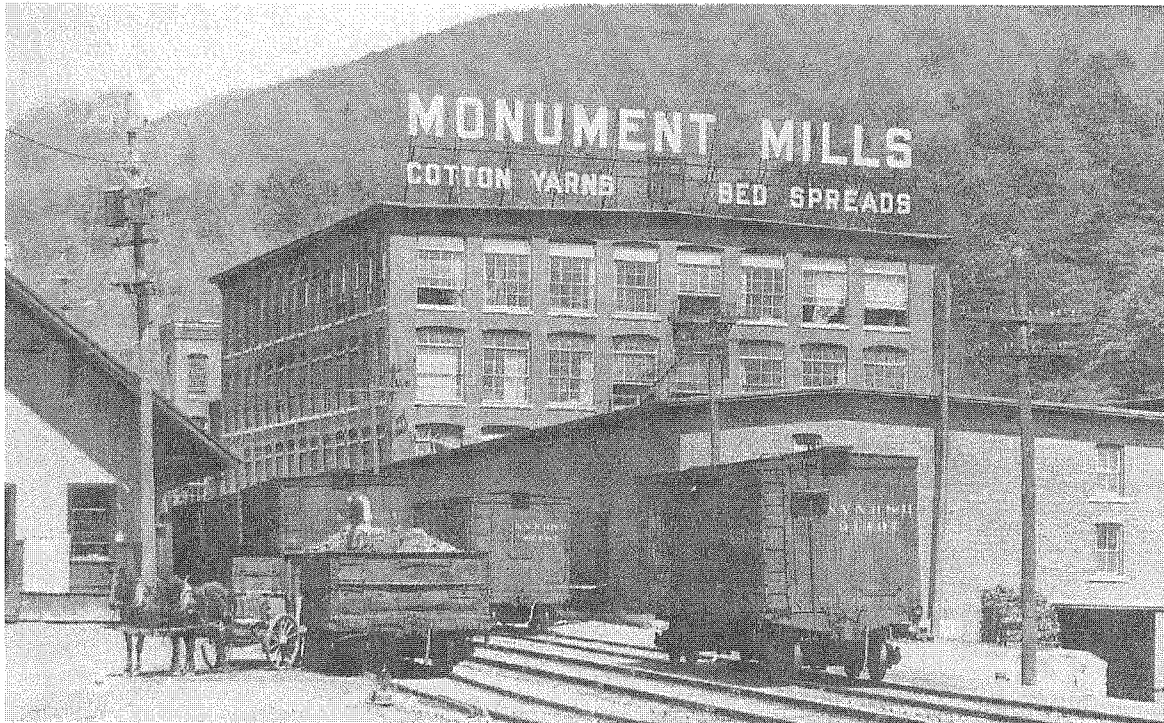


TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

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ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,

2013

IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of the following former Town officials during the Fiscal year (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

Helen Koneazny

Secretary at Great Barrington Schools Superintendent Office
July 2, 2012

Virginia A. Cunningham

Teacher at Housatonic Grammar School & Searles Middle School
July 11, 2012

Rose Zarcone

Volunteer at the Great Barrington Senior Center
November 3, 2012

Virginia Mattson

Great Barrington Historical Society
November 19, 2012

Agnes A. Cobb

Teacher's Aide Bryant School
November 24, 2012

Thomas P. "Tom Jay" Jaworski

Justice of the Peace
December 12, 2012

Ruth "Dee Dee" Brownson

Librarian at Mason Library
February 3, 2013

Linda Jean Daloni

Aide at Housatonic Elementary School
March 1, 2013

Virginia M. Passetto
Housatonic War Memorial Committee
March 1, 2013

Anthony Pruhenski
Custodian at Searles Middle School
March 14, 2013

Arlene Dezieck
Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Election Poll Worker since age of 16
June 25, 2013

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR USE IN 2014

Governor

Deval L. Patrick

United States Senators

Elizabeth Warren, Boston

Edward J. Markey, Boston

Congressman

Richard Neal, Springfield

First Congressional District

Councilor

Michael J. Albano, Springfield

Eighth Councilor District

State Senator

Benjamin Downing, Pittsfield

Berkshire Senatorial District

Representative in General Court

William "Smitty" Pignatelli

Fourth Berkshire Representative District

Annual Town Election

May 13th, 2014

Annual Town Meeting

May 5th, 2014



FACTS ABOUT GREAT BARRINGTON

Settled	1726
Incorporated	1761
Location	Southwest Corner of Massachusetts
Population	6,608 (Annual Town Census)
Legal Voters	4,256
Form of Government	Board of Selectmen/Town Manager Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$13.56 Fiscal 2014
Public Schools	Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Police	Chief, Two Sergeants and Fourteen Patrol Officers Telephone: 528-0306
Town Highways	91.01 Miles, 162 Streets
Public Libraries	Mason Public Library Great Barrington Ramsdell Public Library Housatonic
State Forests	7,264 Acres
Altitude	721 Feet at Railroad Station
Area	45.86 Square Miles
Web Site	www.townofgb.org

UNITED STATES CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

GOVERNOR

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Lenox, MA 01240
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TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICIALS*

Selectmen

Andrew D. Blechman	Term Expires 2014
Deborah Phillips	Term Expires 2015
Sean Stanton	Term Expires 2015
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expires 2016
Daniel Bailly	Term Expires 2016

Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee

Deborah Kain	Term Expired 2014 (State Election)
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expires 2014 (State Election)
Frederick Clark	Term Expires 2015 (State Election)
Richard Dohoney	Term Expires 2015 (State Election)
Christine Reilly Shelton	Term Expires 2015 (State Election)

Board of Health

Claudia A. Ryan	Term Expires 2014
Ronald Majdalany	Term Expires 2015
Michael Lanoue	Term Expires 2016

Constables

Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2015
John Broderick, Jr.	Term Expires 2015

Finance Committee

Mark Lefenfeld	Term Expires 2014
Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2015
Sharon Gregory	Term Expires 2015
Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2016
Leigh Susan Davis	Term Expires 2016

Great Barrington Housing Authority

Dana DelGrande	Term Expires 2014
Ariane Blanchard	Term Expires 2015
Ann Condon	Term Expires 2016
Veronica Cunningham	Term Expires 2016
Deborah Salem	Term Indefinite

Library Trustees

Holly Hamer	Term Expires 2014
Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2014
Kathleen Plungis	Term Expires 2015
Adam Gudeon	Term Expires 2014
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2016
Lauren E. Clark	Term Expires 2016

Moderator

Edward G. McCormick	Term Expires 2014
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Planning Board

Ethan Culleton	Term Expires 2014
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2014
Jack Musgrove	Term Expires 2015
Brandee K. Nelson	Term Expires 2016
Suzanne Fowle Schroeder	Term Expires 2016

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ronald Majdalany	Term Expires 2014
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2014
Madonna Meagher	Term Expires 2015
Kathleen Kotleski	Term Expires 2015
Carolyn Ivory	Term Expires 2016

*** Current Elected Officials**

TOWN OFFICERS

APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

Agricultural Commission

Luke Pryjma	Term Expires 2015
Barbara Zheutlin	Term Expires 2016
Vivian Orłowski	Term Expires 2016
Hilda Banks Shapiro (Alternate)	Term Expires 2014

Animal Control Officer

Olivia VanSant	Term Indefinite
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Animal Inspector

Mark Pruhenski	Term Expires 2014
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Assessor, Principal

Christopher Lamarre	Term Indefinite
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Board of Assessors

Christopher Lamarre	Term Indefinite
Bruce Firger	Term Expires 2014
John Katz	Term Expires 2016

Board of Registrars

Marie Ryan	Term Indefinite
Linda A. Coons	Term Expires 2016
Ellen Smith	Term Expires 2015

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Thomas Hatch	Term Indefinite
Richard Needelman	Term Indefinite

Cemetery Commissioners

Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2014
Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2014
Robert Avery	Term Expires 2015
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expires 2015

Charter Review Committee (Charge Completed on December 11, 2013)

Stephen C. Bannon	Holly Hamer
Alana Chernila	June Johnson
Veronica Cunningham	Eileen Mooney
Richard Dohoney	Andrew Moro
Julie Fagan	Patricia Mullin
Patrick Fennell	Richard Needelman
Peter Fish	Marcia Stamell
Paul Gibbons	Sean Stanton
Michele Gilligan	Michael Wise

Chief Procurement Officer

Jennifer Tabakin	Term Indefinite
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Community Preservation Committee

Karen W. Smith	Term Expires 2016
Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2016
Deborah Salem	Term Expires 2016
Andrew D. Blechman	Term Expires 2016
Jessica Dezieck	Term Expires 2016
Martha Fick	Term Expires 2016
Suzanne Fowle	Term Expires 2016
Kathleen Jackson	Term Expires 2016
William Nappo	Term Expires 2016

Conservation Commission

Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2015
Jessica Dezieck	Term Expires 2015
Andrew Mankin	Term Expires 2016
David Shanahan	Term Expires 2016
Jeffrey Cohen	Term Expires 2017

Conservation Commission Agent

Shepley Evans

Term Indefinite

Council on Aging

Alan Buckes

Term Expires 2014

Anita Diller

Term Expires 2014

Barbara Bailly

Term Expires 2015

Amy Rutstein

Term Expires 2015

David Rutstein

Term Expires 2015

Grace Zbell

Term Expires 2015

Eileen Gaarn

Term Expires 2016

Michele Gilligan

Term Expires 2016

Richard Needelman

Term Expires 2016

Council on Aging, Director

Polly Mann

Term Indefinite

Cultural Council

Lee Rogers

Term Expires 2014

Jonathan Williams

Term Expires 2014

Patricia Navarino

Term Expires 2015

Marcia Stamell

Term Expires 2015

Sherry Steiner

Term Expires 2015

Hilda Banks Shapiro

Term Expires 2016

Michael Wise

Term Expires 2016

Rose Tannenbaum

Term Expires 2016

Design Advisory Committee

Edwin May

Term Indefinite

Stephan Green

Term Expires 2014

Olga May Milligan

Term Expires 2014

Stephen Dietemann

Term Expires 2015

Gaetan LaChance

Term Expires 2017

Jonathan Hankin

Term Expires 2014

Malcolm Fick

Term Expires 2014

Marilyn Kalish

Term Expires 2014

Downtown Parking Task Force

Betsy Andrus
Walter F. Atwood, III
Jennifer Clark
William Cooke

Robin Helfand
Tom Levin
Laurily Epstein
Richard Stanley

Emergency Management Director

William R. Walsh, Jr.
William Brinker, Asst. Director

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Energy Committee

Alana Chernila
Ryan Caruso
Michele DiSimone
Beth Moser
Brandee Nelson
Christopher Vlcek

Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015

Fence Viewers

Harold Shaw

Term Expires 2014

Fire Department

Charles Burger, Chief
Steven Hall, Deputy Chief
Edward G. McCormick, Deputy Chief
Terrance Chamberland, Deputy Chief
David Benham, Captain
James Mead, Captain
Ryan Brown, Lieutenant
Peter Dumont, Lieutenant
Robert Hammer, Jr. Lieutenant
Darryl Marks. Lieutenant
Marc Palumbo, Lieutenant
Chad Shimmon, Lieutenant
Jeffrey Aloisi
Richard Aloisi

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Alan Anderson	Term Indefinite
Christopher Bangs	Term Indefinite
Justin Bona	Term Indefinite
Joseph Bozza	Term Indefinite
Derek Burger	Term Indefinite
Marco Cando	Term Indefinite
Elias Casey	Term Indefinite
Kevin Fitzpatrick	Term Indefinite
Robert Gaughran	Term Indefinite
Matt Heckendorn	Term Indefinite
Randall Higgins	Term Indefinite
George Houghtlin	Term Indefinite
Sam Hungate	Term Indefinite
Joseph Keefner, Jr.	Term Indefinite
Christopher Laramée	Term Indefinite
Thomas Lovett, Jr.	Term Indefinite
Sean McMahon	Term Indefinite
Adam Mead	Term Indefinite
Brian Mead	Term Indefinite
Peter Montana	Term Indefinite
Chris Nelson	Term Indefinite
Justin Osak	Term Indefinite
Matthew Pevzner	Term Indefinite
David Renner	Term Indefinite
James Reynolds	Term Indefinite
Joshua A. Seile	Term Indefinite
Louis Stark	Term Indefinite
Timothy Stevens	Term Indefinite
John Woodard	Term Indefinite

Fire Inspectors

Alan Anderson	Term Indefinite
Peter Dumont	Term Indefinite
Steven Hall	Term Indefinite
Thomas Lovett	Term Indefinite
Darrell Marks	Term Indefinite
Justin Osak	Term Indefinite
Joshua Seile	Term Indefinite

Gas Inspector

Robert L. Gennari	Term Indefinite
Robert Krupski, Deputy	Term Indefinite

Health Agent

Mark Pruhenski

Term Indefinite

Health Inspector

L. Locke Larkin

Term Indefinite

Historical Commission

Paul Ivory

Term Expires 2014

William Nappo

Term Expires 2014

Marilyn Bisiewicz

Term Expires 2015

Gary Leveille

Term Expires 2015

Malcolm Fick

Term Expires 2015

Donald Howe

Term Expires 2016

David Rutstein

Term Expires 2016

Historic District Commission

Daniel Bailly

Term Expires 2014

Barbara A. Syer

Term Expires 2014

Donald Howe

Term Expires 2015

Holly Troiano

Term Expires 2015

James Mercer

Term Expires 2016

Marilyn Kalish (Alternate)

Term Expires 2014

Patricia Ryan (Alternate)

Term Expires 2016

Great Barrington Housing Authority Director

Barbara Heaphy

Term Indefinite

Inspector of Buildings

Edwin May

Term Indefinite

Paul Greene, Assistant

Term Indefinite

Ned Baldwin, Alternate Assistant

Term Indefinite

Keeper of the Lock-up

William Walsh, Jr.

Term Indefinite

Library Director

Amanda DeGiorgis

Term Indefinite

Master Plan Committee (Charge Completed on October 10, 2013)

Barbara Bailly	Term Indefinite
Andrew D. Blechman	Term Indefinite
Charles Bouteiller	Term Indefinite
Ryan Caruso	Term Indefinite
Ethan Culleton	Term Indefinite
Richard Dohoney	Term Indefinite
Shepley Evans	Term Indefinite
Michele Gilligan	Term Indefinite
Jonathan Hankin	Term Indefinite
Paul Ivory	Term Indefinite
William Meier	Term Indefinite
Vivian Orlowski	Term Indefinite
Deborah Phillips	Term Indefinite
David Shanahan	Term Indefinite
Michael Wise	Term Indefinite
Suzanne Fowle (Alternate)	Term Indefinite
David Rutstein (Alternate)	Term Indefinite

Parking Clerk

Deborah Ball

Term Indefinite

Parking Enforcement Officer

Sharon Nourse

Term Indefinite

Parks Commissioners

Thomas Norton	Term Expires 2014
Kathleen Plungis	Term Expires 2014
Patricia Salvi	Term Expires 2014
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2015
Charles Bouteiller	Term Expires 2015
Paul Gibbons	Term Expires 2016
Karen Smith	Term Expires 2016

Planning Board (Alternate Member)

Malcolm Fick

Term Expires 2015

Plumbing Inspector

Robert Krupski

Term Indefinite

Robert Gennari, Deputy

Term Indefinite

Police Officers

William Walsh, Jr., Chief

Term Indefinite

William Bartini, Sergeant

Term Indefinite

Paul Storti, Sergeant

Term Indefinite

Kristopher M. Balestro

Term Indefinite

James Bragdon

Term Indefinite

Adam J. Carlotto

Term Indefinite

Jonathan Finnerty

Term Indefinite

Richard Keefner

Term Indefinite

Jason LaForest

Term Indefinite

Paul Montgomery

Term Indefinite

Christopher Peebles

Term Indefinite

Joseph A. O'Brien

Term Indefinite

Chad Shimmon

Term Indefinite

Samuel Stolzar

Term Indefinite

Timothy Ullrich

Term Indefinite

Victor Zucco

Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Special

Brian Arnold

Term Indefinite

Daniel Bartini

Term Indefinite

Michael Bertelli

Term Indefinite

Richard Congdon

Term Indefinite

Edward Hearn

Term Indefinite

Ryan Quinto

Term Indefinite

Timothy Roy

Term Indefinite

Ryan Storti

Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Details Only

Daniel Bersaw

Term Indefinite

Richard Gardella
Paul Harvey
Craig Scott

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Sanitary Inspector

Mark Pruhenski

Term Indefinite

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Vacchina

Term Indefinite

Sign Officer

Edwin May

Term Indefinite

Tree Committee

Steve Adams
Maria Ahlin
Lisa Bozzuto
Beth Moser
Laurily Epstein
Dennis Gibbons
Olga May Milligan
Susan Sheridan
Hilda Banks Shapiro
Jessica Wikle
Michael Wise

Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016

Town Accountant/Financial Coordinator

Lauren M. Sartori

Term Indefinite

Town Clerk

Marie Y. Ryan

Term Indefinite

Town Collector

Sandra C. Larkin

Term Indefinite

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Town Manager

Jennifer Tabakin

Term Indefinite

Town Treasurer

Sandra C. Larkin

Term Indefinite

Tree Warden

Michael Peretti

Term Indefinite

Truck Weighers

Daniel Bersaw

Term Indefinite

Paul Storti

Term Indefinite

Veteran's Agent

Laurie Hils

Term Indefinite

Wire Inspector

Theodore Piontek

Term Indefinite

Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate Members)

Donald Hagberg

Term Expires 2014

John Katz

Term Expires 2015

*** Current Appointed Officials**

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES

Assessor's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
DPW Superintendent	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Health Agent	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Inspector of Buildings	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Recycling Center	Fri. 8 AM-3 PM, Sat. 7 AM- 3 PM, Sun. 10 AM- 3 PM	
Selectmen's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Town Accountant	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Town Clerk	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Town Collector/Treasurer	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Town Manager's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Town Planner's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Veteran's Office	Monday-Thursday	9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. (or by appointment)

