of discussion on a few of the projects listed for funding approval. Article 38 was to adopt, under the General Legislation/Zoning, a Wireless Telecommunications Facilities application requirement. Articles 39, 40 and 41 were citizen

petitions to amend the Short Term Rental Bylaw. Article 42 was a citizen petition for the town to purchase, own and operate Housatonic Water Works. There was approved borrowing for 3 DPW trucks, a DPW loader, a DPW Excavator, building & grounds improvements, street & bridge improvements, parks improvements and a technology broadband project.

There were 140 births, 142 deaths and 65 marriages recorded during the fiscal year. The Clerk's office issued 868 dog licenses, 114 business certificates (DBA's) and processed 162 public record requests. The Annual Census was 6,829 with 4,754 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 that assist us for the Annual Town Elections and Annual Town Meetings. We appreciate all their hard work and long hours volunteered in service to the Town. We would also like to thank the residents that assist our office with election projects throughout the year through the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program. We would also like to thank all three of our Board of Registrars who help us all throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer L. Messina
[Town Clerk](#)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

During the fiscal year there was one voter registration session. As of June 30, 2023 there were 4,754 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

Party	# of Voters
America First Party	1
American Independent	3
Constitution Party	1
United Independent Party	19
Democratic	1828
Green Party USA	2
Green Rainbow	6
Libertarian	13
Republican	283
Inter 3rd Party	2

Socialist	3
Unenrolled	2635
Working Families	2
World Citizen Party	1

The annual census/street list was completed in May of 2023. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2023 was 6,829.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer L. Messina
Town Clerk

Marie Ryan, Linda Coons & Ellen Smith
Board of Registrars

2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM
600 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD
MAY 1, 2023 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 6:00 P.M. by Moderator Michael Wise who welcomed everyone to the Town Meeting. Mr. Wise stated that there was a quorum present and noted the return and service of the warrant.

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Jennifer Messina, Town Accountant Allison Crespo, Town Manager Mark Pruhenski and Town Counsel Jeffrey T. Blake. He also announced the Selectboard members on stage which were Stephen Bannon, Leigh Davis, Edward Abrahams, Eric Gabriel and Garfield Reed and the Finance Committee members which were Philip Orenstein, Milena Cerna, Madonna Meagher and Anne O'Dwyer.

Selectboard member Stephen Bannon 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 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 silenced 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 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 auditorium and they will report their numbers at the microphone when ready. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening.

A motion was made by Stephen Bannon, seconded by someone in the audience to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED AT 6:10 PM

The Moderator also wanted take care of a procedural motion that he be allowed to declare a 2/3rds vote which is authorized by Massachusetts General Law. A motion was made by the Moderator and seconded by someone in the audience.

VOTED AT 6:10 PM

(UNANIMOUS)

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

ARTICLE 1: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town set the FY2024 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.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2024 Spending Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Building Department	\$20,000
Wiring Inspections	Building Department	\$60,000
Gas Inspections	Building Department	\$15,000
Cemetery	Public Works Department	\$ 5,000
COA Transportation	Council on Aging	\$40,000

VOTED AT 6:17 PM
(UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 2: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by a member of the audience, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as indicated below:

Elected Officials' Salaries:

Selectboard: \$24,500 (\$4,900 per Selectboard member)

VOTED AT 6:19 PM
(UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 3: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein 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

Town Manager/Selectboard	\$475,433
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	100,300
Financial Coordinator/Town Accountant	191,778
Technology	310,760
Assessors' Office	200,623
Treasurer/Collector	274,577
Human Resources	42,543
Town Clerk/Elections	149,612
Conservation Commission	49,981
Planning Board	5,450
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,250
Office of Planning/Community Development	167,260

Public Safety

Police Department	\$1,986,174
Fire Department	838,688
Communications/Emergency Management	24,461
Building Inspector	190,636

Animal Control	11,850
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Department of Public Works

Buildings and Grounds	\$897,136
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Highway	1,963,254
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Cultural/Recreation/Human Services

Health Department	\$140,229
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Human Services	25,000
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Council on Aging	177,997
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Veterans' Affairs	137,875
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Libraries	625,666
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Parks & Recreation	132,500
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Various Boards/Commissions	20,000
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Miscellaneous

Insurance	\$1,767,153
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Debt Service	2,495,750
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Retirement	1,157,483
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Celebrations & Events	16,500
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Total General Fund	\$14,577,919
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The Moderator stated he would go line by line and asked for the voters to call out hold if they wanted to discuss items. There were holds on five (5) budget lines listed below. The Moderator stated that since there was no holds on the remaining twenty five (25) lines that a vote would be taken on those budget lines first.

VOTED AT 6:24 PM

There were holds placed on the following items:

Town Manager/Selectboard- Leo Kailas and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this item.

Police Department- Bruce Palmer, Police Chief Paul Storti, Jennifer Clark and Eugene Warford spoke on this item.

Various Boards/Commissions- Eugene Warford and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this item.

Buildings and Grounds- Julie Anidjar spoke on this item. She made a motion to amend the proposed DPW budget and ask the town to appropriate **\$20,000** for the planting of trees under Public Works (item 191- New Trees) and it was seconded by someone in the audience.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this amendment.

AMENDMENT PASSED AT 6:36 PM

Veterans' Affairs- A motion was made by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Edward Abrahams to increase the Veterans' Affairs budget from \$137, 875 to \$159,475 for an increase of **\$21,600**. Richard Zucco spoke on this item.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this amendment.

AMENDMENT PASSED AT 6:38 PM

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on the remaining 5 items above with the amendment to the Buildings and Grounds budget increase and the amendment to the Veterans' Affairs budget increase and stated that this had to be a 2/3rds majority vote.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 6:39 PM

ARTICLE 4: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the sum of \$8,159,100 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring various items of capital equipment, as follows:

(i) purchasing Tasers for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$78,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$78,000 of Free Cash.

(ii) purchasing firearms for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$29,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$29,000 of Free Cash.

(iii) purchasing and equipping a new police cruiser at a cost of approximately \$65,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$65,000 of Free Cash.

(iv) purchasing and equipping a new UTV with enclosed trailer for the Fire Department at a cost of approximately \$44,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$44,000 of Free Cash.

(v) purchasing and equipping a new ride-on leaf blower for the Department of Public Works at a cost of approximately \$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.

(vi) purchasing new landscaping equipment for the Department of Public Works at a cost of approximately \$20,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$20,000 of Free Cash.

(vii) acquiring three new trucks for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$240,000 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.

(viii) acquiring a new loader with attachments for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$293,200, 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.

(ix) acquiring a new excavator for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$91,200, 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.

(x) making various buildings and grounds improvements at an approximate cost of \$1,325,000, 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.

(xi) making various street and bridge improvements at an approximate cost of \$5,235,700, 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 \$3,537,200 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 \$1,292,500 shall be transferred from available grant funds.

(xii) making parks improvements at an approximate cost of \$370,000, 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.

(xiii) making broadband improvements at an approximate cost of \$350,000, 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 expended by this vote, including by borrowing, are estimates based on information available, and the Town is authorized to expend more for any project and less for another, so long as, in the judgment of the Selectboard, each project to be funded can be completed within the total amount authorized to be expended by this vote.

The Moderator went through all 13 items within the article and asked that voters call out hold for any discussion. Items (i), (iii) and (iv) had no holds. The Moderator stated that these items did not need to be voted by secret ballot because there was no borrowing needed because free cash was being used. He then asked for a vote on these three (3) items.

VOTED AT 6:48 PM

The following items had holds:

(ii) John Grogan, Stephen Bannon, Anne O'Dwyer and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this item.

(v) John Grogan spoke on this item.

(vi) John Grogan spoke on this item.

The Moderator asked for a vote on these three (3) items. He stated again that these items did not need to be voted by secret ballot because there was no borrowing needed because free cash was being used. He then asked for a vote.

VOTED AT 6:52 PM

The Moderator then allowed discussion on the following six items that had a hold:

(vii) John Grogan, DPW Superintendent Joseph Aberdale, Louis Moscatello and Philip Orenstein spoke on this item.

(viii) John Grogan and DPW Superintendent Joseph Aberdale spoke on this item.

(ix) John Grogan and DPW Superintendent Joseph Aberdale spoke on this item.

(x) Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning & Development Christopher Rembold spoke on this item.

(xi) Richard Palmer, Christopher Rembold, and Maura Perry spoke on this item.

(xiii) The following people spoke on this item: John Breasted, Stephen Bannon, Eugene Warford, Christopher Rembold, Thomas Ferris, Peter Franck, Eric Gabriel, Robert Braddick, Philip Orenstein and Leigh Davis spoke on this item.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the remaining items vii through xiii and stated it would be done through a secret ballot vote using the yellow yes/no cards and that it needed to be a 2/3rds majority.

VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 7:29 PM

YES –232 NO – 17

ARTICLE 5: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate and authorize the use of \$500,000 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.

Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:26 PM

ARTICLE 6: (majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis 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.

<u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u>		
Salaries	\$	534,384
Expenses		877,640
Insurance/Benefits		336,141
Miscellaneous/Transfers		283,677
Debt Service		<u>792,869</u>
Total Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget:		\$2,824,711

The Moderator stated he would go line by line and asked for the voters to call out hold if they wanted to discuss any items. There were none so the Moderator asked for a vote.

VOTED AT 7:27 PM

ARTICLE 7: (majority)

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the sum of \$614,400 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring capital equipment in the Wastewater Department, as follows:

(i) acquiring a new mower for the Wastewater Department at an approximate cost of \$14,400, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town authorize the use of \$14,400 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

(ii) retaining engineering services at an approximate cost of \$200,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$200,000 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

(iii) making collection system improvements at an approximate cost of \$400,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town authorize the use of \$400,000 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

The amounts authorized to be expended by this vote are estimates based on information available, and the Town is authorized to expend more for any project and less for another, so long as, in the judgment of the Selectboard, each project to be funded can be completed within the total amount authorized to be expended by this vote.

VOTED AT 7:28 PM

ARTICLE 8: (majority)

On a motion by Eric Gabriel and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300,000, the unexpended portion of the \$400,000 authorized to be borrowed under Article 8 of the warrant for the June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting for sewer line replacements at Main and Maple Streets, and for which no further liability remains, to pay the costs of Wastewater departmental equipment and Wastewater system improvement and repair projects, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

**VOTED AT 7:30 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 9: (majority)

On a motion by Garfield Reed and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Million, Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars (\$19,889,874) for the operating assessment, and Four Hundred Forty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$443,859) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Twenty Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$20,333,733) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon made a presentation on this article.

VOTED AT 7:37 PM

ARTICLE 10: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Edward Abrahams, that the Town raise and appropriate \$140,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2024 tuition and transportation costs for out of district vocational education, in accordance with Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTED AT 7:39 PM

ARTICLE 11: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town authorize the use of \$4,175,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2024.

Philip Orenstein spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:40 PM

ARTICLE 12: (4/5majority)

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 insurance appropriation for the FY23 operating budget in the amounts set forth below:

Insurance:	\$87.55 to Berkshire Medical Center	Account Number:	01945-57500
	\$195.00 to Custom Drug Testing, Inc.	Account Number:	01945-57500

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 7:41 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 13: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$150,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Stabilization Fund.

VOTED AT 7:42 PM

ARTICLE 14: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$150,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

VOTED AT 7:43 PM

ARTICLE 15: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town accept section 20 of General Laws Chapter 32B and establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund, to account for appropriations made to cover current and future liabilities of the Town for group health insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents.

The following people spoke on this article:

Louis Moscatello Town Manager Mark Pruhenski Philip Orenstein

VOTED AT 7:49 PM

ARTICLE 16: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town transfer the balance, as of June 30, 2023, of the monies in the Pension Reserve Trust Fund established pursuant to the vote under Article 32 of the warrant for the 1986 Annual Town Meeting into the OPEB Trust Fund, said transfer to be made at the end of Fiscal Year 2023.

**VOTED AT 7:50 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 17: (majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$30,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund to pay for a comprehensive cemetery study and for general maintenance expenses for the Town's cemeteries.

VOTED AT 7:51 PM

ARTICLE 18: (majority)

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate \$151,294 from Free Cash to support the operation of the Southern Berkshire Ambulance service (Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc.).