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

**(Meetings are held at 334 Main Street, Town Hall
unless otherwise specified)**

Agricultural Commission	Call of the Chairman
Board of Assessors	Call of the Chairman
Board of Health	First Thursday of Each Month @ 7:30 P.M.
Board of Selectmen	Typically Second & Fourth Mondays @ 7:00 P.M., Call to verify
Cable Advisory Committee	First Monday of Each Month @ 7:30 P.M., Location varies
Cemetery Commission	Call of the Chairman
Community Preservation Committee	Typically Third Thursday of Each Month @ 6:00 P.M. At the GB Fire Station, 37 State Road
Conservation Commission	Fourth Wednesday of Each Month @ 7:00 P.M.
Council on Aging	Last Wednesday of Each Month @ 1:30 P.M. At the Senior Center, 917 Main Street
Cultural Council	Call of the Chairman
Design Advisory Committee	Call of the Chairman
Energy Committee	Call of the Chairman
Finance Committee	Call of the Chairman
Historical Commission	Call of the Chairman
Historic District Commission	Third Thursday of Each Month @ 6:30 P.M.
Housing Authority	Third Thursday of Each Month @ 2:15 P.M. At Bernard Gibbons Drive
Library Trustees	Second Thursday of Each Month @ 5:30 P.M. At the Mason Library, 231 Main Street
Parks Commission	Second Monday of Each Month @ 5:00 P.M. At the Mason Library, 231 Main Street
Planning Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays of Each Month @ 7:00 P.M.
School Committee	Typically Twice a Month @ 7:00 P.M. Location varies for each meeting
Tree Committee	First Wednesday of Each Month @ 5:15 P.M. At the Mason Library, 231 Main Street
Zoning Board of Appeals	Call of the Chairman

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MANAGER

Fiscal year 2013 was a period of transition, planning and accomplishments for the Town of Great Barrington. For the Board of Selectmen, the fiscal year started with a public forum on the Castle Street Fire Station, the establishment of the Charter Review Committee and securing over \$5 million dollars in State funds for the renovation of Main Street. Also that summer, the Board of Selectmen celebrated the birthday of Ramsdell Library, established a Tree Committee, restarted the Downtown Parking Task Force and conducted an operational review of the Transfer Station. In the Fall, the Board worked with Town Manager Kevin O'Donnell on the budget planning process for fiscal year 2014, before he finished his five-year tenure in April. In the winter of 2013, the Board established a Town Manager Screening Committee and by May a contract with Jennifer Tabakin was signed. During this challenging period, the Town benefited from the dedication of Helen Kuziemko, Jennifer Bailly and Lauren Sartori who maintained continuity and worked hard to prepare a smooth transition for a new Town Manager.

Town Operations

In fiscal year 2013, the Town Departments made notable accomplishments, which are highlighted in this annual report. To mention a few, the Police Department strengthened the full time K-9 unit and launched its first bicycle patrol. The Fire Department responded to 616 incidents – a record number for the Town. A major milestone was achieved by the Planning Department, with the issuance of the final draft of the Master Plan, reflecting the culmination of three years of work by the Master Plan Committee, along with hundreds of meetings. In fiscal year 2013, over \$9 Million worth of construction started in Great Barrington and the Buildings Department reviewed and approved 468 permits. The Health Department issued 174 food establishment permits and conducted over 465 food inspections.

The Department of Public Works, along with managing the design of the Main Street project, also completed the Seekonk Road embankment project and paving work on Lewis Ave, West Ave and South Street. For the Parks and Recreation Board, the Department of Public Works finished the new South Street Park, featuring adult fitness equipment, and upgraded the Grove Street Park with new swings. The Wastewater Treatment Plant started work on the first phase of the plant upgrade. At the Claire W. Teague Senior Center, close to 7,000 meals were served. The Great Barrington Library launched the First Thursday Film Series and that summer hosted 64 children's reading programs. The Department of Veteran's Services saw an increase in all areas of operations, with a record number of 1334 service calls. Along with overseeing the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Clerk had a particularly busy year coordinating two State elections, a Presidential election, a Town election and the annual census.

Town Committees and Commissions

In fiscal year 2013, the Town's Committees and Commissions addressed important issues, established new policy and provided important leadership for the town. This Annual Report highlights the many accomplishments of the numerous volunteers, elected and appointed officials.

The Planning Board held hearings on several noteworthy developments including the 111.5 acre Barrington Brook site where 44 new housing units will be built and 78.6 acres of open space preserved. The Town's Conservation Commission reviewed 15 wetland protection acts rulings and addressed multiple environmental land issues. The Finance Committee expanded their work on capital improvement planning, their review of audits, and encouraged long-term strategies.

The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force focused on the installation of a new Castle Hill Avenue storm drainage project and the Energy Committee received its first grant as a designated Green Community.

The Cultural Council awarded 26 grants to cultural organizations and prepared to celebrate thirty years of performances by folk singer David Grover. The Historic District Commission began design of a historic marker program and approved repairs to the Mason Library cupola. The Historical Commission was an active participant in the master plan process and worked to promote the passage of the Community Preservation Act.

The Agricultural Commission worked to implement the Keep Berkshires Farming Plan focused on assessing the needs of local farmers, providing classes on meat processing, food preservation and healthy food. The Tree Committee secured the Tree City USA Status for Great Barrington, attended the Massachusetts Tree Steward Training Program and started work on the comprehensive tree inventory, celebrated Arbor Day and planted multiple trees in parks and along streets.

The Five Town Cable Advisory Committee completed negotiations with Time Warner on a ten-year license renewal which offered new flexibility for residential installations which resulted in increased funding for community television programming. Community Television for Southern Berkshires found a new location for their studio and offices and continued to broadcast programming on the public, education and government access stations.

On a personal note, I moved to Great Barrington in July of 2013. I am honored to serve as Town Manager and appreciate this wonderful opportunity. Over the last year, as I have enjoyed working with the many talented and committed people in our town, my admiration and respect for what the Great Barrington community has together achieved to both enhance and preserve our Town continues to grow. In reviewing the accomplishments made by elected officials, volunteers and staff, I am proud to be a part of this special Town. I look forward to working with all of you in the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

The Selectboard

FINANCES

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report from the Assessors for the Fiscal Year 2013.

Fiscal Year 2013 Recapitulation:

A. <u>Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation</u>		\$ 24,143,435.50
B. 1. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation		13,101.61
2. State & County Cherry Sheet Charges		68,691.00
3. Overlay		160,682.63
Total Amount to be Raised		\$ 24,385,910.74
C. <u>Estimated Sources Appropriated</u>		
Estimated Receipts – State Cherry Sheet	\$ 976,308.00	
Total Estimated State Receipts		<u>\$ 976,308.00</u>
Estimated Receipts – Local		
1. Motor Vehicle	\$ 420,000.00	
2. Other Excise	230,000.00	
3. Penalties & interest on taxes & excise	40,000.00	
4. Payment in lieu of taxes	2,000.00	
5. Rentals	87,062.00	
6. Dept. of Revenue-libraries	15,000.00	
7. Dept. of Revenue-cemeteries	5,000.00	
8. Other Dept. of Revenue	305,938.00	
9. Licenses & Permits	50,000.00	
10. Fines & Forfeits	40,000.00	
11. Investment Income	35,000.00	
	<u>\$ 1,230,000.00</u>	
12. Enterprise Funds	<u>\$ 1,845,308.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,075,308.00</u>
D. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:		
1. Free Cash	0.00	
2. Other Available Funds	\$213,809.50	
Total Available Funds		<u>\$ 213,809.50</u>
E. <u>Other Revenue Sources Appropriated</u>		
<u>to Reduce the Tax Rate</u>		
1. Free Cash appropriated before 6-30-11	\$2,150,000.00	
2. Other Source	\$88,475.69	<u>\$ 2,238,475.69</u>
F. Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources		<u>\$ 6,503,901.19</u>

Tax Rate Summary FY 2013

A. Total Amount to be Raised		<u>\$24,385,910.74</u>
A. Revenue Sources	\$ 6,503,901.19	
B. Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy	\$17,882,009.55	

TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2013

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>BY CLASS</u>
RESIDENTIAL	79.2628	\$1,078,673,891	13.56	\$14,173,774.93
OPEN SPACE	0.	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	17.2894	\$235,289,215	13.56	\$3,091,700.29
INDUSTRIAL	0.7336	\$9,982,800	13.56	\$131,173.99
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.7142</u>	<u>\$36,937,621</u>	13.56	<u>\$485,360.34</u>
TOTALS	100.0000	\$ 1,360,883,527		\$17,882,009.55

TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2012

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>
RESIDENTIAL	79.2290	\$ 1,070,876,282	13.12	\$ 14,049,896.82
OPEN SPACE	0.	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	17.2605	\$233,296,342	13.12	\$3,060,848.01
INDUSTRIAL	0.7439	\$10,054,400	13.12	\$131,913.73
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.7666</u>	<u>\$37,394,783</u>	13.12	<u>\$490,619.55</u>
TOTALS	100.0000	\$ 1,351,621,807		\$ 17,733,278.11

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Lamarre
Principal Assessor

Board of Assessors
Bruce Firger, Member
John Katz, Member

TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS IN FISCAL YEAR 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAX</u>
1. Pinewood Realty Trust	\$11,282,850	\$ 148,256.65
2. Massachusetts Electric	\$ 9,401,604	\$ 123,537.08
3. Berkshire Bank	\$ 7,984,400	\$ 104,915.02
4. Kimco Gt. Barrington 609 Inc.	\$ 7,635,100	\$ 100,325.21
5. Educational Consultants	\$ 7,617,000	\$ 100,087.38
6. Verizon New England	\$ 6,402,000	\$ 84,122.28
7. Ken Alpart/Jen Bonjean	\$ 5,518,668	\$ 72,515.30
8. Butternut Basin	\$ 4,580,869	\$ 60,192.62
9. KSNS Stockbridge Rd. Realty	\$ 3,888,400	\$ 51,093.58
10. Stockbridge Road Realty	\$ 3,651,500	\$ 47,980.71

FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2013

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>
RESIDENTIAL	67.4606	\$466,169,025	\$0.78	\$363,611.84
OPEN SPACE	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	29.4213	\$203,308,161	0.78	\$158,580.37
INDUSTRIAL	0.5562	\$ 3,843,600	0.78	\$ 2,998.01
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.5619</u>	<u>\$ 17,703,442</u>	0.78	<u>\$ 14,808.68</u>
TOTALS	100.0000	\$ 691,024,228		\$ 538,998.90

FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2012

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>
RESIDENTIAL	67.4591	\$462,442,125	\$0.80	\$369,953.70
OPEN SPACE	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	29.3725	\$201,352,555	0.80	\$161,082.04
INDUSTRIAL	0.5711	\$ 3,915,200	0.80	\$ 3,132.16
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.5973</u>	<u>\$ 17,804,900</u>	0.80	<u>\$ 14,243.92</u>
TOTAL	100.0000	\$ 685,514,780		\$ 548,411.82

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Lamarre
Principal Assessor

Board of Assessors
Bruce Firger, Member
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REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am honored to herewith submit my report as Town Accountant for 2013 which includes the following statement of net position as of 6-30-13 from the 2013 annual audited financial statements. The complete report and other additional financial information is on the Town website at www.townofgb.org.

I would like to thank all Town Departments for their support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren M. Sartori, C.P.A.
Town Accountant

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2013

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 9,084,859	\$ 3,090,562	\$ 12,175,421
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	666,519	-	666,519
Excises	69,800	-	69,800
User fees	-	272,558	272,558
Departmental and other	128,955	-	128,955
Intergovernmental	393,840	-	393,840
Deposit held by others	1,780	-	1,780
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	44,235	37,595	81,830
Intergovernmental	-	41,613	41,613
Note receivable	640,000	-	640,000
Land and construction in progress	6,671,612	302,755	6,974,367
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	19,337,926	4,400,027	23,737,953
TOTAL ASSETS	37,039,526	8,145,110	45,184,636
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Warrants and accounts payable	370,778	46,483	417,261
Accrued payroll and payroll withholdings	96,140	6,138	102,278
Accrued interest payable	17,891	7,620	25,511
Notes payable	1,567,967	290,000	1,857,967
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Notes payable	230,000	-	230,000
Bonds payable	856,660	153,340	1,010,000
Landfill liabilities	15,000	-	15,000
Noncurrent:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	6,743,320	386,680	7,130,000
Landfill liabilities, net of current portion	195,000	-	195,000
Net OPEB obligation	1,817,711	333,364	2,151,075
Compensated absences	185,214	28,640	213,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,095,681	1,252,265	13,347,946
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	17,266,602	4,162,762	21,429,364
Restricted for:			
State grants and other legislatively separate funds	493,685	-	493,685
Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	281,915	-	281,915
Expendable	85,521	-	85,521
Unrestricted	6,816,122	2,730,083	9,546,205
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 24,943,845	\$ 6,892,845	\$ 31,836,690

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following reports consisting of outstanding tax balances and monies collected by the Great Barrington Tax Collector's Office and Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year 2013.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra C. Larkin
Treasurer/Collector

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2013

<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Balance 7/1/2012</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements Adjustments</u>	<u>Transfers Tax Titles</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2013</u>
Real Estate						
2013		17,396,649.09	(102,203.06)	(16,498,719.68)	(118,845.14)	676,881.21
2012	559,476.77	-	(2,950.80)	(545,007.39)	(11,518.58)	(0.00)
2011	-		(2,007.62)	2,007.62		
						-
	559,476.77	17,396,649.09	(107,161.48)	(17,041,719.45)	(130,363.72)	676,881.21
Personal Property						
2013		485,360.40	(2,083.94)		(465,605.59)	17,670.87
2012	15,054.16				(7,013.56)	8,040.60
2011	3,766.76				(178.06)	3,588.70
2010	2,417.50				(52.99)	2,364.51
2009	599.33		(41,861.60)		41,849.10	586.83
						-
	21,837.75	485,360.40	(43,945.54)	-	(431,001.10)	32,251.51
Motor Vehicle						
2013		668,022.91	(13,594.41)		(591,748.72)	62,679.78
2012	39,953.94	68,514.42	(5,672.08)		(90,812.31)	11,983.97
2011	11,918.30		(518.43)		(3,912.74)	7,487.13
2010	7,221.89	-			(1,162.82)	6,059.07
2009	6,997.31	-			(1,254.07)	5,743.24
2008	8,165.97		-		(519.90)	7,646.07
2007	6,261.28				(123.34)	6,137.94
2006	5,002.83	-			(231.05)	4,771.78
2005	6,133.87	-	-		(197.40)	5,936.47
2004	4,941.68				-	4,941.68
2003	4,452.27				(20.00)	4,432.27
2002	5,014.30				(37.50)	4,976.80
2001	5,014.08				(122.50)	4,891.58
2000	3,782.94				(93.75)	3,689.19
1999	4,518.16				(96.05)	4,422.11
1998	8,526.89				(30.00)	8,496.89
1981-1997						-
	127,905.71	736,537.33	(19,784.92)	-	(690,362.15)	154,295.97

Other Collections

Municipal Lien Certificates	9,025.00
Tag Sale Permits	490.00
Parking Tickets	13,080.00
Parking Ticket Late Penalties	890.00
Mark & Clear Charges	5,000.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	12,370.00

Sewer Collections

User Fees	1,693,147.40
Nightsoil	214,435.00
Connections	2,100.00
Penalties	15,133.87
Liens	63,033.27

Recycling

31,925.80

TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2013
JULY 1, 2012 to JUNE 30, 2013

STATE TREASURER

State Owned Land	\$	236,759.00
Abatement to Blind		-
Abatements to Elderly		14,558.00
Lottery		641,908.00
Hotel/Motel Tax		406,775.26
Meals Tax		233,674.70
Other Revenue		59,225.00
Fines & Forfeitures		17,502.50
Total State Revenue	\$	1,610,402.46

TAX COLLECTOR

Personal Property Taxes	\$	431,001.11
Real Estate Taxes		17,044,067.27
Motor Vehicle Excise		690,572.20
Interest Penalties		115,218.53
Collector's Fees		12,370.00
Interest and expense Penalties		21,449.00
Municipal Lien Certificate		9,025.00
Tag Sale Permits		490.00
Parking Tickets		13,080.00
Parking Late Fees		890.00
Mark & Clear Fees		5,000.00
Research Charges		2,470.22
Misc. Other		24,419.00
Recycling Fees		31,925.80
Total	\$	18,401,978.13

TOWN TREASURER

Tax Liens Redeemed	\$	257,166.48
Penalties on Tax Liens		50,676.02
Payment in lieu of Taxes		67,381.64
Earnings on Investments		23,330.54
Bad check charge		50.00
Bond interest		259.21
Bond Proceeds		-
Misc. Other		184,865.37
Total	\$	583,729.26

SELECTMEN

Alcohol Licenses	\$	45,803.25
Other Licenses & Permits		24,827.77
Total	\$	70,631.02

TOWN CLERK

Birth Certificates	\$	5,610.00
Marriage Certificates		1,990.00
Death Certificates		8,880.00
Dog Licenses		9,720.00
UCC Filing Fees		3,515.00
Marriage Intentions		2,660.00
Other		2,845.20
Total	\$	35,220.20

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Permits		4,367.50
Alarms		55,400.00
Mutual Aid	\$	1,931.05
Insurance Reports		773.89
Revolving Fund Charges		15,377.60
Drug Reimbursement		87.21
Total	\$	77,937.25

INSPECTORS

Building Inspector	\$	75,105.62
Weights & Measures	\$	2,135.00
Total		77,240.62

LIBRARY

Fees		4,931.87
Fines		15,239.78
Ramsdell Computer		-
Total	\$	20,171.65

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Historic District Commission	\$	275.14
Zoning Board of Appeals		900.00
Assessors		1,424.00
Conservation Commission		550.00
Planning Board		5,650.00
Planning/Community Developmt		1,425.00
Board of Health		40,591.00
Fire Department		11,598.07
Cemetery		14,057.39
Total	\$	76,470.60

REVOLVING FUND RECEIPTS

Electrical Inspector	\$	2,342.58
Gas Inspector		838.72
Plumbing		941.39
Total		4,122.69

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

User Fees	\$	1,756,180.67
Connection Fees		2,100.00
Septic Nightsoil		214,435.00
Interest Income		9,656.58
Interest Penalties		15,133.87
MWPAT revenue		10,742.76
Returns & refunds		75.00
Sewer Rate Relief		-
Total	\$	2,008,323.88

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra C. Larkin
Town Treasurer

FISCAL YEAR 2013 POLICE PAYROLL

NAME	SALARY	OVERTIME*	REVOLVING**	TOTAL
Balestro, Kristopher	61,547.49	6,791.20	8,885.69	77,224.38
Bartini, William	69,566.14	22,576.32		92,142.46
Bersaw, Daniel	20,634.70	368.40		21,003.10
Bragdon, James	61,910.79	4,339.48	2,024.16	68,274.43
Carlotto, Adam	59,508.38	16,203.61	11,311.33	87,023.32
Finnerty, Jonathan	58,431.73	9,790.27	7,092.38	75,314.38
Keefner, Richard	64,283.47	3,927.59	5,401.03	73,612.09
LaForest, Jason	58,545.66	14,637.31	10,080.10	83,263.07
Montgomery, Paul	67,006.16	23,573.35	38,793.06	129,372.57
O'Brien, Joseph	60,745.88	15,416.39	2,456.78	78,619.05
Peebles, Christopher	58,609.53	10,108.46	1,022.16	69,740.15
Shimmon, Chad	58,324.41	11,075.57	3,781.01	73,180.99
Stolzar, Samuel	57,583.98	11,246.08	13,038.18	81,868.24
Storti, Paul	69,316.15	14,066.97	5,444.80	88,827.92
Ullrich, Timothy	60,127.33	19,293.41	8,404.96	87,825.70
Walsh, William Jr.	81,063.99			81,063.99
Zucco, Victor	61,281.18	7,998.06	511.08	69,790.32
TOTAL	\$ 1,028,486.97	\$ 191,412.47	\$ 118,246.72	\$ 1,338,146.16

FISCAL YEAR 2013 SPECIAL POLICE PAYROLL

NAME	SPECIAL DETAIL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
Arnold, Bryan	5,624.72	340.72	5965.44
Bartini, Daniel	9,566.25	1565.47	11131.72
Beckwith, John		187.88	187.88
Bertelli, Michael	6,183.10	1,703.60	7,886.70
Congdon, Richard	16,900.62	3,269.65	20,170.27
Gardella, Richard		25,358.46	25,358.46
Harvey, Paul		10,301.06	10,301.06
Hearn, Edward	10,540.78	3,193.99	13,734.77
Quinto, Ryan	9,747.93	791.64	10,539.57
Roy, Timothy	3,862.48	7,408.81	11,271.29
Scarbro, Edward		14,569.44	14,569.44
Scott, Craig		9,443.77	9,443.77
Storti, Ryan	8,014.21	1,582.92	9,597.13
TOTAL	\$ 70,440.09	\$ 79,717.41	\$ 150,157.50

* Overtime includes State Grants.

** Revolving is paid by outside contractors.

FISCAL YEAR 2013
PERSONS TO WHOM MONEY WAS PAID
SALARIES AND WAGES

Allen, William	1000.00	Degiorgis, Amanda	34,190.71
Aloisi, Richard	1,177.40	Deviny, Kathleen	57,120.00
Anderson, Alan	3,193.64	Drew, Bernard	1,007.16
Arienti, Judith	112.00	Drumm, Timothy	69,646.52
Attarian, Cheryl	11,306.88	Dumont, Peter	808.16
Atwood, Marlene	1,120.00	Dymek, Frederick	160.00
Atwood, Thomas	996.00	Dymek, Patricia	182.00
Austin, Darryl	55,128.79	Ely, Paula	52,890.77
Avery, Maureen	60.00	Errichetto, Anthony	1,195.44
Avery, Robert	22,585.78	Ettlinger, Lester	790.00
Bailly, Barbara	796.00	Evans, Yonynah	134.00
Bailly, Daniel	197.58	Ezequelle, Nell	654.00
Bailly, Jennifer	26,761.86	Farnum, Susan	944.00
Balayan, Sandy	10,258.56	Fields, William	243.00
Ball, Deborah	42,340.40	Firger, Bruce	600.00
Ball, Michael	48,965.85	Gaughran, Robert	2,200.00
Bannon, Stephen	1,500.00	Gennari, Robert	7,304.50
Bara, Irene	60.00	Gibbons, Paul	60.00
Barnard, Jane	11,859.12	Gilligan, Mary Michelle	76.00
Barry, Marion	144.00	Gore, Bryan	50,045.86
Becker, Cara	3,203.10	Greene, Paul	4,232.84
Beining, Anna	284.00	Hagberg, Judith	922.00
Benham, David	1,530.00	Hall, Steven	5,911.52
Bisiewicz, Marilyn	96.00	Hamer, Holly	1,000.00
Blechman, Andrew	1,500.00	Hammer, Robert	574.80
Bona, Justin	878.05	Harrison, Laurie	37,411.89
Boydston, Margaret	168.00	Heckendorn, Matthew	380.00
Bozza, Joseph	880.00	Higgins, Randall	1,100.00
Brinker, William	1,500.00	Holcomb, Jeanne	140.00
Brotman, Lucy	108.00	Hotchkiss, Dorothy	160.00
Brown, Donna	31,939.51	Houghtlin, George	3,142.23
Brown, Ryan	840.00	Hungate, Robert	2,200.00
Briggs, Louise	160.00	Hunt, Edward	10,882.56
Budz, Elizabeth	104.00	Ingram, William	59,473.24
Buckles, Alan	692.00	Ivory, Carolyn	173.00
Burger, Charles	49,094.18	Ivory, Paul	124.00
Burger, Derek	1,260.00	Jennings, Harry	69,099.84
Burt, Clinton	53,414.94	Johnsen, Joan	30,905.04
Bushka, Annemarie	1,822.08	Katz, John	600.00
Cando, Marco	220.00	Keefner, Joseph D.	880.00
Casey, Elias	660.00	Kelly, Julie	1,024.56
Chamberland, Terrance	4,000.00	Kotleski, Kathleen	152.00
Chernila, Alana	1,302.42	Krupski, Robert	10,445.39
Coons, Christine	364.00	Kuziemko, Helen	47,969.27
Coons, Linda	17,796.60	Kuziemko, Matthew	1,134.00
Coons, Richard	222.00	Lamarre, Christopher	70,747.20
Curtiss, Madeleine	160.00	Laramée, Christopher	1,598.05
Davis, Stephen	4,219.20	Larkin, Sandra	78,004.74

Larkin, L. Locke	5,652.89
Larkin, Lois	144.00
Lis, Richard	1,000.00
Lovett, Thomas	5,574.76
Lundquist, John	1,459.61
Magelaner, Jessica	42,244.80
Malumphy, John	49,504.99
Mann, Pauline	40,215.32
Marks, Darrell	17,753.78
Martin, James	11,979.24
May, Edwin	56,040.12
McCormick, Edward	3,200.00
McMahon, Sean	1,320.00
Mead, Carol	104.00
Mead, Adam	220.00
Mead, Brian	2,200.00
Mead, James	3,400.00
Meagher, Madonna	104.00
Meltzer, Leslie	32,128.00
Miller, Linda	144.00
Montana, Peter	600.00
Morelli, Bruce	160.00
Nelson, Christopher	660.00
Nourse, Sharon	32,781.60
O'Donnell, Kevin	103,888.87
Osak, Justin	1,761.12
Ostrander, John	46,625.40
Palumbo, Marc	1,280.00
Parsons, Stephen	49,383.58
Peretti, Michael	5,000.00
Pevzner, Matthew	54,990.28
Phillips, Deborah	1,500.00
Pickert, Edward	48,481.28
Piontek, Theodore	23,425.42
Premarlani, Lawrence	204.00
Pruhenski, Mark	55,587.00
Rembisz, Donald	96.00
Rembold, Christopher	70,088.78
Renner, David	220.00
Rivest, Charles	50,552.86
Robitaille, John	17,135.26

Robitaille, Mark	21,824.08
Roy, Norman	48.00
Roy, Theresa	48.00
Ryan, Marie	46,423.68
Sanford, Sally	711.36
Sartori, Lauren	86,609.96
Scapin, Victor	64,549.72
Schuler, Nancy	5,085.60
Seile, Joshua	2,607.16
Sermini, Elizabeth	96.00
Sewall, Amanda	18,773.04
Shaw, Kimberly	17,472.08
Shimmon, Michele	1,000.00
Shimmon, Richard	8,084.59
Smith, Ellen	16,956.98
Smith, Terry	60.00
Sokul, Joseph	76,159.46
Soules, David	56,403.70
Soules, Lee	44,887.36
Soules, Peter	62,863.90
Sparks, Corey	38,376.50
Stanton, Sean	1,500.00
Stark, Louis	1,100.00
Stevens, Marilyn	48.00
Stevens, Timothy	1,040.00
Strommer, Carol	37,137.20
Strommer, Stephen	1,000.00
Tabakin, Jennifer	11,670.00
Tarnawa, Francis	7,500.00
Thomson, Charles	55,130.79
Tossavainen, John	160.00
Tinker, Dennis	49,437.01
Vacchina, Paul	3,700.00
Van Sant, Olivia	10,000.00
Vogel, Terry	55,031.94
Warner, Katherine	25,958.40
Westwind, Sarah	21,843.12
Wichmann, Carolyn	30,293.24
Woodard, John	440.00
TOTAL	2,859,464.06

FISCAL YEAR 2013
PERSONS TO WHOM MONEY WAS PAID
NON-SALARY OR WAGES OVER \$600

22 High Street LLC	1,052.35	Berkshire Health Group	1,092,271.00
5-Alarm Fire	2,364.68	Berk. Hills Reg. School Dist.	11,598,719.00
A. J. Abrams Co.	1,443.25	Berkshire Medical Center	736.42
A. M. Leonard	1,100.11	Berkshire Public Health Alliance	800.00
Acrison	1,011.74	Berkshire Record	11,217.64
AFLAC	15,230.28	Berk. Regional Group Purchasing	600.00
AFSCME Council 93	12,653.81	Berk. Regional Planning Comm.	11,318.07
A. W. Chesterton	652.00	Berk. S.Regional Comm. Center	56,558.92
Affiliated Computer	2,840.00	Berkshire Stump Grinding	710.00
Alert Scientific	680.00	Berkshire Visiting Nurse Assoc.	2,300.00
All American Fence	16,025.00	Big Y Foods	3,038.22
Allied Waste Services	2,395.00	Big Toys	2,913.75
Amazon	3,662.14	Bilmar Small Animal Hospital	762.58
Armchair Wholesale Inc.	4,465.80	Blackboard Connect	6,704.00
American Legion Post #127	900.00	Borden & Remington, Corp.	45,966.58
American Test Center	1,435.00	Borgnis & Son	808.50
American Trademark Co.	715.54	Boston Mutual Life Insurance	2,076.88
AMS Imaging	9,761.55	Boston Mutual Insurance	8,695.80
Arrow Concrete Products	941.29	Brentwood Industries, Inc.	2,911.32
Arthur P. Jones & Associates	12,790.00	Brodart Co.	626.52
Artie Mathieu	1,200.00	C. N. Wood, Inc.	1,934.85
Assoc. Electro-Mechanics	1,279.23	CSS Ventures	34,260.00
Atlantic Coast Polymers	3,861.00	CW Mars	17,449.00
Atl. Detroit Diesel Allison	2,419.19	Caligary Sanitary Supply	2,445.35
Audiogo	675.81	Caligary Supply	9,084.10
Automated Logic	620.00	Canaan Auto Supply	27,420.38
Automatic Door Doctor	5,447.25	Cape Codder	627.00
B-G Mechanical Service	2,993.23	Carberry Auto Parts	1,315.05
B&G Restaurant Supply	2,495.00	Carr Hardware & Supply	14,035.17
BBE Office Interiors	1,088.00	Carrott Top Industries	3,130.66
BBF Print Solutions	2,475.59	Center Point Large Print	2,869.32
BSN Corp.	892.50	Central Equipment	3,717.00
Bacher Corp. of CT.	4,603.37	Center for Ecological Technology	4,017.00
Baystate Elevator	8,241.14	Christopher Lamarre	933.13
Beaver Solutions	600.00	Chubb & Son	73,888.00
Ben Funk, Inc.	6,151.61	Cintas	6,573.24
Berkshire Bike & Board	1,354.98	Colt Defense LLC	900.00
Berkshire Communicators	854.34	Commonwealth Guardrail	2,979.50
Berk. Cty Retirement Syst.	977,585.03	Commonwealth of MA	2,000.00
Berk. County Sheriff's Dept.	1,024.21	Commonwealth Police Service	4,820.00
Berkshire Gas	43,818.16	Community Health Program	3,620.00
Berkshire Graphics	1,062.55	Construct	4,500.00

Crane & Son, Inc.	4,186.53	Gall's	791.41
CT Fire Academy Bookstore	2,576.00	Gasket, Seal & Packing	1,590.20
Cummins Northeast	3,612.19	Gaylord Brothers, Inc.	1,387.95
D.E. Wilber Electrical	16,412.56	Gentlemen's Painting	41,380.00
Darrell Falterman	723.36	Geosyntec Consulting	4,194.00
David Lotto	2,450.00	Gilmore's Heating	15,882.97
David Grover	4,000.00	Glass Shop	735.00
Debra Pisani	1,237.78	Gorham & Norton	1,622.44
Deland Steel	875.00	Grainger	8,926.81
Dell Marketing	15,804.91	Gt. Barrington Fire District	601,369.18
Demco	4,542.43	Gt. Barr. Land Conserv.	1,000.00
Devries Building Supply	3,864.07	Gt. Barrington Police Assoc.	5,250.00
Dist. Dept. of Vets Services	27,740.94	Great West Life	106,665.92
Douglas J. Wooliver & Sons	2,962.34	Green & Robinson	139,150.00
Drakes Root Control	4,440.61	Green Mountain Services	82,036.55
E. Caligary & Son	15,601.41	Guardian Uniform & Supply	2,489.12
Eagle Shoe Repair	5,178.00	Guido's Realty	690.00
Eastern Bank	6,636.14	HHH Inc.	780.00
Ed Harrington, Inc.	1,043.70	Harland B. Foster Inc.	1,286.64
Edw. J Collins Public Mgmt.	16,763.54	Haupt Tree Company	68,136.15
Edwin May	1,218.97	Health Resources	4,127.60
Elder Services	1,000.00	Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc.	18,712.08
Election Systems & Software	754.37	High Pressure Systems	1,240.00
Elizabeth Freeman Center	4,000.00	Hill Engineers Architects	28,371.83
Emedco, Inc	910.20	Honda Lease Trust	753.35
Environmental Express	617.82	Hous. Basin Sampling & Testing	714.00
Envirosystems, Inc.	5,500.00	Housatonic Water Works	36,587.00
Envirotech Services	1,676.34	Individual Laundry	1,225.00
Estate of Sadie Ely	1,150.00	Industrial Protection Services	798.81
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	7,931.43	Industronics Service Co.	1,561.50
FRCOG/Community Software	1,900.00	Ingram Library Services	53,635.76
F.R. Mahoney & Associates	1,015.51	Integration Partners Corp.	1,066.00
Federal Express Corp.	678.95	Int'l Assoc. of Police Chiefs	620.00
Fire Chiefs' Association	645.00	Int'l City/City Mgmt. Assoc.	812.37
Fire Tech & Safety	19,538.73	International Salt	121,135.12
Firearms Record Keeping	12,812.50	J. Donovan & Son	4,498.04
Firematic Supply Co.	1,507.12	J. H. Maxymillian, Inc.	317,289.71
Fisher Scientific	7,381.95	J & R Corporate Sales	614.85
Foremost Productions	799.09	JWC Environmental	18,951.00
Fort Miller Co.	2,570.00	Jack Goncalves & Sons, Inc.	80,821.50
Franklin Paint Co.	1,310.85	Jacquier Welding	1,694.76
Freadman Steele Inc.	6,775.00	James C. Bragdon	765.15
Free Legal Clinic of S. Berk.	1,000.00	Jeffrey Van-De-Visse	5,700.00
Frost Manufacturing	1,495.81	Jennifer Tabakin	2,131.35
Fuss & O'Neill	258,924.09	Jennifer Upson Clark	2,941.79
GB Riverbend LLC	153,971.96	Jerry Smith	700.00