The following people spoke on this article:

James Santos Mary Atchinson Robert Braddick

VOTED AT 7:57 PM

ARTICLE 19: (majority)

On a motion by Eric Gabriel and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and transfer \$20,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Unemployment Trust Fund.

VOTED AT 7:58 PM

ARTICLE 20: (majority)

On a motion by Garfield Reed and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$175,000 from Free Cash for deposit into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

VOTED AT 7:58 PM

ARTICLE 21: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate \$30,600 from Free Cash to upgrade the Town's website, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

VOTED AT 7:59 PM

ARTICLE 22: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash to pay legal fees associated with upcoming renewals of Host Community Agreements in accordance with Cannabis Control Commission Guidelines.

VOTED AT 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 23: (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 Amount	Date of Approval	Warrant Article	Original Purpose
\$ 45,000	05/09/2016	4	Fire Department Equipment (Air Packs)
\$ 11,300	05/09/2016	4	Police Computer (Hardware)
\$ 24,000	05/09/2016	4	Police Phone System
\$ 45,600	05/09/2016	4	Police Cruisers
\$ 45,000	05/09/2016	4	Pickup Truck
\$ 2,500	05/09/2016	4	Voting Machines
\$ 9,000	06/22/2020	6	(2) Police Cruisers
\$ 2,100	06/22/2020	6	Jaws of Life
\$ 1,000	06/22/2020	6	4600 Dump Truck w/Plow and Sander
\$ 900	06/22/2020	6	Roadside Mower
\$ 3,700	06/22/2020	6	(2) Mowers
\$ 250	06/22/2020	6	1-Ton Roller
\$ 13,400	06/22/2020	6	Sewer Department Service Vehicle

VOTED AT 8:01 PM

ARTICLE 24: (majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town authorize the closing of any public office in the Town on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 110A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Town Clerk Jennifer Messina spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 8:03 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 25: (majority)

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by someone in the audience, 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 FY24 and for payment of debt service and costs related thereto for the Memorial Field improvement project authorized by vote of the June 6, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY24 revenues for historic resources reserve \$ 55,000

From FY24 revenues for community housing reserve	\$ 55,000
From FY24 revenues for open space reserve	\$ 0

Appropriations:

From FY24 revenues for debt service on Memorial Field project, and costs related thereto	\$ 62,000
From FY24 revenues for administrative expenses	\$ 15,000
Balance of FY24 revenues for FY24 budgeted reserve	\$363,000

Thomas Blauvelt spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 8:06 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 26: (majority)

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY24 and from the fund balance the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

		Source of Appropriation	
Project	Total Appropriation	FY24 Revenues	Fund Balance
<i>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</i>			
1 Town: Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$265,000	\$55,000	\$210,000
2 Construct, Inc.: Housing feasibility	\$150,000		\$150,000
3 Alander Group, housing at 322 Main Street	<u>\$250,000</u>		\$250,000
Subtotal, Affordable Housing	\$665,000		
<i>HISTORIC RESOURCES</i>			
4 Town, Brown mausoleum preservation	\$20,000	\$20,000	
5 First Congregational Church, restoration of Manse exterior	\$225,000	\$225,000	
6 Alander Group, for historic preservation of 322 Main Street	\$150,000		\$150,000
7 BAB Capital 77 LLC, for preservation of The Cove, phase 1	<u>\$50,000</u>	\$50,000	
Subtotal, Historic Resources	\$445,000		
<i>OPEN SPACE & RECREATION</i>			
8 Conservation Commission for the McAllister Wildlife Refuge preservation project	\$20,000		\$20,000
9 Berkshire Natural Resources Council, for Three Mile Hill Trail improvements	<u>\$40,000</u>		\$40,000
Subtotal, Open Space & Recreation	\$60,000		
TOTAL	\$1,170,000		

The Moderator stated he would go line by line and asked for the voters to call out hold if they wanted to discuss any items. There were holds on items 3, 5, 6 and 7. Since there were no holds on items 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9, Mr. Wise asked for a vote on those five items.

VOTED AT 8:09 PM

The following items had holds:

3. Alander Group, housing at 322 Main Street
The following people spoke on this project:

Elaine Hines

Anne Alquist

Kenneth Schumacher

Christopher Rembold
James Manning
Andrew Blechman
Jennifer Clark
Leora Kahn

James Bailly
Ian Rasch
Leigh Davis
Krystyna Kurzyca
Emily Devoti

Sharon Gregory
Robert Braddick
Ellen Lahr
Eugene Warford
Pedro Pachano

After much deliberation on this project, the Moderator asked the tellers to do a hand count.

MOTION FAILED AT 8:36 PM
YES –69 NO – 146

5. First Congregational Church

Nobody spoke on the hold for this project so the Moderator asked for a vote.

VOTED AT 8:37 PM

6. Alander Group, for historic preservation of 322 Main St.

The following people spoke on this project:

Jennifer Clark James Manning Leigh Davis
Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning & Development Christopher Rembold

The Moderator then asked for a vote.

MOTION FAILED AT 8:44 PM

7. BAB Capital 77 LLC, for preservation of The Cove, phase 1

The following people spoke on this project:

Anne Alquist James Manning Leigh Davis
Craig Barnum Stephanie Boszko
Ellen Lahr Paige Welborn

Once everyone was done speaking, the Moderator asked for a vote on this project.

VOTED AT 8:55 PM

ARTICLE 27: (majority)

On a motion by Eric Gabriel and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire, by donation, a parcel of land containing approximately 36,000 square feet on and easterly of Bentley Avenue, Great Barrington and owned by the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire, Inc., for open space purposes, under the jurisdiction of the Parks Commissioners pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 45, section 3, or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Town; said land being shown as "Parcel A" on Plat P-198 recorded at the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds on December 22, 2011, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Parks Commissioners and the Selectboard to take all actions and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

Michele Gilligan and Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning & Development Christopher Rembold spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 8:58 PM

ARTICLE 28: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Garfield Reed and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire certain parcels of land and certain permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements through all legal means including

donation, purchase, or eminent domain, in order to implement improvements along Lake Mansfield Road, said land areas being shown on a set of six draft plans which are on file with the Town Clerk; to appropriate \$2,500 from Free Cash for expenses related thereto; and to authorize the Selectboard to take all actions and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

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 8:59 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 29: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend Chapter 153, section 14 C, of the Town Code as set forth in Article 29 of the warrant for this Town Meeting:

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

No more than two driveways shall normally be allowed for any property unless there is a clear necessity for more. Leasing of a portion of the property does not affect this requirement. If a number of establishments will be constructed on one parcel, a service road may be required, to connect with allowable exit and entrance.