Joe Wilkinson Excavating	63,194.54	Marie Ryan	1,580.42
John Casey IV	3,307.24	Massachusetts Municipal	1,991.32
John S. Lane & Son, Inc.	1,397.81	Matthew Bender & Company	3,520.30
John's Building Supply	2,372.00	Mayflower Valuation LTD	3,200.00
John's Garage	8,289.98	McVac Environmental Serv.	6,513.94
Joseph Coleman	3,529.41	Melanson Heath & Co.	20,000.00
Joseph Sokul	708.74	Merrick, Louison & Costello	3,178.85
Junior Library Guild	2,856.00	Metropolitan Industries	4,225.33
Jureck Brothers	4,405.16	Midwest Tapes	20,631.98
KME Fire Apparatus	36,599.83	Miller's Petroleum	4,960.28
Kate Deviny	1,028.79	Mobile Robotics	1,200.00
Kelly, Grainger & Parsons	4,000.00	Moore Medical Corp.	3,667.31
Kevin O'Donnell	5,104.17	Motion Industries	2,841.78
Kofile Preservation	3,628.00	Mount Everett Sanitation	8,942.01
Komline-Sanderson	3,419.15	Municipal Emergency Serv.	3,269.34
Kopelman & Paige	41,643.61	N.E Environmental	8,625.00
Kwik Print	9,020.61	NFPA	1,222.00
L.B. Corp.	10,347.50	Napoleon Martin	600.00
LHS Associates, Inc.	5,487.21	National Fire Fighter Group	818.91
L. Locke Larkin	828.73	National Grid	288,491.24
Lacal Equipment, Inc.	773.92	Network Engineering	1,015.00
Lane Construction Corp.	47,413.85	New England Emergency Equip.	2,592.00
Larkin Ltd. Auto Detailing	608.00	New England Newspapers, Inc.	543.54
Lauren Sartori	1,023.44	New England Recreation Gp.	8,554.20
Lawrence Charette Electric	2,275.00	Norene A. Roberts	1,100.00
Lee Audio 'N Security	29,668.13	Northeast Fasteners	1,275.09
Lee Hardware	1,987.71	Northern Safety, Co.	692.95
Lee Nelson	5,950.00	Northland Environmental LLC	1,412.78
Lexington Corp.	1,444.00	O'Connell Oil Assoc.	74,966.29
Lipton Energy	150,739.32	Olde Village Monogramming	1,659.80
Lubrication Engineers	5,063.75	Osterman Propane	1,568.29
Lucy Brotman	1,643.25	Palmer Paving Corp.	537,842.57
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	173,003.29	Perma Line of New England	9,899.87
MIIA Property & Casualty	147,000.15	Peter Dillon	837.68
MIIA Workers' Comp.	28,488.60	Pete's Sales & Service	854.90
Macfarlane Office Products	6,712.02	Pete's Tire Barn	7,972.00
Madsen Overhead Door	3,874.50	Pitney Bowes	13,049.41
Maintenance Man, Inc.	5,125.00	Pittsfield Communication Sys.	28,722.80
Marchese Ford & Mercury, Inc.	1,720.57	Pittsfield Fire & Safety	3,237.45
Marcotte Ford Sales, Inc.	3,814.39	Pittsfield News	4,988.30
Mark Pruhenski	1,911.00	Pittsfield Overhead Door Co.	1,005.37
Marshall Cavendish, Corp.	940.51	Pollardwater.com-east	1,487.96
Mary Carol Rudin, Trustee	766.06	Polsinello Fuels, Inc.	850.00
MA Chiefs of Police	817.50	Priority Dispatch Corp.	4,553.00
MA Coalition of Police	8,808.00	Proquest LLC	1,295.00
MA Police Accreditation	1,150.00	Purestream, Inc.	806.82

Quill Corporation	9,434.58	The Nutritional Center	2,500.00
R.H. White	153,925.33	The Travel Group	1,554.00
R.W.'S Inc.	1,025.06	Thomas Schulz	4,692.11
Railroad Street Youth Project	9,443.70	Thomson Gale	5,877.37
Real Estate Research Consult.	19,900.00	Tighe & Bond	94,763.93
Recorded Books, Inc.	3,414.65	Time Warner Cable	6,395.30
Retrofit Technologies, Inc.	39,914.08	Town of Great Barrington	7,360.00
Ribco Supply	4,092.44	Town of Monterey	3,577.56
Richard Flint	1,145.30	Town of Sheffield	1,486.04
Richard Lis	807.40	Town of Stockbridge	1,235.91
Ray Murray, Inc.	1,057.20	Town of West Stockbridge	851.80
S. & A. Wholesalers	5,447.24	Toyota Motor Credit	1,309.04
Schmidt Equipment	609.34	Tritech Software Systems	13,440.00
Scholastic, Inc.	913.76	Tyler Technologies	22,150.73
Sears Commercial One	1,225.94	Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services	3,050.00
Sentry Uniform	9,377.90	Unified Life Insurance	801.84
Seward's Tires	5,489.90	US Bank NA	1,478,180.52
Shechtman, Halperin Savage	1,440.00	US Treasury DHHS, CMS	2,961.60
Sharon Nourse	1,118.81	USA Bluebook	5,733.05
Shipman's Fire Equipment	4,869.90	USEMCO Inc.	660.00
Shoppers' Guide	3,312.00	University of MA	10,276.85
Simplex Time Recorder	11,033.00	Universisty Products	641.73
Slack Chemical Co.	20,787.38	Valley Communications	1,455.65
So. Berk. Chamber of Comm.	1,167.36	Valley Roll-Off	26,247.09
So. Berk. Elderly	93,155.00	Vantage Transfer Agents	13,666.58
So. Berkshire Power Equip.	11,090.00	Verizon	19,088.46
So. Berk. Registry of Deeds	754.00	Verizon New England	57,905.75
Standard & Poor's	7,395.00	Verizon Wireless	8,449.07
Stanton Equipment	864.73	Virtual Town Hall	2,375.00
Staples	9,789.09	Volunteers in Medicine	3,750.00
Steve's Auto Repair	1,345.70	W. B. Mason Company	12,927.31
Steven Waller	905.74	WSS, Inc.	292,100.00
Stockman Associates	3,780.00	Ward's Nursery	2,279.88
Sullivan Associates	5,427.25	West Farm Equipment	1,367.22
Superion Industrial	3,422.63	West Group	2,357.35
Superior Spring & Manuf.	2,685.41	Wheeler & Taylor, Inc.	3,412.54
Surpass Chemical	7,618.32	Winter Equipment Co.	3,580.19
Synagro Northeast	99,442.60	Witmer Public Safety Group	1,495.38
TNEMEC Company, Inc.	792.00	Xavus Solutions	1,200.00
TNL Auto Supply	3,817.60	Zee Medical Service	746.41
Testamerica Laboratories	2,045.00	Zwack, Inc.	44,290.29
The Food Bank of W. MA	1,338.31		
The Gorman Group	2,070.38	TOTAL	21,348,723.89

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Mission Statement:

The Massachusetts DOR describes the Finance Committee as the "Watchdog of taxpayers." In that capacity, the Great Barrington Finance Committee provides advice and assistance to the Town Manager, Select Board and other town officials on financial matters by efficiently identifying, analyzing and making recommendations on financial matters that have a material impact on the well-being of the Town of Great Barrington.

Background:

Towns in Massachusetts created finance committees to review plans and budgets and make recommendations to the citizens at Town Meetings. Under current bylaws, the Finance Committee approval is needed to transfer of money from the Town's reserve fund. Great Barrington's by-laws further authorize the Finance Committee to hold public hearings before any Town Meeting on any warrant article that proposes spending money or disposing of any Town property.

Historically, the Great Barrington Finance Committee met seasonally during budget preparation season. However your Finance Committee recognizes that the complexities of governing the Town now require a much more active committee. Consequently, the current Finance Committee decided to institute more frequent meetings to review the state of the Town's finances and to participate in other town-wide initiatives in advance of major decision points. We seek to work closely with the Select Board, the Town Manager and the Town Accountant to safeguard the Great Barrington's financial well being. We have recently extended our activities to include the School Committee because of financial projects that materially affect the budget.

Highlights:

Finance Committee members participated throughout the year in many different projects and meetings. Presented below are some of the more noteworthy items:

- Worked with Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to develop and adopt the 2014 Budget Policy.
- Worked with Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to create a Capital Improvement Plan for the Town that resulted in no increase in the property tax levy for CIP purposes from Fiscal Year 2013 to Fiscal Year 2013.
- Attended a presentation from the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath & Company regarding the audit for the town's Financial Statements and Management Letter. The issue of creating a special reserve for OPEB benefits was explained and taken into consideration for the upcoming budget.
- Thanked Andy Moro for his service and contributions to the town.
- Welcomed Leigh Davis onto the Committee who brings a fresh perspective to the group.
- Requested more be done on delinquent tax collections to improve our outstanding tax receivables which had achieved high levels toward the end of the fiscal year, but reduced significantly in June before fiscal year-end. (Attached.)
- Approved transfers from the reserve fund to cover unforeseen expenses including communications equipment at top of Butternut and additional overtime.

Residents are encouraged to attend Finance Committee meetings, held at least quarterly (and more often during the months before Town Meeting) to learn more about its work and to make their voices heard. Visit <http://www.townofgb.org> or call Town Hall at (413) 528-1619 to learn when the next meeting will be held.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Gregory, Chairman
Mark Lefenfeld, Vice Chairman
Thomas Blauvelt
Walter F. Atwood, III
Leigh Davis

HISTORIC

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Historic District Commission has continued its work supporting local property owners, assisting business owners, and protecting the historic value of the properties within the district.

During 2013 the Historic District Commission has assisted business and property owners with signage designs that reflect Great Barrington's unique character and historical significance. We have successfully worked with: Sotheby's International Realty, White Rice, Village Mortgage, The Well, One Mercantile, and the Berkshire International Film Festival. A new sign was also approved for the First Congregational Church. This year the Historic District Commission was also involved in approving repairs to the Mason Library cupola. We began working on new signage for the Railway Subway Tunnel and replacing the cracked water fountain pedestal adjacent to the Winged Victory statue in front of Town Hall with a marble obelisk.

The Historic District Commission began designing a Historic Marker program that will approve plaques that will be available for property owners within the Historic District to purchase and display on the exterior of their buildings. This program has been developed with the cooperation of the Historical Commission and the Great Barrington Historical Society. Work will continue to finalize the project in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly M. Troiano
Historic District Commission Chair

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In FY13 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

1. Fulfill the general purposes of the Historical Commission to protect and develop Great Barrington's historic resources.
 - Served on Master Plan and Community Preservation Act Committees. Reviewed and edited Historical and Cultural Resources section and Historic Resources Map of Master Plan.
 - Members attended "Introduction to Historic Preservation Planning Workshop," sponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Berkshire County Historic Preservation Summit sponsored by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.
 - Commission represented in Great Barrington delegation to 200th anniversary celebration of Laura Secord's legendary War of 1812 walk in town's sister-city, Ingersoll, Ontario. Laura Ingersoll Secord, a Great Barrington native, is a Canadian national heroine.
 - Wrote letter and spoke to library board of trustees in support of approving submission of the completed National Register nomination form for the Ramsdell Library.
 - Promoted passage of Community Preservation Act through letters to editor and speaking in support at Town Meeting.
 - Defended preservation of historic town fire station in letter to the editor and at Town Meeting.
2. Manage and care for Town museum collection in accordance with professional museum procedures.
 - Commission members continued to prepare inventories and finding aids of priority archival material.

- Continued the project to complete accession inventory of major gift of late 19th-early 20th century Great Barrington artifacts, photographs, newspapers and library and archival materials relating to Amos Baldwin, from Mr. and Mrs. John Mahaney, Santa Cruz, CA.
 - Worked with the Library Director to adopt measures that will help accommodate the storage, work and program needs of the library, Commission and Historical Society who share use of the second floor of the Ramsdell Library.
 - Prepared *Notes and Standards for Management and Care of Town Historical Collections*, a planning and policy paper to clearly define the need and specifications for proper storage of the Town museum collections. Toured Stockbridge Library Historical Room's exemplary storage facility.
 - Received donation of 3 shelving units from Mason Library and the loan of a lap top computer and scanner for use in cataloguing program. Town transferred excess- inventory personal computer to the Commission for cataloguing use.
3. Market historic assets: develop programs that heighten public appreciation of the town's rich architectural and historical resources.
- With a \$5,000 grant from Housatonic Heritage, and matched by in-kind contributions, launched a Smartphone walking tour of Great Barrington's Main Street business district. Printed and distributed 750 color brochures to promote the program.
 - Worked with Historic District Commission in planning an historic structure marker program for the Town.
 - Exhibited Episcopal Bell (bronze, 1766) as a part of the Great Barrington Historical Society's joint program with the Town of Ingersoll, Ontario to better understand 18th century connections between the two towns.
 - Established Historical Commission Facebook page.
 - Commission members interpreted Great Barrington history through public events and published articles. Gary Leveille appeared in an interview about local history on a segment of Boston's Channel 5 "Chronicle" show. David Rutstein presented lectures to various groups, conducted historic walking tours of Great Barrington and contributed regular local history articles to the *Grapevine*.
 - Initiated planning for a "Where's Great Barrington?" program, built around the concept of presenting images of architectural details of various historic town structures and challenging the public to identify their location. The goal is to encourage people to look and enjoy the visual delights local architecture supplies and to appreciate the authenticity of what we have.
4. Historic Preservation: promote the preservation of significant structures in town.
- Submitted letters of support for Monument Mills Revitalization's application for Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for proposed redevelopment of Monument Mills (various c. 1850-1917).
 - Completed extensive research and submitted to Selectmen report documenting the progression of design of street lights in central business district and recommending installation of period-appropriate models as part of the planning for Main Street reconstruction project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Ivory, Chairman
 Marilyn Bisiewicz
 Malcom Fick
 Don Howe
 Gary Leveille
 Bill Nappo
 David Rutstein

HUMAN SERVICES/ CULTURAL

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES (DDVS)

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 2013 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 44 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2013 Submitted 7/01/12- 6/30/13	Pmt Due in FY 2014 -FY 2013 - 75%
Great Barrington	\$98,234.56	\$73,675.92

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	78
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	106
Other Request (DD 214s/Markers/Medals)	89
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	67
Assisted with Dr. appointments	28
Home and Office Visits	397
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1334

For FY 2014 District budget has been 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 2013 DVS budget was \$27,740.94 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils
District Director

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This report covers the fiscal year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The purpose of the Great Barrington Cultural Council is to provide grants to support the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences for the direct benefit of the residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic. Sources of revenue comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The council receives no financial support from the budget of the Town of Great Barrington. Grants are awarded after being reviewed by the council, typically grants range

from \$50 to \$500.

During the fall of 2012 the council considered a total of 45 applications of which 26 were awarded grants totaling \$4,877. A complete list of grants awarded is available at the Select Board office in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Rogers, Co-Chair

Jonathan Williams, Co-Chair

Great Barrington Cultural Council

Current members: Hilda Banks Shapiro, Michael Wise, Sherry Steiner, Pat Navarino, Marcia Stamell

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION CORP.

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

S.B.E.T.C. has been providing transportation to seniors, 55 years of age and older and disabled persons of any age for 28 years. We are a life-line for many people in Southern Berkshire County which enhances their quality of life and emotional well-being.

Our consortium includes eight towns in Southern Berkshire. They are Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sandisfield, Sheffield and Monterey. SBETC would like to thank the towns for their continued support. Our annual mailing has been success for another year, thank you all for your donations. A special thanks goes out to: The Barrington Foundation, Berkshire Bank Foundation, The Thursday Morning Club, AARP Great Barrington Chapter, Sheffield Kiwanis, First Congregational Church of Gt. Barrington, Rotary Club of Great Barrington, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Katharine & Winthrop Crane Foundation, the Estate of Margaret K. LaMudge, Amy and David Rutstein and all of those who lost a loved one and was generous enough to remember us. We received a Grant from the State of Massachusetts which allowed us to purchase a 2012 Caravan. We also received an Incentive and Formula Grant from the Town of Great Barrington. If anyone has not been mentioned please accept our apologies and know that you are also greatly appreciated.

This past year was busy, we transported a total of 14,475 persons, making 14,817 trips and covering 48,560 miles. We are a true door to door service; we call ourselves caregivers on wheels. We will shovel your path if needed, tie shoes, button coats, carry groceries, etc. Most of our travels are taking seniors, disabled and nursing home persons to doctors and dentists appointments, physical therapy, hairdressers, shopping, to the hospital or to the Senior Center for lunch and activities and to Adult Day Care at Fairview Commons. We take riders to Berkshire South Dinners once a month and many weekly activities outside of the Senior Center. We joined with Berkshire Travelers this year, operated by Grace Zbell and took close to 100 passengers to Hancock Shaker Village, Bright Nights, Albany Museum, Crossgates Mall in Albany NY and plays at McHayden Theatre in Chatham in NY.

We cannot thank the Town of Great Barrington enough for their continued support and giving us the space in the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Valinaggi, E.D.

Board of Directors: Fran Premierlani, Chairperson: Grace Zbell, Vice Chairperson Jane Green & Amy Rutstein, Great Barrington; Barbara Whalen, Alford; Bruce Bernstein, Egremont; Prudence Spaulding, New Marlborough; Pat Ryan, Otis; Linda Riiska, Sandisfield; John Arthur Miller, Sheffield and Cynthia Weber, Monterey. FY'13

REPORT OF THE CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Claire Teague Senior Center supports the seniors of Great Barrington and surrounding towns. Services include daily hot meals, social interaction, special events, musical performances and other entertainment, support groups such as breast cancer, bereavement, and a caregivers group. We offer 9 exercise classes, two art groups, book club, writing group, blood pressure clinics, foot nurse, health insurance counseling, hearing aid testing, income tax service, transportation, games, and field trips. The senior center has two part time employees, one administrative assistant position of 19 hours per week and one maintenance position of 15 hours per week.

We have 25 volunteers and 5 tax abatement participants. We serve between 6,000 and 7,000 meals a year and have approximately 600 seniors come through our doors a month, not including those that use transportation. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The senior center also accommodates a number of after-hours support groups, exercise and craft groups.

Three automatic doors were installed in the senior center this year, one in the front entrance and in both bathrooms to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. Both bathrooms were remodeled and a new welcome window installed. A handicapped accessible raised bed garden was installed through a grant from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Mann
Director

Council on Aging Board: Barbara Bailly Chairperson, David Rutstein, Amy Rutstein, Richard Needelman, Anita Diller, Alan Buckes, Eileen Gaarn, Michele Gilligan, and Grace Zbell

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARIES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Great Barrington Libraries (Ramsdell and Mason) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013

Friends and Trustees:

Both the Friends of The Great Barrington Libraries and the Library Trustees have continued to contribute many hours creating & hosting events, including the popular First Thursday Films and the Creative Film Series at Mason and Ramsdell Libraries. They also helped clear out the basement at Ramsdell, working towards making it a usable public area, and once again purchased passes to local museums for use by library patrons. The storage room for book sale materials was organized, and the acquisition and processing of donated materials was streamlined.