A third driveway may be permitted if it will result in a clear benefit to the Town. Such benefit shall be identified as part of a written finding in granting the permit and may include, but not be limited to, additional housing, increased public safety or amenity, reduced public road maintenance, and/or job creation.

Jonathan Hankin spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:01 PM

ARTICLE 30: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend Section 11.0 of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in Article 30 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and make corresponding changes of terminology in those portions of the Zoning Bylaw where the defined terms being amended are used.

Purpose of the amendments: Because the term “family” means a group of related people, the term can exclude the wide variety of household living arrangements that exist among people not related by blood, marriage or adoption. These amendments substitute the word “unit” in place of the term “family” in zoning definitions such as “dwelling, single family.” Using the term unit instead of family will ensure our zoning does not exclude non-nuclear families, unmarried couples, group homes, and people who choose to live together in group housekeeping arrangements.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT: a subordinate dwelling unit on the same lot as a primary single ~~residential family unit dwelling~~ or two ~~family unit dwelling~~ ~~residential~~ use, whether in an accessory building or within the same building as the primary dwelling, with provisions for independent cooking, living, sanitation and sleeping. A Movable Tiny House (MTH) connected to electricity, water, and sewer or septic that has its chassis, wheels, and hitch concealed shall be considered an accessory dwelling unit.

DWELLING, MULTIFAMILYMULTI-UNIT: A residential building containing three or more dwelling units designed for or occupied by three or more families, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided.

DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILYUNIT: An individual detached residential dwelling unit, other than a mobile home; ~~designed for and occupied by one family only.~~

DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY UNIT: A detached residential building containing two dwelling units, ~~designed for occupancy by not more than two families.~~

DWELLING UNIT: ~~One or more rooms constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment with cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities for the use of one family. A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.~~

FAMILY: ~~One or more individuals related by blood, marriage or adoption, or not more than five individuals who are not so related, living together as a single housekeeping unit.~~

LIVE/WORK UNITS: Space used by artists, craftspeople or persons engaged in creative services for the following two purposes: making items and/or performing services and residing on the premises. Such residency shall be limited to one ~~family~~ household per unit.

MOBILE HOME: A detached ~~single family~~ dwelling unit with substantially all of the following characteristics:

- Mobile homes must meet American Standard Association Code Provision A-119-1.
- Mobile homes must contain at least 500 square feet of living area.
- All occupied mobile homes must be installed in conformance with the Massachusetts Building Code and any special requirements as prescribed in an issued special permit.
- Designed for long-term occupancy by a single household and containing sleeping accommodations, flush toilet, a tub or shower, bath and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems.
- Designed to be transported after fabrication on its own wheels or on flat bed or other trailers or detachable wheels.
- Arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete, including major appliances and furniture, and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on foundation supports, connections to utilities and the like.

PLANNED UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: Any ~~multifamily~~ multi-unit development consisting of 10 or more dwelling units on a single lot or on separate lots within the same development, whether for rental or for sale, either as condominiums or under cooperative ownership.

Jonathan Hankin spoke on this article.

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

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:03 PM

ARTICLE 31: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Pedro Pachano and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend Section 6.4, Performance Standards, of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Article 31 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the amendments: This proposal is to amend Section 6.4, Performance Standards, in order to codify certain criteria by which all land uses must abide, rather than leaving these criteria to the discretion of a permit granting authority. An example is exterior lighting, which is frequently a concern of neighbors and of permitting boards, but for which currently there are only generalized regulations.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

6.4.1 General. Hereafter, no land, building or structure in any district shall be used in a manner that creates any dangerous, injurious, noxious or otherwise objectionable fire, explosion or other hazard; noise or vibration, smoke, dust, dirt or other form of air pollution; electrical or other disturbance; glare or any other dangerous or objectionable

substance, condition or element in any amount that adversely affects the surrounding area or premises. The determination of the existence of any dangerous or objectionable elements shall be made at or beyond the property lines of the use creating such elements, wherever the effect is greatest. Any use already established on the effective date of this Bylaw shall not be altered or modified to conflict with, or further conflict with, these performance standards.

6.4.2 Deposited Materials. No materials or wastes shall be deposited upon a lot in such form or manner that they may be transferred off the lot by natural causes or forces. Erosion control measures such as covering, planting, paving or other means to eliminate wind and water erosion shall be utilized to stabilize bare earth and/or stockpiled materials at all times.

6.4.3 Fire Hazard; Pests. All materials or wastes which constitute a fire hazard or which may be edible by or attractive to rodents or insects shall be stored outdoors only in closed containers.

6.4.4 Discharges. No discharge at any point into any public sewer, private sewage disposal system or stream, lake or pond or into the ground of any material of such nature or temperature as may contaminate any water supply or cause the emission of dangerous or offensive elements shall be permitted, except in accordance with standards approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Board of Health of the Town of Great Barrington.

6.4.5 Site Design. All site development shall meet the following objectives and shall be reviewed at staff level for compliance. Any deviation from these criteria shall require approval by the Planning Board through the Site Plan Review process

1. Existing grade should be changed by no more than six feet, and resulting in a balance on site between cut and fill, except for basement and cellar excavations.
2. Site circulation. Site circulation should have clarity from the driver's perspective, shall be designed to minimize glare from headlights, and shall be designed to promote safe pedestrian access.
3. Pedestrian access. Pedestrian access should be provided among all facilities on the site, including parking, between them and the street and between them and adjacent premises developed for uses open to the public to ensure accessibility and pedestrian and vehicular safety, both on the site and accessing and exiting the site.
4. There shall be no contamination of groundwater from on-site waste-water disposal systems or operations on the premises involving the use, storage, handling, or containment of hazardous substances in quantities greater than those normally associated with household use.
5. Drainage controls shall be specifically designed for the site based on the project's and site's characteristics, and such controls shall be detailed on application documents.
6. Parking, storage, or other outdoor service areas viewed from public ways and abutting properties residentially used or zoned shall be screened.
7. All lighting shall comply with Subsection 6.4.6 of this Bylaw.
8. All projects shall comply with Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Bylaw. The removal of trees of 6" caliper or larger is discouraged.