Staff:

2013 saw some staff turnover, with both Sarah Westwind and Sandy Balayan leaving their positions. The libraries remained short-staffed through the end of the fiscal year; staff members worked together admirably to ensure that the libraries continued to function with minimal disruption to public service.

Notable:

The libraries have continued to serve as a regular meeting space for Town and local organizations including Parks and Rec., the Cultural Council, the Great Barrington Tree Committee, the Brien Center and the Southern Berkshire Thyroid Support group. Our meeting rooms and quiet rooms were used nearly 2500 times this year.

Mason library once again offered Spanish classes through Multicultural Bridge to teens and adults. Computer classes shifted from group classes to individual lessons with Assistant Director Jessica Magelaner, and were well-attended, with spaces often reserved up to a month in advance. Our Knit and Stitch group transitioned from Mason to Ramsdell, and became an all-inclusive craft group call Handcrafters Anonymous.

Our computers were used over 1,000 times at Ramsdell and 19,000 times at Mason Library. Both libraries serve as an important technological resource in their respective communities.

The Great Barrington Libraries joined the Massachusetts Library System-sponsored national CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) for our second year. We had 218 registered children who read over combined 100,000 minutes. There were weekly crafts where children made mobiles, constellation banners, dream boxes, clay pots and other crafts as well as regular reading-themed programs to inspire dreaming big. In total, the libraries offered 64 children's summer reading programs, with 1165 persons attending.

Hours and Visitors:

Ramsdell Library continued to open Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 12-6pm; Wednesday 12-8:30pm; Saturday 10-5pm. Ramsdell Library was open a total of 1,759 hours and had 9,055 patrons visit.

Mason Library was open 10-7pm Monday –Friday and 10-3pm on Saturday. Mason Library was open a total of 18,071 hours with 117,611 patron visitors.

Circulation:

Summary of circulation for FY 2013:

	Adult	Young Adult	Children	Total
Mason	71,907	5,506	53,511	130,924
Ramsdell	13,451	510	3,352	17,313

Great Barrington Libraries total circulation for FY 2013: 148,237 items.

Holdings:

Total Holdings: 71,115

- Mason Library holds 49,146 items.
- Ramsdell Library holds 21,969 items

Materials Purchased in 2013: Mason					
Adult Books	4099	Children's Books	2243	YA Books	441
Adult Audio Books	387	Children's Audio Books	201	YA Audio Books	27
Adult DVDs	478	Children's DVDs	444	YA DVDs	41
Adult Serials	790	Children's Serials	106	YA Serials	7

Materials Purchased in 2013: Ramsdell					
Adult Books	1382	Children's Books	627	YA Books	122
Adult Audio Books	132	Children's Audio Books	34	YA Audio Books	12
Adult DVDs	259	Children's DVDs	73	YA DVDs	-
Adult Serials	353	Children's Serials	2	YA Serials	14

Programs/Events:

GB Libraries sponsored a total of 619 events/programs and had approximately 5618 people attend these events.

Finances:

On July 1, 2012, GB Libraries had \$27,733.83 in State Aid money. We spent \$2,981.00 last year and received \$11,005.27. As of July 1, 2013 we have \$35,758.10 in that account. This account largely pays for programs and advertising for programs, and is governed by the Trustees of Great Barrington Libraries.

Through fines and fees the Libraries were able to turn back to the town \$20,171.65.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Magelaner
Interim Director

REPORT OF THE FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 2013 the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee completed negotiations with Time-Warner Cable on a ten year license renewal agreement. This contract was accepted by the Select Boards of each community and is now in effect.

Some highlights of the contract include more flexibility for new residential hook ups, clearer language regarding where a hook up would originate, and a raise in the payment percentage to CTBS. The contract is on file at Town Hall and is available for download on the town website.

Our quarterly meetings included updates on activities at CTBS and reports from Time-Warner officials. The lack of any Time-Warner presence at our December meeting was a disappointment. At this writing we are waiting for contact information for our new Time-Warner governmental liaison, this person is based in Maine.

During the course of the year the committee discussed individual subscriber issues, the availability of adapter boxes for those with non-digital televisions, and the Channel 5 block out. The news that Time-Warner was dropping NECN became public the day after the December meeting. All issues were dealt with within the parameters of the contract. Currently there are two representatives for Great Barrington with one seat vacant. A volunteer for this position would be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Hatch
Great Barrington Representative
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee

REPORT of COMMUNITY TELEVISION for the SOUTHERN BERKSHIRES

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Great Barrington:

Mission Statement: CTSB is a 501(c)(3) membership organization formed to facilitate, encourage and promote community involvement in the production of locally originated, non-commercial television and other media. The program content may be informative, educational or entertaining. CTSB serves the Five Towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Sheffield and Stockbridge.

Funding: Primary funding for CTSB is based on a formula derived from the subscriber billings of Time Warner in the Five Towns. CTSB is entirely independent of Time Warner, but under federal law, the cable company is obligated to provide community Access Channels for: Public Access (Ch 16), Education Access (Ch 17), and Government Access (Ch 18). The audited CTSB Annual Report, with complete programming for the year, is available at CTSB's office: 925 Pleasant Street, South Lee.

Local Programming: Professional staff members train adult and H.S. volunteers in all phases of television production including: studio & field camera work, editing, audio, set construction, directing and producing. Since its inception, the percentage of filmed community events and original programs offered has grown demonstrably. Every year CTSB sponsors a video contest for students in grades 9-12 from Lee, Lenox, Southern Berkshire and Berkshire Hills School Districts, with \$1,200 in cash prizes.

New Station Building: The CTSB Facilities Committee was charged with locating property to build a new studio and offices as the station has outgrown its current location. A move to Quarry Hill Business Park is anticipated in mid-2014.

CTSB-TV Bulletin Board is a free service for organizations, schools, clubs, etc. to announce upcoming events and services.

Channel 16, Public Access: Local programming of events, concerts, festivals, parades and the like. Equipment needed to film such programs, and the training to do so, are available from CTSB. Program listings are online at CTSBTV.org

Channel 17, Education Access: School Board and Committee meetings, delivering information first-hand to residents. TV coverage makes it possible to "attend" meetings from home. School sporting events are viewer favorites. Program listings are online at CTSBTV.org

Channel 18, Government Access: CTSB is mandated to televise Select Board and Town Meetings of the Five Towns, with several repeat showings each month. In addition, CTSB televises some special meetings, as requested. Program listings are online at CTSBTV.org

Board/Staff: Representatives of the Five Towns, serving as unpaid Board members, govern CTSB. Full-time professional staff members are: Leo W. Mahoney, Station Manager; Erica Spizz, Operations Manager; and Steven Borns, Programming Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

2013-14 CTSB-TV Board of Directors

Will Ryan, President (At-Large)
Al Saldarini, Vice President (Lenox)
Patrick Fennell, Secretary (Great Barrington)
Gary Allen, Treasurer (Lee)
James Balfanz (Stockbridge)
Stephen Cozzaglio (Lee)
William French (Stockbridge)
Paul Gibbons (Great Barrington)
Ted Hornick (Great Barrington)
Paul Kakley (Great Barrington)
Mati Kiin (At-Large)

Olga May Milligan (Great Barrington)
Paul Mulholland (Sheffield)
Stephen Radin (At-Large)
David Stroud (Lenox)

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 the Planning Board's regular meetings were held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Additional meetings were scheduled, as necessary. One meeting was held in Housatonic.

The Planning Board drafted one revision to the zoning bylaws—to allow for alternate members to be appointed to the Design Advisory Committee to make achieving a quorum easier. The zoning amendment was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting, passing by at least a two-thirds majority vote, and has been approved by the Attorney General.

Over the course of the year, the Planning Board endorsed six ANR plans that created a total of only three new building lots.

Barrington Brook, after a Public Hearing that lasted for seven sessions from July 26, 2012 to January 10, 2013, was granted a special permit for an Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) for forty-four dwelling units where there had previously been an approved subdivision, Burning Tree, for eleven parcels. Of the 111.5 acre site, 78.6 acres will be permanently preserved as open space. If successful, it is anticipated that the development could add approximately \$22,000,000 to the tax base.

Studio One, owned by Sandra Muss, in the former Barbieri Mill building in Housatonic was granted the first special permit in the Housatonic Mill Redevelopment Overlay District for a single family home, studio, and private art gallery, plus Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).

The Planning Board made fifteen formal site visits, conducted eleven Site Plan Reviews, and made eleven recommendations on special permits or variance proceedings to other boards.

The drafting of the Master Plan by the Town Planner and the Master Plan Committee was ongoing during this period. The Master Plan has since been adopted by the Planning Board after endorsement from the Board of Selectmen. (The American Planning Association - Massachusetts Chapter (APA-MA) Awards Committee has just (December 2013) selected the Great Barrington Master Plan to receive a Comprehensive Planning Award this year. The award honors a plan, program or process of unusually high merit.) A new Open Space and Recreation Plan was developed simultaneously with the Master Plan.

In recognition of the large number of non-conforming lots and structures and the hurdles that can pose to property improvement, the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, assisted by the Town Planner, completed its Housatonic Village Zoning Analysis. This report will inform the Board as we look at zoning changes that need to be made to encourage investment in the village and facilitate redevelopment.

The make-up of the board has changed. Rich Dohoney chose not to seek re-election so he could better pursue his School Committee commitments. Brandee Nelson, our Associate Member, was elected to fill his seat. Malcolm Fick was appointed Associate Member.

The Planning Board, along with members of the Board of Selectmen, collectively and individually, remain defendants in a lawsuit brought by abutters to the Highfield on South Main development project, which was granted a special permit in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Hankin, Chairman
Suzanne Fowle, Vice Chairman

Jack Musgrove
Ethan Culleton
Brandee Nelson
Malcolm Fick, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE TOWN PLANNER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Planner / Department of Planning & Community Development provides support and technical assistance to applicants, businesses, Town staff and Boards regarding planning and development matters. July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 (FY 13) activities of the Town Planner included:

Development and Permitting Activities: Chair of the staff Development Review Team (which also includes the Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief), which continues to meet twice per month to review permit and development proposals and guide homeowners and businesses through the permit process. A total of 18 special permits were received and reviewed in FY 13. Applications included proposals for mill building reuse in Housatonic, commercial and residential renovations throughout town, a restaurant relocation and expansion, a new bank branch, and a new arts school. Twelve applications for Planning Board site plan review were received and reviewed. These included renovations and expansions for commercial businesses and institutions throughout town, as well as two-family residences and accessory dwelling units.

An application for Barrington Brook, an Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) special permit was reviewed and approved by the Planning Board. The public hearing process lasted from July 2012 until January 2013, during which time the applicant made many revisions to their proposal to revitalize the subdivision previously known as Burning Tree. The final plan called for 44 residential units and permanent conservation of nearly 80 acres of the 111 acre site. The plan was followed by a definitive subdivision plan, which, when approved, will legally change the Burning Tree lots into the new OSRD configuration.

Planning and Zoning Activities:

Master Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan: The Master Plan Committee began its work of updating the Town's Master Plan in November 2010 and met monthly since that time, with my full time support. During FY 13 the Committee compiled input received from public workshops, town forums, and neighborhood meetings into the draft chapters of the master plan. A new Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) was developed simultaneously with the Master Plan. The OSRP was formed into a chapter of the Master Plan. It was also separately approved by Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in May 2013, making the town eligible for state recreation, park, and conservation grants through 2018. Work on the Master Plan will be completed in FY 14.

Other Plans: Under my direction the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) completed a zoning analysis of Housatonic Village. The analysis reviewed the characteristics of nonconforming lots and uses in the village, and determined that some of the existing regulations, instituted in 1960, are no longer relevant today. The study recommended zoning changes that could encourage investment and reuse of vacant properties. The report, along with the Master Plan, will be used by the Planning Board to craft zoning recommendations in coming years. BRPC also began a Housing Needs Analysis for Great Barrington. This analysis will review housing costs and affordability, and will recommend investment, planning, and zoning actions to address housing needs.

Lake Mansfield: With DPW and the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force, implemented grant project to address nonpoint source pollution at Lake Mansfield. Work began in June 2013 on a stormwater project on Castle Hill Avenue. This project was financed partially with a grant of Federal Funds from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, under a section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant. The project consists of removing the old storm drain and old catch basins, excavating the roadway, installing new storm drains and new catch basins, repaving the road. It is scheduled for completion in FY 14.

I look forward to another year of positive action for our town in FY 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Rembold, AICP
Town Planner

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Conservation Commission is charged with the following:

- To administer and uphold the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, the Great Barrington Wetland Bylaws, and the Berkshire Scenic Mountain Act.
- To educate and assist homeowners, business owners and land owners regarding regulations and help them navigate the decision making and permit granting process within jurisdictional areas.
- To carefully review all applications utilizing assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection and other third party specialists when needed.
- To maintain ongoing contact with engineers, landscape architects, land owners and contractors to ensure site stabilization and permit compliance.
- To ensure a timely response to all emergencies and complaints.
- To issue Stop Work Orders and Enforcement Orders as needed to uphold the Wetlands Protection Act and the Scenic Mountain Act.
- To maintain ongoing communication and coordination with other Town Departments.
- To manage Conservation Properties: Lake Mansfield and the Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest and the McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

Last year the Conservation Commission reviewed and/or issued:

- 15 Wetland Protection Act Requests for Determination of Applicability
- 18 Wetland Protection Act Notices of Intent
- 1 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Request for Determination of Applicability
- 4 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Notices of Intent
- 2 Enforcement Orders
- 3 Special Permits
- 1 Beaver Permit
- 9 Certificates of Compliance
- 4 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 3 Emergency Orders
- 5 Forest Cutting Plans

This year, Andrew Mankin, a dedicated member of the Commission for many years, assumed the position of Chairman. In June, Bruce Gore and Jennifer Connell, active and capable members, finished out their appointed terms and have moved on to new endeavors. The Commission wishes to thank Bruce and Jennifer for their dedicated service to the Town and looks forward to the considerable challenge of recruiting new members to fill their positions.

The Commission continues to have active membership on the Lake Mansfield Alliance and we support the Lake Mansfield Improvement Taskforce whenever possible. The Commission collaborates with numerous local conservation councils, boards and citizen groups in order to fulfill our role in open space planning and the long term clean-up and restoration of the Housatonic River. In the months ahead, we look forward to participating in the Town Master Planning process and to helping to craft a vision for the ecological future of Great Barrington.

As always, we continue to offer administrative support to homeowners, small businesses and environmental organizations to make the Wetland and Scenic Mountain permitting process as smooth as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Mankin, Chair
Jessica Dezieck
David Shanahan
Lisa Bozzuto

REPORT OF LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

2013 Task Force Members:

Christine Ward, chair (Citizen at Large), Ron Dlugosz, co-chair (Citizen at Large), Deborah Phillips (Select Board), Joseph Sokul (DPW Superintendent), Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance) Nina Evans (Lake Mansfield Alliance alternate), Jessica Dezieck (Conservation Commission), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Kathy Plungis (Parks and Recreation Commission), Shep Evans (Conservation Agent, ex-officio) and Chris Rembold (Town Planner, ex officio).

In March 2006, the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force was created by the Board of Selectmen and charged with the development and implementation of a Lake Improvement Plan. In 2013 the Task Force continued its work in planning for and supporting the implementation of improvements in the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area with the goal of providing for public safety, use and accessibility, water quality improvements, protection of the watershed and stewardship of the resource area.

I. Water Quality Improvements and Assessments:

- a. One of the major threats to the Lake's health was eliminated through the installation of a new Castle Hill Avenue storm drain system which captures and filters runoff from upper Castle Hill Avenue before it enters Lake Mansfield. This project was coordinated by the DPW and town planner and partially funded through a \$266,500 grant from Massachusetts DEP. The grant was matched with a 40% match of Town funds including volunteer and staff time. New filtration catch basins were installed and the road was resurfaced to support this improvement of this drainage system. This work will have a significant impact on the water quality at Lake Mansfield by eliminating the significant annual contribution of sediments to the lake. Water protection labels will be installed on the improved filtration drainage basins in partnership with the Housatonic Valley Association.
- b. The unpaved parking area at the beach continues to contribute sediments the lake in form of unfiltered runoff during storm events. Unmitigated storm water is also a concern along Lake Mansfield Road and where Knob Hill Road enters Lake Mansfield Road in the boat launch area.
- c. The summer season's water testing results, provided weekly by The Town's Health Agent, showed that Lake Mansfield waters were healthy for swimmers throughout the 2013 swimming season.
- d. A grant through the Massachusetts Environmental Trust is being sought in partnership with Bard College at Simon's Rock to fund a Lake Mansfield Water Quality Monitoring project which will study the water quality of Lake Mansfield over a three year period. Should the grant be received, this project will help the Town better understand the health of the lake and how it is impacted by nonpoint source runoff pollution and will engage students in the study of this key resource area.

II. **Protecting the Buffer Zone and Sensitive Habitats** – Application of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act

- a. The mowing policy developed for the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area aimed at supporting sensitive habitat area and encouraging plant growth that can help prevent erosion was followed in 2013
- b. A two year program to eradicate invasive phragmites has been provided through contract with JMP Environment Consulting. The treatment program, utilizing a carefully targeted herbicide applied by syringe to cut plant stalks, was approved and funded through the Conservation Commission. The initial work was done in the fall of 2013, a 2nd year of treatment will occur in 2014

III. **Use and Accessibility** –Recreational use of the lake, beach area, forest trails and Lake Mansfield Road increased again in 2013. Although the greatest number of users is noted in the summer season, the Recreation Area is a popular destination throughout the year. The accessible trail system in the conservation forest is used by many community members and visitors in all season. A listing of the recreational opportunities is available at www.Lakemansfield.org.

- a. The strong summer programming provided through the Parks Commission is essential to our safe and well maintained waterfront. (insert details for 2013 summer programming report)
- b. Improvements funded by the Parks Commission and provided through the DPW include improvements to Speed Hump/ Cross walk, installation of a new porta-let enclosure and installation of a new swing set helping to insure that our beach area is well maintained, inviting and safe.
- c. Lake Mansfield Alliance (LMA), a project of Great Barrington Land Conservancy, engaged volunteers in the care of the recreation area and provided \$1,700 in support of these efforts. LMA 2013 accomplishments include the sponsoring of volunteer days for community and student groups, regular trail maintenance, clearing of fallen trees due to storm damage, hand-pulling and cutting of invasive species, updating of kiosks, replacement of signage and community outreach and education. A Greenagers trail crew was hired by LMA for a day of summer trail maintenance. Efforts to encourage the educational use of the resource area included the mentorship of a college student intern who was engaged in forest stewardship and trail care from fall 2012 to spring 2013. In addition, LMA maintains an informative Lake Mansfield website, produces an annual Lake Mansfield newsletter and provides for recreational opportunities including guided hikes, summer yoga and winter snowshoeing.
- d. Approximately 400 square feet in the boat launch, privately held by person(s) unknown, will be taken by the town to support future drainage and access improvements.
- e. For several years, swimmers have requested a changing area be installed as a much needed improvement. The task force will work with the Parks & Recreation Commission to explore options for providing one.
- f. A dangerous plant, Wild Parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*), has been noted to be growing on the road edge in 2013. This sap of this plant causes rash and blisters when in contact on skin in the presence of sunlight. Efforts to remove the plant will be undertaken in 2014.

IV. **Public Safety** - While use increases, the safety of recreational users continues to be a priority for the Task Force.

- a. Chapter 90 funds were utilized for an engineering study of Lake Mansfield Road. Tighe & Bond was contracted for this work and provide an initial evaluation of alternative proposals for the road, including cost estimates for each. A traffic study was provided as well as recommendations for engineering of road improvements to address road improvements, bank stabilization, roadside and outflow drainage improvements, and options for improving safety in this multi-use recreation area. The task force was provided with an initial report in September 2013 and has devoted several meetings to the analysis and discussion of the information provided. This planning work will be continued in 2014 as the task force works at considering improvement options in terms of safety, affordability, and appropriateness for the park area. Concern over the continuing road degradation and the imperative of supporting safe use along Lake Mansfield Rd are of primary concern to the task force.

V. **Continued work In the Coming Year** - The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF) will continue to work to provide for the health and safe recreational use of the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area. We appreciate the Town's dedication to this invaluable natural resource and recreation area. We welcome and invite community input as we confront the complex issues inherent in the care and improvement of this much valued open space.

Provided by Christine Ward, Task Force Chair Person

REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Energy Committee convened 9 times in FY 2013. Upon fulfilling the requirement of becoming a Green Community, in July 2012 Great Barrington was awarded a check for \$142,700.00 from the state in order to implement energy conservation measures (ECMs). However, as our DPW Superintendent Joe Sokul completed the final paperwork, it was discovered that our ECMs as prepared by our energy consultant did not provide the financial detail required by the DOER to release the funds. Meanwhile, Joe was busy with other matters.

After some head-scratching as to how to procure the required financial projections, we were contacted by Guardian Energy Management Solutions. We met with their representative Matt Whitmore in June of 2013, and he described how they can perform the energy consulting upfront, and then act as the construction manager for the ECMs. According to MA General Laws, energy-use improvement work under a certain dollar value can be contracted without a bid process. Matt's proposal was forwarded to Joe and the Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin in July of 2013, and awaits further action.

In January 2013 the Energy Committee was invited to participate in a Sustainability Forum. As requested by Select-board Chairman Sean Stanton, we prepared a letter outlining our Sustainability Goals. One of the action items from this letter was the creation of a Great Barrington Municipal Solar Sites report, which the Energy Committee prepared and distributed in July 2013. Both documents can be found on the town website's Green Pages, under the heading of Other Initiatives. Here's the link:
http://www.townofgb.org/Pages/GBarringtonMA_WebDocs/green

Toward the end of FY 2013, the committee began discussing the Solarize Mass program, another state initiative, designed to aggregate the purchasing of small, home-owner scale solar photovoltaic systems. Looking ahead to fiscal 2014, we shall see the fruits of this initiative.

Our committee which had grown from 7 to 9 members in FY 2012, was found to be larger than current interest and commitment, so we requested a reduction back to a 7-member board. Again, looking forward to FY 2014, this reduction was approved by the Select-board. Currently we have 6 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vlcek, Chairman
Beth Moser, Vice-Chair
Brandee Nelson, Secretary
Alana Chernila
Michele DiSimone
Ryan Caruso

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The GB Ag Com has worked hard to support the Keep Berkshires Farming Agricultural Assessment and Plan Implementation. Much of our time and resources were spent attending and promoting Keep Berkshires Farming meetings and community gatherings. Highlights of this process include:

1. An in depth community driven agricultural assessment of Great Barrington and its four neighboring towns.
2. Community responses and comments on our assessment. This input further strengthened our understanding of agriculture in Great Barrington.
3. Supported many classes put on by BRPC and Keep Berkshires Farming that were in response to the needs we found in our assessment. We gathered speakers on such topics as slaughter and meat processing, food preservation, school access to healthy local food, and many more.
4. By networking with all of Berkshire County, Keep Berkshires Farming has further strengthened Great Barrington's assessment. Many of our agricultural needs resonate with the whole county. The Keep Berkshires Farming assessment has many qualities of a feasibility study waiting for growth potential. This is a very powerful and well-directed strategy for promoting balanced agricultural growth in our town.

Other GB Ag Com Highlights:

1. We met with Janet Elsbach to offer our agricultural support for the GB Fairgrounds Redevelopment.
2. We addressed the Master Plan to let them know we promote ecologically balanced farming.
3. We wrote a letter to support David Ingles' right to farm. I, Luke Pryjma, attended his Con Com hearing.
4. Discussed small-scale slaughter in Great Barrington. Agreed to support a small ecologically balanced slaughter facility if there was a feasibility study and a business plan to support it.
5. Discussed Ag Com grant application. Agreed to support Land Access for Farming Conference happening in April 2014. We will cosponsor this event with Berkshire Grown and Community Land Conservancy.
6. Discussed possibility of Ag Com website. Agreed to start www.gbacom.org for general farming information.
7. Discussed our budget. Agreed to support Land Access of Farming Conference. This conference will support Berkshire County farmers' access to farm land. We will support the conference financially and support Great Barrington farmers to attend. We'd also like to support our members to attend the annual Ag Com conference at Hancock Shaker Village December 7th.
8. Discussed how to cultivate a better relationship with GB Conservation Commission. I, Luke Pryjma, agreed to attend a Con Com meeting.
9. During other concerns, we discussed the Trans Pacific Partnership. We agreed we are all against it and want to tell this to Representative Neal in a formal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Pryjma
Agricultural Commission Chair

REPORT OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the fiscal year 2013 the Great Barrington Tree Committee met regularly on the first Wednesday of every month excepting February and June. The July meeting was held on the second Wednesday due to the Independence Day holiday. No additional meetings were scheduled.

The committee had several membership changes although Dennis Gibbons' term was renewed and he continues to serve as the committee's Chairman. Steve Adams was elected the new Vice Chairman and Michael Wise continued as the Secretary. Jess Wikle was chosen to represent the committee as the community outreach representative and contact person. New members include Susan Sheridan, a former alternate member, and Olga May Milligan. They replace departing members. Throughout the year the committee continued to fulfill its resolution.

The Tree Committee was successful in completing the Tree City USA application and the Town was awarded Tree City USA status for 2012. This accolade could play an important role in securing grant money from the state and other national organizations for tree related endeavors. The committee is committed in continuing to remain a Tree City USA community and has begun to compile necessary information for next year's application.

In October committee Chairman Dennis Gibbon's attended the Massachusetts Tree Steward Training Program held at the Fisher Museum, Harvard Forest in Petersham, MA. Following the completion of this program a tree inventory was begun with the assistance of DCR representatives and will continue next year in an effort to make the management of the Great Barrington urban forest more efficient.

In addition to these accomplishments the Tree Committee and the Town celebrated Arbor Day with an official Arbor Day Proclamation as well as several volunteer initiatives including: the installation of three new trees donated by locally owned Whalen Nursery and committee member Steve Adams; two planted in Tracy Park and one in Grove Street Park, pruning of publicly owned crabapples by Haupt Tree Company, and tree related artworks created by local artists that were exhibited in the Berkshire Bank lobby on Main Street.

The Great Barrington Tree Committee will continue in its effort to complete their mission in the coming fiscal year and looks forward to educating the public about the beauty and value of our urban forest.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Gibbons, Chairman
Steve Adams, Vice Chairman
Michael Wise, Secretary
Maria Ahlin
Hilda Banks Shapiro
Lisa Bozzutto
Judith Dillon
Olga May Milligan
Beth Moser
Susan Sheridan
Jess Wikle

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals during the period July 2012 to June 2013 granted a special permit to Stephen Donaldson for an addition on a pre-existing, nonconforming dwelling.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Madjalany, Chairman
Carolyn Ivory, Vice-chairman
Kathy Kotleski, Clerk
Madonna Meagher
Michael Wise
Donald G. Hagberg, Associate Member
John Katz, Associate Member

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Great Barrington Police Department is organized into a Chief, two sergeants and fourteen police officers. The sergeants work on both night shifts. On shifts not covered by a command staff member we institute an officer-in-charge system to supervise the officers. We also have eight reserve officers. From the above compliment of officers, one officer is assigned fulltime to investigations and one officer is assigned to street patrol duties. During the warm weather months, this assignment consists of a bicycle patrol that operates in downtown Great Barrington and Housatonic.

We have a fulltime K-9 Unit on the evening shift. We have three officers assigned on an as needed basis with the Berkshire County Law Enforcement Task Force. Their primary work is in narcotic investigations. Payroll hours spent on task force cases are reimbursed to the town through a federal grant administrated by the District Attorney's Office. Another officer trains and works with the Berkshire County Special Response Team and is on call for call-outs. During this fiscal year we also had an officer training and working with the District Attorney's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Led by the State Police, the task force supports local departments in investigations involving internet and other computer technology used to sexually exploit children. The officer has also received specialized training in the forensic examination of cell phones and is the go to person in South County to assist other departments in this area.

The following is a list of arrests, investigations and activities by the Great Barrington Police Department for Fiscal Year 2013:

911 Calls:	2,776
Arrests:	164
Protective Custody:	45
Accidents:	273
Breaking & Entering:	53
Larcenies:	236
Shoplifting:	20
Malicious Destruction:	55
Assaults:	67
Sexual Assaults:	10
Stolen Vehicles	12

Fines collected from parking tickets: \$13,080

Revenue from issued firearm licenses and junk car permits: \$4,367

Fines returned from the courts for motor vehicle citations & other fines: \$17,502

Revenue from administrative fees assessed for paid details: \$15,377

Revenue from regional dispatching/lock-up agreements: \$1,931

Alarm permits and false alarm charges: \$55,400

The Emergency Operations Center was relocated from the basement to the first floor. The move included installing new equipment including radios, telephones and monitors. Two 46 inch LED monitors were donated to the department from C.E.O. Gerard Burke of the Hillcrest Educational Centers. A MEMA Grant for \$2,000 also helped

pay for the upgrade. Additional training was provided to officers in the use of SMARTBOARD. Today we are in a much better position to deal with critical incidents and to run major investigations.

Last year, through community donations, the department purchased new duty weapons for all officers. This year a generous donation from Mr. Bruce Bona, Executive Director of Eagleton School, allowed us to purchase three electron control weapons. These weapons are for use in situations that call for non-deadly use of force. They fall into the same category as chemical spray and batons.

During the year we completed the task of purchasing Class A Dress Uniforms and Class C Tactical Uniforms for officers.

Grants:

Grant from District's Attorney's Office for Berkshire County Law Enforcement Task Force investigations: \$34,250

Federal grant for body armor: \$1,400

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant to upgrade the EOC: \$2,000

State 911 Department toward dispatcher salaries and dispatch software: \$31,078

State 911 Department for Emergency Medical Dispatching Training: \$12,500

Community donations for new service weapons and Tasers: \$6,850

Community Policing Programs:

TRIAD—National Prescription Take Back Day-Gun Lock Program-Summer DARE Ropes Challenge Course-School Internships-House Checks. We invite local groups to use our Community Room by calling us to reserve it.

The Main Street Reconstruction Project will present challenges but we will work with all stakeholders to minimize disruptions to our downtown. We've been involved with the Downtown Parking Committee and the Chamber of Commerce in planning for several issues.

Complaint Procedures: The procedures that the public may follow to file an employee complaint can be found on the Town's website or in the lobby of the police station.

In summary, the future holds many challenges but the ability to meet those challenges is what makes us strong and vital. To all our residents and visitors, thank you for allowing us to serve and protect a GREAT community.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Walsh, Jr.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is the Great Barrington Emergency Management Agency Report for Fiscal Year 2013:

The Emergency Operations Center was relocated from the basement to the first floor. The move included installing new equipment including radios, telephones and monitors. Two 46 inch LED monitors were donated to the agency from C.E.O. Gerald Burke of the Hillcrest Educational Centers.

A Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant in the amount of \$2,000 also paid for the upgrade. Additional training was provided to all officers in the use of SMATBOARD. Today we are in a much better position to deal with critical incidents.

A major initiative was undertaken with the Massachusetts State Police and the Pittsfield Fire Department to improve safety in our local schools. Together with these agencies we conducted school safety surveys in our public schools and in some of our private schools here in town.

We continue to partner with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee. Through this group of eleven Southern Berkshire towns, in conjunction with Fairview Hospital, we conduct annual training exercises and do public outreach and educational programming in hazardous material issues.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Walsh, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Great Barrington Fire Department responded to 616 incidents in Fiscal Year 2013, a record number of emergencies. The breakdown by category is shown:

Structure Fires:	17
Other Fires:	43
Rescues:	15
Haz-Mat:	43
Medical:	235
Service:	86
False Alarms:	166
Other:	11

The largest fire was in the early morning of October 20, 2012, on Meadow Lane in Housatonic. Firefighters arrived to find one apartment of a multiple family dwelling well involved. Despite hard work from Great Barrington's firefighters and multiple mutual aid departments, fire and water damaged displaced residents from all four apartments, doing close to \$500,000 in damage.

Another challenging house fire was on March 9, 2013 after a spring snow storm. Units were dispatched to a chimney fire on Brush Hill and found the fire quickly spreading through the house. Access was extremely difficult due to a long, steep, icy, driveway. Since then the department has raised awareness for the need to maintain access for emergency vehicle by ensuring driveways are plowed and sanded in the winter, trees are trimmed, and the configuration is navigable by a fire truck.

Due to good training and hard work, most other fires were contained before extensive damage was done. The department continues to train every Monday evening, with additional training through the Massachusetts Fire Academy on nights and weekends.

Fire prevention continues to be a focus of the Fire Department. A total of 695 inspections were performed, with the following breakdown shown by type:

Quarterly	250
Liquor License:	41
Smoke/CO Detection	133

Sprinkler System	15
Blasting/Fireworks	3
Tank Removal	7
Oil Furnaces	26
Propane Tanks	63
Tanker Trucks	13
Plan Reviews:	65
Inspections, Other:	79

A Facebook page was started to create a simple but effective means to distribute fire safety information. It is updated regularly to remind residents of seasonal hazards such as clearing driveways, cleaning chimneys, and tips for safely burning brush. Also, people are reminded to install visible house numbers and check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Lots of additional information is posted.

Alternative sources of revenue are always being pursued. During Fiscal Year 2013 the department was awarded a grant to reprogram all communications equipment to meet new federal regulations. An additional grant was received to purchase pagers which are used to alert firefighters when there is an incident.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you think you may be interested, talk to a firefighter you know, stop in the station, or call 413-528-0788 for more information.

I would like to thank the dedicated members of the Great Barrington Fire Department for their hard work and the community for their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Burger
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health and the Health Department continued to provide high quality services with a level-funded budget once again this year. A record number of permits were issued and a record number of inspections were also completed to ensure compliance with our various public health codes and regulations. A breakdown of those permits is listed below.

We are happy to report that we were also able to continue to provide flu clinics to our residents with the help of Fairview Hospital, the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, and the Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps (BMRC). Without the help of our community partners this would not have been possible. This year public clinics were held at the Housatonic Community Center, the Great Barrington Fire Station, and the Monument Valley Middle School.

We continue to provide up-to-date information for our residents on our website at www.townofgb.org and through our reverse 911 phone system whenever necessary.

Last year the Board of Health issued:

- 174 Food Establishment Permits
- 125 Temporary Food Permits
- 18 Septic System Construction Permits
- 7 Well Construction Permits
- 17 Lodging Establishment Permits
- 19 Public and Semi-Public Pool Permits
- 16 Tobacco Sales Permits

- 4 Camp Permits
- 5 Beaver Trapping Permits
- 9 Septic Installer Permits
- 17 Septage and Garbage Hauler's Permits
- 35 Trench Permits
- 5 Body Art Practitioner/Establishment Licenses

In all, 451 licenses and permits were processed and a total of \$40,591.00 in permitting and inspectional fees was collected. A record 465 food inspections were also completed this year.

In addition to the above, 29 Animal Inspector incidents were handled and a total of 21 Barn inspections were completed as required for the Department of Agricultural Resources, Bureau of Animal Health.