6.4.6 Lighting. It is the intent of this Section to establish lighting standards that result in exterior lighting systems that are designed, constructed, and installed to control glare and light trespass, to minimize obtrusive light, to conserve energy and resources while maintaining safety, visibility, security of individuals and property, and curtailing the degradation of the nighttime visual environment.

The following standards shall apply to all exterior light fixtures, whether new or replacement, except for temporary lights.

1. All lights shall have full horizontal shielding so that light shines only downward.
2. Any LED lights shall have a color temperature of 3,000 Kelvin or less.
3. No light shall remain permanently illuminated between the overnight hours of 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM unless the light can be dimmed to 50 percent or less luminance, except for lights at emergency facilities. Motion sensors and photo cells may be utilized to turn on lights or to increase lighting to full luminance.
4. The bottom of the light source on a pole light shall be no higher than 15 feet above finish grade unless

specified otherwise in this bylaw.

5. Light fixtures shall be located and/or shielded so that illumination onto any adjacent property is no greater than 0.1 footcandles.

6.4.7 Special Permit. The Planning Board may, by special permit pursuant to Section 10.4, authorize a deviation from any requirement set forth in this Section 6.4. In instances where an application is pending before a different Special Permit Granting Authority, that body may, in accordance with a finding by the Planning Board, authorize the deviation from the requirements of Section 6.4.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jennifer Clark

Pedro Pachano

Eugene Warford

Malcolm Fick

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

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:13 PM

ARTICLE 32: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Jacqueline Kain and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Article 32 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the amendments: This proposed amendment is intended to regulate three-unit residential uses in the same manner as two-unit residential uses; in other words, three-unit structures would be allowed by right in all zones, rather than by special permit in residential zones and by right in business zones. It would thus classify as multi-unit residential uses those uses with four or more units, and those would be allowed as per A (3) of the Table of Use Regulations.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

Permitted Use			ZONING DISTRICT ¹														ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS	
			R1A	R1B	R2	R3	R4	B	HVC	B1	B2	B2A	B2X	B3	MXD	I		I2
A.	Residential uses																	
	(1)	Dwelling, Single family <u>unit</u>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SB	SB	
	(2)	Dwelling, Two- family and <u>three-unit</u>	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	See also 8.1 – 8.7 .
	(3)	Dwelling, multi-unit family <u>3 4 to 8 units</u>																
		9 units or more	SB	SB	SB	SB	N	Y	SB	SB	Y	SB	Y	Y	Y	N	SB	See also 8.3
			N	N	N	SB	N	SB	SB	N	SB	SB	SB	Y	SB	N	SB	See also 8.3

¹ ~~NOTE: Dimensional and lot size requirements and other conditions as set forth in 8.1.1 and 8.1.4 shall apply even where the use is permitted by right.~~

Jacqueline Kain spoke on this article.

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

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:14 PM

ARTICLE 33: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend Sections 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Article 33 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the amendments: This proposal is intended to amend Sections 8.1 and 8.3 of the Bylaw to reflect that two-

unit and three-unit residential uses are now regulated similarly. This will also remove the site plan review requirement for accessory dwelling units, and for two- and three-unit residential uses. Instead the design, performance, and neighborhood impact of these uses will be required to comply with clear criteria set forth in the Bylaw at Section 6.4.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

8.1 TWO- AND THREE-UNIT FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USES OF A SINGLE LOT

8.1.1 General. The two- and three-unit ~~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 set of two or three dwelling units on a single lot, whether in the same building or in separate buildings, shall be considered two- or three-unit ~~family~~ residential use. ~~except where Section 8.2 applies.~~

8.1.2 ~~Site Plan Approval Required.~~ ~~Two-family residential use of a single lot shall require site plan approval from the Planning Board. Every application for a site plan approval shall be accompanied by site plans, floor plans and elevations meeting all applicable requirements of this Bylaw.~~

8.1.32 Requirements. All two-~~family~~ and three-unit residential uses shall comply with the following requirements:

- ~~1. All repairs, renovations or construction specified by the applicant in his application shall be made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings before an occupancy permit is issued.~~
- ~~2. There shall be separate toilet, bath and kitchen facilities for each dwelling unit.~~
- ~~3.~~ 1. Fire escapes and outside stairways leading to a second or higher story, where practicable, shall: not be located on any building wall facing a street; be located on the rear or side of the building; and comply with Section 4.2.3, Permitted Projections into Yards.
- ~~4.~~ 2. One and one-half (1.5) off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit, located in such a manner that permeable surfaces, including lawns and/or garden areas but exclusive of all structures, driveways, walkways and parking spaces, shall be no less than 15% of the total area of the property. Deviation from this requirement may be permitted in accordance with Section 6.1.9.
- ~~5.~~ 3. Drainage controls shall be specifically designed and detailed on drawings. ~~Drainage improvements may be required as a condition of the site plan review approval.~~
- ~~6. Any other conditions specified by the Planning Board.~~

8.1.4 ~~Notice.~~ ~~The Planning Board shall notify the Inspector of Buildings of its site plan review approval and any conditions prior to the issuance of a building permit.~~

8.2 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)

8.2.1 General. An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is permitted in any district, except where an ADU is proposed in a legally pre-existing nonconforming structure, in which case the ADU shall require a special permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with Sections 5.0, 8.2, and 10.4.

8.2.2 ~~Site Plan Approval.~~ ~~Any new ADU shall be subject to site plan review and approval based upon the criteria set forth herein and in Section 10.5. The Planning Board will conduct the site plan review in accordance with Section 10.5 and all criteria specified in Section 8.2. An approved site plan for an ADU is required prior to the issuance of the building permit by the Building Inspector. The Board of Health shall give its approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.~~

8.2.3 2 Requirements.

1. Only one ADU may be established per lot.

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

3. The structure in which the ADU is to be located must meet the zoning requirements for residences, except when it is a legally pre-existing nonconforming structure and the Zoning Board of Appeals authorizes the use by special permit.