The following is a general breakdown of the many responsibilities handled on a regular basis by the Health Department staff:

- Witnessing percolation tests and Title 5 inspections for all new and replacement septic systems;
- Permit review and on-site inspections for all septic repairs and installations;
- Routine inspections for all of the lodging houses, public pools, recreational camps, and the hundreds of annual and temporary Food Establishments;
- Housing code inspections and enforcement;
- Infectious disease investigation and reporting;
- Tobacco regulation enforcement and employee certification trainings;
- Weekly water testing and monitoring for our public beaches
- On-site inspections for all beaver conflict permits;
- Handling the numerous public health related questions and complaints

The Health Department is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark A. Pruhenski- Health Agent -Great Barrington Board of Health

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the Inspector of Buildings report FY 2013

<u>BUILDING PERMITS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
New Dwellings	06	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 711,000.00
Additions/Alterations Accessory	120	\$ 22,108.00	\$, 3,208,830.00
Commercial	64	\$ 21,296.00	\$ 3,259,861.00
Windows/Insulation/Siding	64	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 403,449.00
Roofing	79	\$ 7,294.62	\$ 1,095,332.00
Stoves/Liners	28	\$ 980.00	\$ 21,300.00
Signs/Banners	63	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 0.00
Demo/Selective Demo	12	\$ 708.00	\$ 46,000.00
Tents/Temp Structure	17	\$ 650.00	0.00
Photovoltaic	05	\$ 686.00	\$ 98,717.00
Pools	06	\$ 485.00	\$ 194,850.00
Fences	00	\$ 00.00	0.00
Sheds	04	\$ 140.00	\$ 9,157.00
Totals	<u>468</u>	<u>\$65,047.62</u>	<u>\$9,048,496.00</u>

In total, 468 permits were issued. Building Permit fees for FY13 were \$65,047.62

In addition to Building Permits:

(66) Periodic Inspections - \$3,419.00
(39) Annual Liquor License Inspections - \$3,280.00
(31) Trench Permits - \$ 1,025.00
(11) Sheet Metal Permits - \$1,894.20
Other fees - \$148.60

Money turned over to the Treasurer in FY 13 was \$74,814.42

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin A. May
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 this department issued 96 permits, did 165 onsite Inspections and collected \$9,885.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 this department issued 138 permits, did 153 onsite Inspections and collected \$9,230.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Gennari
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 this department issued 260 permits, did 435 onsite Inspections and collected \$25,760.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Piontek
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures. 96 retail scales were inspected and certified. There were also 88 gasoline pumps that were tested and certified.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Vacchina
Sealer of Weights and Measures

PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit for your review the annual report of the Department of Public Works for FY 2013. 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 the Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Center and Engineering design projects for the Town. The annual report for the Wastewater Division will be covered in a separate document.

Highway Division: The highway division operations include winter road maintenance (approx 98 miles), pavement repairs, roadside mowing, clearing road sides, street sweeping, litter removal, line painting (70 miles \pm plus 50+ crosswalks), traffic sign maintenance, re-establishing drainage ditches, reconstructing catch basins (1000 \pm), servicing and maintaining all equipment. Unscheduled work included answering emergency calls for automobile accidents and oil spills, fallen trees, flooding, washouts, and road icing. The division is also responsible for the overseeing of roadway capital improvement projects. The department is on call "24/7".

Public Grounds Division: (Cemeteries, parks, public building grounds) along with providing support for the Highway Department during winter maintenance activities, maintains approximately 130 acres \pm of cemeteries (7), parks and green areas and building grounds throughout the Town. This includes weekly maintenance and repairs. Other work done by the division includes building picnic tables for park areas, erecting bleachers 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: Maintains the public buildings in Town including; Town Hall, Mason Library, Ramsdell Library, Claire W. Teague Senior Center, Police Station, Great Barrington Fire Station, Inspectional Services (former Castle Street FD), Housatonic Fire Station and the Housatonic Community Center. The staff of the division provides daily support and responds to building emergencies and alarms when necessary. The staff provides additional support for the Highway Division during winter maintenance activities.

The Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Center with the approval of the Board of Selectmen established new operational hours for the facility. The facility is now open Friday (8:00A – 3:00P), Saturday (7:00A – 3:00P) and Sunday (10:00A – 3:00P). A new fee structure for annual stickers and garbage bags was also established during the year. The Town continues to hold two Bulky Waste Collections days during the year for the residents. 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.

The DPW completed several planned road improvement projects including the paving of Lewis Avenue, a portion of West Avenue, South Street, Avery Lane, Maple Street, Cone Avenue, Mountain View Avenue, Highland Avenue, and the railroad crossing area on VanDeusenville Road.

The Seekonk Road Embankment Repair Project was completed. As indicated last year's town report, the Town was successful in obtaining 75% funding from FEMA and 25% funding from Chapter 90 to pay for the repairs. In February 2013 a severe winter storm was declared a disaster and the Town was successful in obtain FEMA funding to cover 75% of the expense for the cleanup.

I want again to express my sincerest thanks to all employees of the DPW for their support, cooperation and hard work throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph W. Sokul
DPW Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Wastewater Division received at its treatment facilities some 350 million gallons of wastewater and 225,000 of septic tank waste from July 2012 through June 2013. The treatment of the wastewater removed 97.6% of the biological oxygen demand and 96.4% of the suspended solids before it was discharged to the Housatonic River. Additionally, some 1,200 tons of sludge cake was processed and removed off site.

Throughout the fiscal year, many wastewater issues were addressed and projects completed on the premises and throughout the Town.

All pumps and equipment were maintained throughout the fiscal year.

The department is in the process of the phase one upgrade at the wastewater facilities which involves new electrical switchgear and solids handling.

Several thousand feet of sewer main was televised for its condition and recorded for priority of repair and or replacement in coming construction seasons.

Sanitary sewer mains were replaced on Sumner Street, manholes were rebuilt on Higgins Street and various point repairs were made to the sewer system. Both influent station grinders were rebuilt.

The department developed cost savings measures by utilizing its preventive maintenance program. This program is ongoing and will have energy saving options as it progresses.

- For the public's help, the wastewater division is asking that the sewer users please dispose of sanitary and cleaning wipes in the trash and NOT the toilet. These items along with disposable diapers have become a serious issue to the extent they are causing numerous pump failures and resulting in costly repairs that will affect the sewer rates.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Drumm
Wastewater Superintendent

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectpersons:

The Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to be able to continue its work to maintain the various parks and playgrounds of the town. We are indebted to the citizens who have supported our mission by countless volunteer hours and by their positive action on our budgetary requests to the annual town meeting.

We need to thank the members of the DPW under the leadership of Joseph Sokul and the members of town cemetery division for the maintenance of the many parks under our jurisdiction. Without their support and efforts we would be unable to provide our citizens with the opportunity for enjoyable sporting and recreational activities.

We also wish to recognize the work of the Lake Mansfield Alliance, the Great Barrington Garden Club, and the Greenagers who have provided us with their manpower to maintain our facilities so that all our citizens and visitors can enjoy the many recreational opportunities our parks and playgrounds provide. A special thanks must also be extended to the members of the Great Barrington Little League and Babe Ruth League and the members of the Great

Barrington Millers adult baseball team for their hours of labor to help maintain our ball fields at Olympian Meadows and Memorial Field.

In addition to our everyday maintenance of the many parks and playgrounds, the Commissioners have dedicated substantial financial resources to specific projects.

South Street Park

A major project completed was the installation of adult fitness equipment at the South Street Park. Hopefully this equipment will contribute to the enjoyment of our older population as well as our younger residents. We will continue to accept recommendations on other similar projects.

Grove Street Park

This park is one of several neighborhood parks and is used by not only residents of the immediate area, but also by residents from the entire community. Among the projects completed included the replacement of the fencing around the basketball court and the installation of a new up-to-date swing set, as well as general maintenance of the grounds. Future plans include the replacement of a tree and the water fountain. As always we are grateful to the residents of Grove Street who have assisted us with these projects.

Olympian Meadows

Olympian Meadows has been a source of pride for many years and projected improvements include the replacement of the main water line and the installation of a sewer line to allow maximum use of the Little League concession stand and the future installation of permanent bathroom facilities near the main ball field.

In addition to general maintenance of the several playing fields, the Commissioners approved the purchase of additional infield mix for the main field used by the Little League as well as the repair of a storage shed.

A special note of thanks needs to be given to the members of the Great Barrington Little League who continue to provide the manpower to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the complex. Without their generous support the Commission would be hard-pressed to maintain the facilities.

Lake Mansfield Beach

During the summer months this area is one of the most heavily used town recreational areas. In addition to general maintenance of the beach and adjacent grounds by the DPW crews Berkshire South provides lifeguard supervision of the waterfront for the summer.

The Commission maintains a bottom barrier to prevent the growth of weeds in the swimming area as well as providing rest room facilities. A new swing set was installed for the enjoyment of the younger residents.

In cooperation with the Lake Mansfield Alliance the Commissioners will be studying future improvements to the waterfront and surrounding area, including the possible construction of a changing facility.

Memorial Field and Skate Park

This facility provides recreational and athletic opportunities for all residents (and visitors) of all age groups. The ball field is used not only by the local Babe Ruth League teams but has seen a resurgence in use by adult baseball players. The Great Barrington Millers are members of a county adult baseball league and not only play games at the facility, but also contribute many hours of volunteer labor toward the upkeep of the grounds.

Berkshire South also provides supervision during the summer and early fall months to the skate park complex and, in addition, they provide several programs for the users of the park. The DPW provides general maintenance for the skate park and the ball field. The Commissioners have provided funds to repair the fencing, water fountain, and the skate bowl.

In addition to general use of the public and the above-mentioned organizations the facility is also the site of the "Summer Solstice" as well as other programs sponsored by many groups including several events supervised by the 20 Railroad Street Project and the Commission itself, e.g., bike safety clinics.

Housatonic Playground

This is the newest of the park facilities overseen by the Commission. Recently given park status by a vote of the town meeting this facility sits in the center of the village of Housatonic. The Commission has been aided by the vision of several interested residents of the village and will continue to make this a priority in the overall development of recreational opportunities for all the residents of Great Barrington.

Projects completed include the complete renovation of the basketball court and the installation of fencing. By the time this report is read the removal of an old playground structure will have been completed and a new playground structure installed as well as the entire area will have been mulched to provide a safe environment for our younger citizens. Other long-term improvements to the park are under consideration by the Commission as suggested by the residents of the village. These improvements will be factored into our updated recreational plan as funds become available over the next several years.

In closing the Parks & Recreation Commissioners are deeply appreciative of the continued support of the citizens of the Town who provide us with the funds at the annual Town Meeting. We will continue to make the best use of these funds for the betterment of all the residents of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gibbons, Chairperson

TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2012 and ended June 30, 2013 there were two State Elections, Presidential Election and one Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting.

ELECTIONS:	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>%Voted</u>
Presidential Election Nov 2012	4606	3621	79 %
Special State Primary April 2013	4430	1026	23%
Special State Election June 2013	4442	1447	33%
Annual Town Election	4447	1038	23%

The Annual Town Meeting was held at a new venue, the Mahaiwe Theatre. The Annual Town Meeting was held May 6th, 2013 with voters (9% which was 3% less than 2012) acting on 33 warrant articles, including several bylaw changes. The articles of note were: a new fire truck, improvements to Dewey School, the Community Preservation Bylaw, a Veterans' Tax Work Off Program and the bylaw banning plastic bags. The zoning articles were all approved by the Attorney General's Office.

There were 85 marriages, 165 births and 163 deaths recorded during the fiscal year. The Annual Census was 6,608 with 4,308 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington at the end of the fiscal year.

Fees amounting to \$36,059 were turned over to the Treasurer for the sale of birth, marriage and death records, the filing of marriage intentions, the recording of business certificates, fuel storage registrations, pole locations, the sale of zoning bylaws, photo copies, raffle permits, and dog fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ryan, CMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AT MAHAIWE THEATER
14 CASTLE STREET
MAY 6, 2013 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 Edward McCormick who welcomed everyone to the 253rd Great Barrington Annual Town Meeting. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening but will make a determination later in the meeting if this is not possible and the meeting will be adjourned to the next night. Mr. McCormick stated that there was a quorum present and noted the return and service of the warrant. He announced that the meeting is being taped for broadcast at a later date. Mr. McCormick requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Honor Guards from the Adams-Budz Post. A moment of silence was requested for the following town officials who passed away from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; Ann Walsh, Burt Ball, III, Lila Parrish, Mortimer Cavanaugh, Francis "Frank" X. Mackoul and Thomas A. Teggi, Sr. He also asked for a moment of silence for all the victims of the Newtown, Ct shooting as well as the Boston Marathon bombing. Mr. McCormick introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Lauren Sartori, Town Counsel David Doneski, Selectman Chair Sean Stanton, Selectmen: Deborah Phillips, Stephen Bannon, Alana Chernila, Andrew Blechman; Finance Committee Members: Thomas Blauvelt, Chair, Mark Lefenfeld, Andrew Moro, Walter Atwood, III and Sharon Gregory.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. McCormick. The meeting will be governed by the Massachusetts General Laws, the Bylaws of the Town of Great Barrington and Town Meeting Time. More specifically, Mr. McCormick reminded everyone of the fire/safety regulations and requested that there be no standing or sitting in the aisles. Only registered voters of the town may participate in the meeting unless permission is granted by the moderator. Before anyone addresses the Town Meeting, he/she must proceed to the microphone and when recognized by the moderator state their name and address. Mr. McCormick requested that voters speak only once per motion and limit their comments to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the merits of the motion and should not be repeated. All motions and amendments must be made in writing and any motion to reconsider must be made within 15 minutes of the announced vote. All questions are to be addressed to the moderator who will ask the appropriate person to respond. All votes to raise and appropriate by borrowing shall be done by secret ballot. Any funds in excess of the Finance Committee recommendation will be by secret ballot if twenty or more voters request it. If twenty or more voters request a secret ballot on any issue, the moderator will determine if one is necessary. Each voter has received a warrant, a green card and a packet of yes/no cards. Mr. McCormick will instruct voters when these are to be used and what color to use. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the theater and will report their numbers to the Town Clerk.

Mr. McCormick stated that he would have Raymond Murray take over as moderator for articles 5 and 6 due to a conflict of interest.

VOTED AT 6:05 P.M.

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

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

VOTED AT 6:06 P.M.

John Breasted questioned the Moderator in regards to the timing on reconsideration of a vote.

Finance Committee Chair, Thomas Blauvelt then proceeded to give a slide presentation on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget to be voted upon for this Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1:

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

- a. Plumbing Inspector (\$15,000.)
- b. Wire Inspector (\$20,000.)
- c. Gas Inspector (\$15,000.)
- d. Town Code Printing (\$10,000.)
- e. Parks Commission (\$5,000.)
- f. Recycling/Green Product Sales (\$5,000.)
- g. Cemetery (\$5,000.)
- h. Fire Inspectors (\$5,000)

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00), which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, §53 E 1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

VOTED AT 6:17 PM

ARTICLE 2:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

Selectmen: \$0

Alana Chernila made a motion to amend this article to change the amount of the salaries from \$0 to be \$7500. This was seconded by someone in the audience. The following people spoke on this amendment;

Patricia Ryan	Jack Musgrove
Craig Okerstrom-Lang	Michael Wise
Walter Atwood, III, Finance Committee	

Mr. McCormick asked if voters wanted a secret ballot and no one requested it. He then asked for a vote on this amendment.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:31 PM

Mr. McCormick explained that a yes vote means that the article would pass with the amendment and that this article will be voted by secret ballot using the white yes/no cards, and instructed the voters to proceed to the ballot boxes.

VOTED AT 6:54 PM

YES – 244 NO - 98

ARTICLE 3:

On a motion by Mark Lefenfeld, seconded by Lauren Sartori voted that the Town will vote to accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (Mass DOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges.

VOTED AT 6:38 PM

ARTICLE 4:

On a motion by Mark Lefenfeld, seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the sum of \$851,600 is appropriated to (i) pay the costs of various roadway and drainage improvements at a cost of approximately \$500,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (ii) pay the costs of making improvements to Town buildings at an approximate cost of \$84,500, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iii) pay the costs of purchasing

and equipping two new police cruisers at a cost of approximately \$67,100, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iv) pay the costs of acquiring and equipping one new Sidewalk plow/sander for the use of the Department of Public Works (\$110,000), including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (v) pay the costs of acquiring and equipping one new dump truck for the use of the Department of Public Works (\$90,000), including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Mr. McCormick stated that items in this article have to be by secret ballot and a 2/3rds majority vote and he would read the items listed, if anyone wanted a hold on an item to call "hold" and then they would have a discussion and vote on those held items. The only hold was on the Police cruisers. The Moderator then asked voters to proceed to the ballot boxes using their orange yes/no cards to vote on all items except the Police cruisers.

VOTED BY SECRET BALLOT 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 7:55 PM
YES – 268 NO – 37

Discussion began on the Police cruisers and the following people spoke on this item;

Jaya Jacobson Veronica Cunningham
Police Chief William Walsh

Mr. McCormick then instructed voters to proceed to the ballot boxes using their green yes/no cards.

VOTED BY SECRET BALLOT 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 7:55 PM
YES – 251 NO – 92

Mr. Raymond Murray stepped in as Moderator for the next two articles for Mr. McCormick who had a conflict of interest in these articles.

ARTICLE 5:

On a motion by Mark Lefenfeld, seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$473,500 for the following Capital Items:
excepting the sum of \$13,500 which is to be transferred from the Cemetery Perpetual Care interest account and the sum of \$385,000 which is to be appropriated from the General Fund Free Cash:

	Amount
	requested
Assessors	
Software	20,000.00
Total	20,000.00
Public Works	
Remediation of current/former properties	385,000.00
Mower	13,500.00
Total	398,500.00
Fire Department	
Engine Repairs	20,000.00
Total	20,000.00
Parks	
Improvements	35,000.00
Total	35,000.00
Total Capital-General Fund	473,500.00

Mr. Murray read each line item and instructed the voters to call out “hold” on any item they would like to hold and discuss. There were holds placed on the Assessors line and the Public Works line items. Mr. Murray then asked for a vote on the remaining items.