4. One parking space shall be provided in addition to that required by the present building. All required parking spaces, including the parking space for the ADU, must be provided no closer to the street than the building setback line, ~~unless other specified provisions are made and agreed to by the permit granting authority. The Planning Board, or SPGA, in accord with a finding by the Planning Board, may, by special permit pursuant to Section 10.4, authorize a deviation from this requirement.~~ Deviation from these requirements may be permitted in accordance with Subsection 6.1.9.

5. An ADU may be created within a new or a previously existing single-family unit or two-unit family residential structure.

6. A home occupation may be allowed within any dwelling unit and/or accessory structure. Any such home occupation shall meet the provisions of Section 3.3.

7. Fire escapes and outside stairways leading to a second or higher story shall comply with Section 4.2.3.

8. Farm Dwellings: More than one ADU shall be allowed on lands used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, aquaculture, silviculture, horticulture, floriculture, or viticulture as defined in MGL Ch. 128, Sec 1A, provided such ADUs are solely used for the farm's full-time employees.

9. The Board of Health or its agent shall give its approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.

8.3 MULTI-UNIT ~~FAMILY~~ DWELLINGS

8.3.1 General. Multi-unit residential family uses may be permitted by-right or by special permit as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations, and ~~All multi-family uses~~ shall require site plan approval in accordance with Section 10.5.

8.3.2 Definition. For the purposes of this section, the placing of more than ~~two~~ three dwelling units on a single lot, under any circumstances, shall be considered a multi-unit family use residential use. Example: a lot with a three-unit residential use and an accessory dwelling unit would be classified as a multi-unit residential use.

8.3.3 Requirements. Multi-unit family dwellings shall comply with all the following special requirements ~~and procedures, as applicable, which shall be made conditions of the special permit.~~ The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) may waive any or all of these requirements for multi-unit family dwellings in existence as of May 9, 2016, after making a specific finding of why the requirement should not apply, and shall note any waivers in the Special Permit decision.

~~1. In a multifamily development, more than one principal building may be permitted on a lot, provided that there shall be at least 2,500 square feet of lot area for each dwelling unit. The SPGA may, by special permit, allow the lot area per unit to be less than 2,500 square feet per unit.~~

~~2.1~~ Permeable open space on the lot, including lawn and/or garden area but exclusive of structures, driveways, walkways and parking spaces, shall be no less than 50% of the total area of the property.

~~3.2~~ One and one-half (1.5) off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit. No space shall be considered available for parking if such space reduces the effective width of a driveway providing access to more than one dwelling unit to less than 12 feet. In the event that the required parking spaces cannot be provided on the property, deviation from this requirement may be permitted in accordance with Section 6.1.9.

8.3.4 Procedures. ~~When filing a special permit application, if required, the applicant shall submit to the SPGA at least six copies of a site plan showing, in addition to all characteristics specified in Section 10.5, the general plan and elevations of the buildings, as well as provisions for proposed parking spaces, interior roadways, walkways, drainage and recreational facilities.~~

- ~~1. Such site plan, subject to such amendment thereof as may be required by the Planning Board under the provisions of this Bylaw shall be made a part of the building permit.~~
- ~~2. The SPGA shall notify the Inspector of Buildings of its approval of a special permit.~~

8.3.5 Occupancy Permit. ~~All repairs, renovations or construction specified by the applicant in his application shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings before an occupancy permit is issued.~~

8.3.6 8.3.4 Exemptions in Downtown B District, B2X, HVC, MXD District, and General Business B2 District. The requirements of Section 8.3.3 shall not apply to any multifamily dwelling in a single existing building within the Downtown Business B District, B2X, B2, HVC, or MXD District.

Malcolm Fick spoke on this article.

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

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:15 PM

ARTICLE 34: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend Section 6.2.7 of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth Article 34 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Purpose of the amendments: This proposal is to amend Route 7 landscaping requirements because the existing requirement for a new tree for every 25 feet of frontage can be impractical.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

6.2.7 Required Trees. At least one deciduous tree shall be planted within the lot's front setback for every 25 feet of frontage on a lot on which a new building is erected or when any activity or use requires Site Plan Review as set forth in Section 10.5.1. The tree or trees shall be planted between the roadway and the building line that is closest to the roadway, provided that this does not interfere with utilities. The Planning Board, as part of its Site Plan review and approval for a project, may waive or modify the requirements of this subsection if it finds that strict adherence to this requirement would be impractical given the particular characteristics of the site.

Malcolm Fick spoke on this article.

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

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:16 PM

ARTICLE 35: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Jeremy Higa and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town amend the B-2 column of Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, of the Zoning Bylaw by adding a footnote as set forth in Article 35 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and authorize the Town Clerk to assign to the footnote the applicable number.

Purpose of the amendments: These amendments would add a footnote to two uses in the B-2 zone column of Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations. Specifically, the use permissions for Multi-Unit Residential Development of more

than 9 dwelling units and for Mixed Use development, both of which currently require a Special Permit from the Selectboard, would be amended so that if the development includes affordable housing, the development shall be permitted by right.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~. Proposed insertions are underlined.

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT ¹	ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
		B2	
A. Residential uses			
(1)	Dwelling, Single family	Y	
(2)	Dwelling, Two-family	Y	See also 8.1 , 8.7 .
(3)	Dwelling, multifamily 3 to 8 units	Y	See also 8.3
	9 units or more	SB ^x	See also 8.3 , Affordable housing per footnote x
(4)	Assisted living residence	PB	See also 8.8
(5)	Live/work units	Y	See also 9.4 , 9.6 .
(6)	Lodging house or tourist home for transient guests	SB	See also 7.16
(7)	Mixed use	SB ^x ——	See also 8.4 , 9.6 . Affordable housing per footnote ^x

^xIn any development containing 9 or more residential units, if at least ten percent of those units are dedicated as a unit affordable to a household earning not more than 100 percent of the area median income, that development shall be permitted by right. Any fractional unit number shall be rounded to the next whole number. The affordable status of the unit(s) shall be set forth in a covenant, deed restriction or similar legal document running with the land for a period of not less than 20 years from the date of the first certificate of occupancy of the unit.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jeremy Higa	James Stark	Malcolm Fick
Thomas Ferris	Eileen Mooney	Anne Alquist
Pedro Pachano	Andrew Blechman	
Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning & Development Christopher Rembold		

Anne Alquist made a motion to change the time limit in the footnote from 20 years to **in perpetuity** and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator asked for a discussion on the amendment and there was none. The Moderator stated that the amendment Ms. Alquist made to the article would require a majority vote. He then asked for a vote on this amendment.

As the vote was being taken, Christopher Rembold addressed the Moderator and stated Point of order. Mr. Rembold asked the Moderator if the vote on the amendment was a majority vote or 2/3rds vote. Mr. Wise stated a majority vote was needed.

The Moderator proceeded to ask for a vote again on this amendment and asked the tellers to do a hand count.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 9:34 PM

YES –63 NO – 103

Carol Diehl and Sharon Gregory both spoke on the original proposed article. Ms. Gregory made a motion to postpone this warrant article indefinitely and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator stated that this vote would require a majority vote and he asked the voters for a show of hands.

MOTION FAILED AT 9:36 PM

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the article as originally written in the warrant and he proceeded to ask the tellers to do a hand count. Mr. Wise stated that the vote required a 2/3 majority vote.

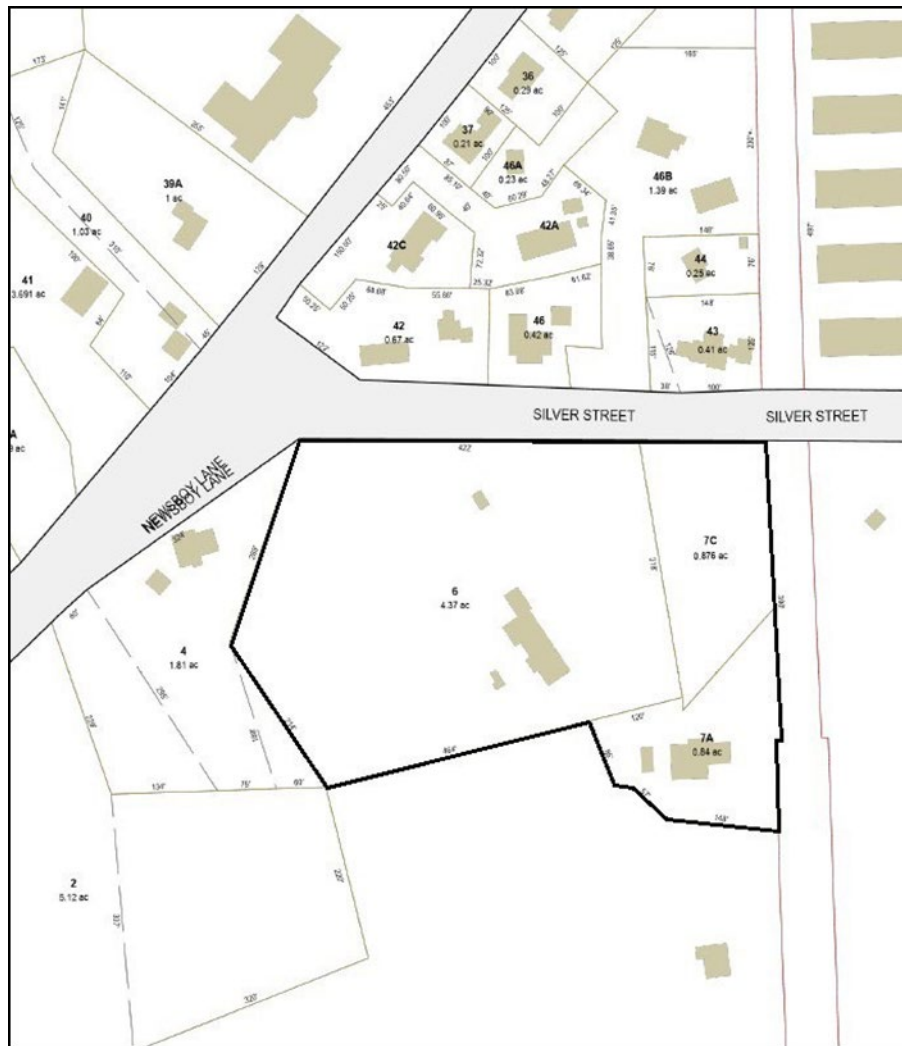
VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:41 PM

YES –108 NO – 52

ARTICLE 36: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Pedro Pachano and seconded by Stephen Bannon, that the Town pass over Article 36.

Purpose of the amendments: This action is intended to rezone approximately 6 acres on Silver Street from R-2 to R-1-A in order to allow additional housing to be created at this location.



The Moderator stated that a majority vote was needed to pass over this warrant article. He then asked for a vote on the pass over.

VOTED AT 9:42 PM

ARTICLE 37: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town transfer to the Selectboard the care, custody and control of the following described land located adjacent to the Old Route 7 Path for the purpose of sale to the owner of the abutting property known as 434B Stockbridge Road for the sum of \$10,000, said land being that area located within the deed description for said 434B Stockbridge Road and lying outside the asphalt trail portion of the path as shown on a plan entitled "As-Built Survey Plan of Multi-Use Path And Tax Parcel #26-27-A prepared for Town of Great Barrington" by Foresight Land Services, dated July 14, 2022; and to authorize the Selectboard to execute a deed conveying the Town's interest in such land and to take all actions necessary to accomplish such conveyance.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:44 PM

ARTICLE 38: (zoning by citizen petition)

We the undersigned residents of the Town of Great Barrington do hereby request a warrant to be on the agenda for the May 1st 2023 Annual Town Meeting to present the following motion for the following addition to the General Bylaws: (Citizen's Petition) To see if the Town will vote to add under the General Legislation / Zoning Section 9.3.16.5 Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District; to adopt a Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (WTFs) application requirement for completeness:

WTF applications, will be considered incomplete until the FCC completes the DC Circuit Court-mandated Environmental Review of the entire 800,000 to 1 million WTF roll out to the conditions as stated in the NEPA policy Act 1691 1 including studies from scientists independent from industry, who have fully investigated millimeter wave 5G small cell technology safety; and that the FCC regulations have been updated to include measures that comply with the results of this review; and, that the Town of Great Barrington shall consider reasonable alternatives such as fiber optic. 1 The FCC is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, among other things, to evaluate the effect of emissions from FCC-regulated transmitters on the quality of the human environment. On August 9, 2019, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, in its Ruling in Case 18-1129, vacated FCC Order 18-30's deregulation of small-cell Wireless Transmission Facilities(s) [sWTFs] and remanded this to the FCC. In Case 18-1129, the judges stated that "the FCC failed to justify its determination that it is not in the public interest to require review of [sWTF] deployments" and ruled that "the Order's deregulation of [sWTFs] is arbitrary and capricious." The FCC was mandated to do this review in two court rulings which are submitted into the record: one in 2019 in Case 18-1129, Keetoowah et al. v FCC; and another in 2021 in Case 20-1025, EHT/CHD v. FCC. To date the FCC has not complied.