VOTED AT 6:57 PM

Assessors –

Mr. Murray asked for any discussion on the first held item, and the following people spoke;

Jane McWhorter

Chris Lamarre, Town Assessor

VOTED AT 7:00 PM

Public Works –

Mr. Murray asked for discussion on the Public Works line item and the following people spoke on this item;

Sean Stanton
Stephen Bannon

Marybeth Merritt
Deborah Phillips

Robert Bourquard
Abby Schroeder
John Hull
Robert Montgomery

William Nappo
Paul Ivory
Sharon Gregory

A motion was made by the audience to call the question and seconded by someone else in the audience. Mr. Murray stated this vote to call the question had to be by a 2/3rds vote to move forward to the main vote on the article. He asked for the vote and then asked the counters to do a hand count.

MOTION FAILS BY 2/3RDS VOTE AT 7:24 PM
YES – 174 NO – 119

Craig Okerstrom-Lang made a motion to amend this line item in this article, seconded by someone in the audience, to separate the item into two separate items;

1. Searles-Bryant complex for \$90,000
2. Castle Street Fire Station for \$295,000

It was then noted by the Board of Selectmen that the actual breakdown of the amounts were the following:

1. Searles-Bryant complex for \$90,000
2. Cleanup of Highway Garage for \$25,000
3. Castle Street Fire Station for \$270,000

Mr. Okerstrom-Lang made a motion to modify his motion to the corrected amounts above for three separate line items and it was seconded by the audience. The following people spoke;

Richard Richter
Peg Biscotti
Sean Stanton

Stephen Bannon
Ellen Lahr
Alan Kalish

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 7:37 PM

Mr. Murray then asked for a vote on the line item for the Cleanup of Highway Garage for \$25,000.

VOTED AT 7:37 PM

Mr. Murray then asked for a vote on the line item for the Searles-Bryant complex for \$90,000.

VOTED AT 7:38 PM

Mr. Murray then asked for a vote on the line item for the Castle Street fire Station for \$270,000.

VOTED AT 7:38 PM

ARTICLE 6:

On a motion by Andrew Moro, seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the sum of \$1,100,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new fire truck, and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,100,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitations on total property taxes levied within the Town set forth in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½ so-called).

Mr. Murray introduced the Fire Chief Charlie Burger who did a power point presentation on the new fire truck. The following people spoke on this article;

Robert Montgomery

Alan Morganstein

Mr. Murray stated that this had to be a 2/3rds majority secret ballot vote and instructed the voters to proceed to the ballot boxes using their pink yes/no cards.

VOTED BY SECRET BALLOT 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:20 PM
YES – 310 NO – 57

Mr. McCormick thanked Mr. Murray for serving as moderator and Mr. McCormick resumed his position as moderator for the continuation of the meeting.

ARTICLE 7:

On a motion by Andrew Moro and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing year as detailed in the FY14 Annual Budget for the General Fund excepting the sum of \$960 which is to be transferred from the Conservation Wetlands Protection Fund.

Mr. McCormick read the total for each department line items and asked for anyone that requires a hold for discussion on a particular item to call out "hold". There were holds placed on three items; Selectmen/Town Manager, Public Works, and Insurance. The Moderator then asked for a vote on the remaining items not held.

VOTED AT 8:02 PM

Selectmen/Town Manager –

Alana Chernila made a motion to amend line 1 for the Board of Selectmen, to increase the salaries from \$0 to \$7500. This was seconded by Lauren Sartori.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:03 PM

Mr. McCormick asked the voters if they would like a secret ballot to vote on the amended line item 1, seeing none, the moderator asked for a vote.

VOTED AT 8:03 PM

Public Works –

The following people spoke on this article;

John Breasted
Sean Stanton

James Harris

Mr. Harris requested a motion to amend line 142, Recycling Center, by reducing the amount to \$9582 and it was seconded by the audience. Walter Atwood, III spoke on this line item and Mr. Harris withdrew his motion to amend. Mr. McCormick asked for a vote on the Public Works total budget.

VOTED AT 8:11 PM

Insurance –

Alana Chernila made a motion to amend line 231, Health/Life Insurance, to increase the amount from \$1,477,968 to \$1,532,968. This was seconded by the audience.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:12 PM

Mr. McCormick asked for a vote on the amended article, line 231 in Health/Life Insurance.

VOTED AT 8:20 PM

ARTICLE 8:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory, seconded by Tom Blauvelt, voted that the sum of \$800,000 is appropriated to pay costs of remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Dewey School Building and property, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitations on total property taxes levied within the Town set forth in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½ so-called).

Sean Stanton and Richard Dohoney spoke on this article. Mr. McCormick stated that this article needed to be voted upon by a 2/3rds majority secret ballot. He then asked the voters to proceed to the ballot boxes using their blue yes/no cards.

VOTED BY SECRET BALLOT 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:39 PM
YES – 312 NO – 13

ARTICLE 9:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III, seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year as detailed in the FY14 Annual Budget for the Sewer Fund.

VOTED AT 8:31 PM

ARTICLE 10:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III, seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$3,999.50, being the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 5 of the warrant for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting for building repairs at the Senior Center, for deposit into the Senior Center gifts and donations account.

VOTED AT 8:31 PM

ARTICLE 11:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III, seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Million, Five Hundred and Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$11,506,962.00) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Forty Six Thousand Seventy Seven Dollars (\$546,077.00) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Twelve Million, Fifty Three Thousand, Thirty Nine Dollars (\$12,053,039.00) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

Peter Dillon, School Superintendent proceeded to give a power point presentation.

VOTED AT 8:38 PM

ARTICLE 12:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory, seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$100,000 from the Pension Reserve Fund to reduce the FY14 appropriation required under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for the Berkshire Regional Retirement System.

VOTED AT 8:39 PM

ARTICLE 13:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$2,350,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2014.

VOTED AT 8:40 PM

ARTICLE 14:

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town amend Subsection 81-5.B of the Town Code, Impounding, release and disposition of animals, by decreasing the holding period for impounded animals from 10 days to 7 days, as set forth in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

VOTED AT 8:40 PM

ARTICLE 15:

On a motion by Andrew Blechman and seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town amend the Sign Bylaw, Chapter 146 of the Code of Great Barrington, subsection 146-6.11, by increasing the number of temporary signs permitted per event from 6 to 14, and by increasing the time period for advance placement of temporary signs from 24 hours prior to the event to 14 days prior to the event, as set forth in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

VOTED AT 8:41 PM

ARTICLE 16:

On a motion by Alana Chernila and seconded Sean Stanton, voted that the Town adopt a Community Preservation Bylaw, as set forth in the warrant for this Town Meeting, and add it to the Town Code as Chapter 212.

Mark Lefenfeld made a motion to amend section 1G to change it to 1 Finance Committee member and 2 citizens at large. Sean Stanton seconded the motion. Mark Lefenfeld, Marybeth Merritt, Dale Abrams and Sharon Gregory spoke on this article.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:47 PM

Marybeth Merritt made a motion to Section 2.1, last line in the paragraph to include the Agricultural Commission. This was seconded by the audience.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:49 PM

The following people spoke on this article;

Patrick Fennell
Alana Chernila
Jack Musgrove

Sean Stanton
Paul Kleinwald

Mr. McCormick then asked for a vote on the article with the 2 amendments.

VOTED AT 8:54 PM

ARTICLE 17:

On a motion by Alana Chernila and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town accept and approve, pursuant to Subsection 3(e) of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, the following exemption from the surcharge on real property permitted by said Act: \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Sean Stanton, Alana Chernila and Bill Warford spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 8:58 PM

ARTICLE 18:

On a motion by Andrew Blechman and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town adopt a new Property Maintenance Bylaw, to be incorporated into the Code of the Town of Great Barrington as Chapter 211, as set forth in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article;

Ellen Lahr
Gary Leveille
Sean Stanton
Deborah Phillips
Patrick Fennell

Patricia Ryan
Ed May, Building Inspector
Andrew Blechman
Janet Bouteiller

Sean Stanton made a motion to pass over this article. Mr. McCormick asked for a vote to pass over.

VOTED TO PASS OVER ARTICLE AT 9:04 PM

ARTICLE 19:

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town approve the acceptance of a portion of the parcel of land located on Stony Brook Road adjacent to the Stonybrook Cemetery and shown as Lot 13 on Great Barrington Assessors' Map 36, said portion containing approximately 2,500 square feet, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

Janet Bouteiller and Stephen Bannon spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:05 PM

ARTICLE 20:

On a motion by Deborah Phillips and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire an easement in and over a portion of Lake View Road, in connection with the Castle Hill Avenue Drainage Improvements Project, containing approximately 400 square feet and shown as "Temporary Construction Easement" on a plan entitled "Castle Hill Avenue Drainage Improvements Project," dated October 2012, by Tighe & Bond, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; said easement to be acquired by gift and/or donation: and authorize Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

Mr. McCormick stated this article needed to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote, he then asked for the vote.

VOTED BY 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:06 PM

ARTICLE 21:

On a motion by Deborah Phillips and seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, a parcel of land located off of Lake Mansfield Road and at or adjacent to the Lake Mansfield Boat Launch, being shown as "N/F Rosamund Flower Vitale Book 230 Page 490" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land prepared for Town of Great Barrington Lake Mansfield Lake Mansfield Road Great Barrington, MA," by Foresight Land Services, dated March 31, 2010 and recorded with the Southern Berkshire District Registry of Deeds as Plat File P-142 on November 1, 2010, a copy of which is

on file in the office of the Town Clerk; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,500 for any compensation to be paid for such acquisition; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

Chris Rembold, Town Planner and Deborah Phillips both spoke on this article. Mr. McCormick then stated this article had to pass by a 2/3rds majority vote. He then asked for the vote.

VOTED BY 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:09 PM

ARTICLE 22:

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town accept G.L. c. 59, Section 5N, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow Veterans who qualify for participation to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills, in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled, not to exceed \$1,000.00 and credit for such participation not to exceed the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour for the services provided; and adjust the exemption by

- 1) allowing an approved representative for persons physically unable to provide such services to the Town; and
- 2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given year, rather than \$1,000.00.

VOTED AT 9:10 PM

ARTICLE 23:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town adopt a Plastic Bag Reduction By-law, as set forth in the warrant for this Town Meeting, and include the By-law as a new Chapter within the Town Code.

The following people spoke on this article;

Peter Fish	Paul Kleinwald
Carol Diehl	Patrick Fennell
Rachel Fletcher	Andrew Moro
Mickey Friedman	Sean Stanton
Mark Lefenfeld	Patricia Ryan
Alana Chernila	Ann Condon
June Johnson	Leigh Davis
Andrew Blechman	Alan Morganstein

VOTED AT 9:27 PM

ARTICLE 24:

On a motion by Deborah Phillips and seconded by Stephen Bannon, voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements.

The following people spoke on this article;

Sean Stanton	David Doneski, Town Counsel
Andrew Blechman	Joseph Sokul
Craig Okerstrom-Lang	Sharon Gregory

DEFEATED AT 9:34 PM

ARTICLE 25:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue a Request for Proposals or other solicitation for the erection of a wireless telecommunication structure or tower at the Town's Recycling Center at 601 Stockbridge Road, in accordance with the Wireless Telecommunication Overlay District provisions of the Zoning Bylaw; transfer to the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of lease, the custody and control of such property; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease and/or grant an easement or license in a portion of said property for the construction, use and operation of such a structure or tower, and execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

The following people spoke on this article;

Jack Musgrove	Shep Evans
Chris Rembold	Sharon Gregory
Norma Siegel	

VOTED AT 9:45 PM

ARTICLE 26:

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town amend Section 9.5.6 of the Zoning Bylaws, Design Advisory Committee for the Downtown Business B District, paragraph 5, by revising the requirement of appointment to the Committee of a landscape architect to appointment of a

“design professional,” and providing for alternate members, as set forth in the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Jonathan Hankin, Planning Board Chairman spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:46 PM

ARTICLE 27:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by the audience, voted that the Town accept, for the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals,, the provisions of MGL c. 39, s. 23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member’s absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions as established by said statute are met.

Craig Okerstrom-Lang and David Doneski, Town Counsel spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:48 PM

ARTICLE 28: (By petitioners)

On a motion by Jennifer Clark and seconded by the audience, voted to see if the Town will transfer from free cash an amount up to \$13,000 to move the proposed site for the (National Grid) Load Center from the corner of Main and Railroad Streets to another less visible, less obstructive location prior to the repaving of Main Street as part of the reconstruction project or under separate contract.

The following people spoke on this article;

Jennifer Clark	Mark Lefenfeld
Alana Chernila	Chris Rembold
Joseph Sokul	Craig Okerstrom-Lang
Daniel Bartoni	Carol Diehl
Bill Warford	

VOTED AT 10:03 PM

ARTICLE 29: (By petitioners)

On a motion by David Magadini and seconded by Patricia Ryan, voted that a point of order is made to call to the attention of the Moderator, a violation of Town Meeting procedure. A point of order shall be immediately recognized by the Moderator. This rule shall be strictly adhered to. Any information and advice to the contrary in Town Meeting Times shall be disregarded. All points of

order shall be immediately recognized. The person making the point of order shall then state the point of order.

ARTICLE FAILED AT 10:08 PM

ARTICLE 30: (By petitioners)

On a motion by David Magadini and seconded by the audience, voted that all Town Meetings held in Great Barrington, both Annual Town Meeting and all Special Town Meetings shall begin at 7:30 PM.

Mr. McCormick stated that if this article passes it would be an advisory only because the Board of Selectmen have the prevue to set the date, time and place of all Town Meetings. David Doneski, Town Counsel and Veronica Cunningham spoke on this article.

ARTICLE FAILED AT 10:12 PM

ARTICLE 31: (By petitioners)

On a motion by Holly Hamer and seconded by the audience, voted that the town authorize the use of free cash to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of repair/improvement projects for the Ramsdell Library.

Ed Abrahams spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 10:14 PM

ARTICLE 32: (By petitioners)

On a motion by Holly Hamer and seconded by the audience, voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 from free cash for the purpose of hiring a part-time, temporary, per-diem intern to assist the Library and Historical Commission in cataloguing historic documents and objects at the Ramsdell Library.

Ed Abrahams and Veronica Cunningham spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 10:16 PM

ARTICLE 33: (By petitioners)

On a motion by Mr. McCormick and seconded by Sean Stanton, they request that this article be passed over.

VOTED TO PASS OVER ARTICLE AT 10:16 PM

**Mr. McCormick made a motion for adjournment, seconded by the audience.
Adjourned at 10:17 PM.**

There were 398 voters at the meeting out of the 4447 registered voters. (9%)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the fiscal year there were four voter registration sessions held.

As of June 30, 2013 there were 4,308 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

Democrats	1691	Libertarian	14	Green Rainbow	15
Republicans	354	American Ind.	0		
Unenrolled	2231	Constitution Party	1		
Inter 3 rd Party	1	Green Party USA	1		

The annual census/street list was completed in June. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2013 was 6,608.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ryan
Linda Coons
Ellen Smith
Board of Registrars

About the Front Cover... This photograph of Monument Mills was taken in the early 1900s when the textile industry was at its peak. Monument Mills manufactured bedspreads, numerous textiles, and threads in the village of Housatonic from the mid-1800s until the mid-1950s. The company employed thousands of people in total for over one hundred years. This building is one of many in the complex that sprawled over many acres. Today the surviving Monument Mills buildings are home to several small businesses.

About the Town Report... The Town Report was typed and formatted entirely in-house, with thanks to Helen Kuziemko for formatting and to Jennifer Bailly for typing and proofreading. Printing and binding was done by Kwik Print.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Local Emergency Numbers

All Emergencies		911
Fire Department:	Great Barrington	528-0788
	Housatonic	274-3391
Ambulance		528-3900
Police		528-0306
State Police		243-0600

<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>CALL:</u>	<u>TELEPHONE:</u>
Board of Health	Mark Pruhenski	528-0680
Cemeteries	Clinton Burt	528-1800
DPW Superintendent	Joseph Sokul	528-0867
Emergency Communications	William R. Walsh, Jr.	528-0306
Fence Viewer	Harold Shaw	528-0652
Fire Chief	Charles Burger	528-0788
Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari	274-0267
Highway	Peter Soules	528-2500
Historic District Commission	Holly Troiano	274-6103
Historical Commission	Paul Ivory	528-4384
Housatonic Community Center	Francis Tarnawa	274-8375
Housatonic Water Works Company	James Mercer	528-1780
Housing Authority	Barbara Heaphy	274-1142
Inspector of Buildings	Edwin May	528-3206
Libraries (Great Barrington)	Mason Library	528-2403
(Housatonic)	Ramsdell Library	274-3738
Planning Board	Christopher Rembold	528-1619 x7
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski	229-8019
Recycling Center	Friday's (8 AM - 3 PM)	528-5011
	Saturday's (7 AM - 3 PM)	
	Sunday's (10 AM - 3 PM)	
Schools: Berkshire Hills Regional	Monument Mountain High School	528-3346
	Monument Valley Middle	644-2300
	Muddy Brook Elementary	644-2350
School Superintendent	Peter Dillon	298-4017
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Paul Vacchina	637-2743
Senior Center/Council on Aging	Polly Mann	528-1881
Sewer Treatment Plant	Timothy Drumm	528-0650
TOWN HALL:		528-1619
<u>Assessor's Office</u>	Chris Lamarre	x 5
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	Shepley Evans, Agent	x 122
<u>Selectmen</u>	Helen Kuziemko	x 2
<u>Town Accountant</u>	Lauren Sartori	x 6
<u>Tax Collector/Treasurer</u>	Sandra Larkin	x 4
*Parking Clerk, Tag Sale Permits, Tax Bills (Real Estate & Motor Vehicle), Sewer Bills		
<u>Town Clerk</u>	Marie Ryan	x 3
*Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, Dog Licenses/Voter Registration		
<u>Town Manager</u>	Jennifer Tabakin	x 2
<u>Town Planner</u>	Christopher Rembold	x 7
Tree Warden	Michael Peretti	528-5552
Veteran's Services	Laurie Hils	528-1580
Water Department (G.B. Fire District)	Cindy Ullrich	528-0133
Wire Inspector	Theodore Piontek	274-6605