<https://scientists4wiredtech.com/2019/08/federal-court-overturms-fcc-overturms-fcc-order-bypassingenvironmental-r>
<https://www.fcc.gov/document/dc-circuit-decision-environmental-helath-trust-v-fcc>

Definition: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities means the plant, equipment and property including, but not limited to, cables, wires, conduits, ducts, pedestals, electronics, and other appurtenances used or to be used to transmit, receive, distribute, provide or offer wireless telecommunications service. October 1, 2019, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in Case No. 18-1051, Mozilla et al. v. FCC, confirmed internet "Services" to be reclassified by the FCC as Title I, unregulated "Information Services". At present, only wireline and wireless telephone and text transmissions are classified as Title II, regulated "Telecommunications Services". Title I and Title II applications, therefor, need to be regulated differentially by local planning boards and commissions. Every new [wireless telecommunications facility ("WTF")] must undergo NEPA review, and that WTF applications cannot be batched for such purpose.

A motion was made by Lori Deutsch, seconded by someone in the audience to see if the Town will vote to add under the General Legislation / Zoning Section 9.3.16.5 Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District; to adopt a Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (WTFs) application requirement for completeness.

The following people spoke on this article:

Lori Deutsch
Susan Fine
Daniel Seitz
Thomas Jordan

Jan Wojcik
Ardith Truhan
Robin Zeamer
Adam Turner

John Breasted
Randi Jordan

There was a motion made by James Manning and seconded by someone in the audience to call the question. The Moderator then asked for a vote.

VOTED AT 10:08 PM
Motion passed to call the question on the main motion

The Moderator then asked for a vote and stated it required a 2/3rds majority vote. The vote was too close so he asked the tellers to do a hand count.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 10:10 PM
YES- 115 NO- 42

ARTICLE 39: (by citizen petition)

A Citizen's petition to amend the Short-Term Rental Bylaw as adopted under Article 25 at the June 6, 2022 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

Delete: strike through
Add: text in red

An owner shall not register or offer an 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.~~ **A long term tenant, for whom it is a primary residence, may, if allowed by the property owner, do short-Term Rental subject to the same rules and regulations as a resident owner.**

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by someone in the audience, to amend a portion of the short term rental bylaw as written in the article.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jonathan Hankin
Sharon Gregory
Leigh Davis
Pedro Pachano

Elizabeth Chambers
Jeremy Higa
Benjamin Elliott
Leora Kahn

James Manning
Garfield Reed
Jennifer Clark
Malcolm Fick

The Moderator stated that this article needed a majority vote and he asked the tellers to do a hand count.

VOTED AT 10:27 PM
YES- 78 NO- 76

ARTICLE 40: (by citizen petition)

A citizen's petition to amend the Short-Term Rental Bylaw—adopted under Article 25 at the June 6, 2022, Annual Town Meeting—by adding a new section following the section of the bylaw titled “Inspection”, as follows:

Monitoring Short-Term Rentals

The Town of Great Barrington may not hire, contract with, or otherwise engage the services of a private company, firm, individual or other entity to monitor the use of homes/dwellings that may be being used as short-term rentals in order to ascertain compliance with the short-term rental bylaw; this includes, but is not limited to, entities that provide a system that encourages and directs neighbors to report on each other regarding the use of their homes/dwellings, and that gathers data on the use of homes/dwellings to provide to the Town of Great Barrington.

On a motion by Daniel Seitz and seconded by someone in the audience, to add a new section to the Short Term Rental Bylaw titled Inspection and written as presented in the warrant article.

Daniel Seitz and Erica Mielke spoke on this article.

Ms. Mielke made a motion to call the question and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator stated that it required a 2/3rds majority vote and he asked for a vote.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 10:31 PM
Motion passed to move the question on the main motion

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on the article as presented.

MOTION FAILED AT 10:32 PM

ARTICLE 41: (by citizen petition)

A citizen's petition to amend the Short-Term Rental Bylaw—as adopted under Article 25 at the June 6, 2022, Annual Town Meeting—by deleting the second and third paragraphs under the section “Regulations”, as indicated by a strike-thought:

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 owned 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 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 dwellings 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.

On a motion by Daniel Seitz and seconded by someone in the audience, to delete the second and third paragraphs under the section “Regulations” in the Short Term Rental Bylaw as written in the warrant article.

The following people spoke on this article:

Daniel Seitz

Mary Atchinson

Sharon Gregory

Christopher Schaefer made a motion to move the question and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator stated that it required a 2/3rds majority vote and he asked for a vote.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 10:37 PM
Motion passed to move the question on the main motion

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the article.

ARTICLE FAILED AT 10:38 PM

ARTICLE 42: (by citizen petition)

The citizens of Housatonic and Great Barrington petition the town of Great Barrington to purchase own and operate the Housatonic Water company.

On a motion by William Nappo and seconded by someone in the audience, that the town purchase and operate the Housatonic Water Company.

The Moderator stated that Town Counsel has confirmed that this article is advisory only.

William Nappo and Carol Diehl spoke on this article.

Ms. Diehl made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience, to propose an amendment to the article to state: The citizens of Housatonic and Great Barrington petition the Town of Great Barrington to act immediately to acquire, own and operate the Housatonic Water Company.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the amendment.

AMENDMENT VOTED 10:48 PM

The following people spoke on the article/amendment:

Maura Perry Eugene Warford Kevin Regan Anne Alquist James Stark

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the main motion as amended.

VOTED AT 10:49 PM

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer L. Messina
Town Clerk

Total Registered Voters: 4,960

Total Voters: 288 (5.8%)