

BY-LAWS
OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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ARTICLE I – THE AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Name of Authority. The name of the Authority shall be the “Great Barrington Housing Authority”.
- Section 2. Seal of Authority. The seal of the Authority shall be in the form of a circle and shall bear the name of the Authority and the year of its organization.
- Section 3. Office of Authority. The office of the Authority shall be located within the Town of Great Barrington , Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Authority shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, and a Secretary who shall be Executive Director.
- Section 2. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Authority. Except as otherwise authorized by resolution of the Authority, the Chairman shall sign all checks, contracts, deeds and other instruments made by the Authority. At each meeting, the Chairman shall submit such recommendations and information as he/she may consider proper concerning the business affairs and policies of the Authority.
- Section 3. Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, and in case of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman.
- Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer is authorized to sign all orders and checks for the payment of money and shall payout and disburse such moneys under the direction of the Authority except as otherwise authorized by resolution of the Authority. The authority may by resolution designate one or more members to countersign such orders and checks, and may

from time to time qualify, change or cancel any such designation. Any member elected to the office of Treasurer shall serve without compensation other than payment of necessary expenses.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Authority shall be the Ex-officio Secretary, and shall have general supervision over the administration of its business and affairs, subject to the direction of the Authority. He/She shall be charged with the management of the housing projects of the Authority. He/She shall have care and custody of all funds of the Authority and shall deposit the same in the name of the Authority in such bank or banks as the Authority may select. He/She shall sign all orders and checks for the payment of money and shall payout and disburse such monies under the direction of the Authority. He/She shall keep regular books of accounts showing receipts and expenditures and shall render to the Authority, at each regular meeting, or more often when requested, an account of his/her transactions and also of the financial condition of the Authority.

The compensation of the Executive Director shall be determined by the Authority for the faithful performance of his/her duties, but a member of the Authority serving as Secretary and Executive Director in a temporary capacity shall serve without compensation other than the payment of necessary expenses.

Section 6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Authority and record all votes, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Authority on file along with related documentation and supplementary material, and shall perform all duties incident to his/her office. He/ she shall keep in safe custody the seal of the Authority and shall have power to affix such seal to all contracts and instruments authorized to be executed by the Authority. At any regular or special meeting in the absence of the Secretary, a Secretary pro tempore may be appointed from among the members of the Authority who shall serve without compensation other than the payment of necessary expenses.

Section 7. Duties of Members. The Members of the Authority shall perform such duties as are incumbent upon them by reason of their election to any office and shall perform such other duties and functions as may from time to time be required by the Authority or the by-laws, or which may arise by reason of their appointment to serve on committees functioning within the Authority or in cooperation with other persons or groups.

Check Signing. Checks are signed by the Executive Director and one board member: either the chairperson, the treasurer or one other board member designated by the board as signatory.

Section 8. Election or Appointment. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Authority from among the Members of the Authority, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The Authority shall appoint one person to fill the office of Secretary and Executive Director. Any person appointed to fill the office of Secretary and Executive Director, or any vacancy therein, shall have such terms as the Authority fixes, but no Member of the Authority shall be eligible to this office except as a temporary appointee.

Section 9. Vacancies. Should the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Treasurer become vacant, the Authority shall elect a successor from its membership at the next meeting, and such election shall be for the unexpired term of said office.

Section 10. Additional Personnel. The Authority may from time to time employ such personnel as it deems necessary to exercise its powers, duties and functions as prescribed by the Housing Authority Law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and all other laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts applicable thereto.

ARTICLE III-MEETINGS

- Section 1. General Provisions. Annual meetings and regular meetings of the Authority shall be held at such time and place as may be originally designated or subsequently changed by resolution adopted the Authority at any regular or special meeting. All meetings shall be held at the office of the Authority in the absence of the specific designation of some other meeting place in any such resolution. In the event that the date of any annual or regular meeting as provided in any such resolution shall fall on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding secular day at the place and time designated in the resolution.
- Section 2. Annual Meetings. Annual meetings of the Authority shall be held after the Great Barrington Town election results are posted. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, and for the conduct of such other business as may come before the Authority.
- Section 3. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held at least once in each calendar month for the transaction of such business as may come before the Authority.
- Section 4. Special Meetings. The Chairman of the Authority, may, when he/she deems it expedient, and shall, upon the written request of two Members of the Authority, call a special meeting of the Authority for the purpose of transacting any business designated in the call. The call for a special meeting may be delivered to any Member of the Authority or may be mailed to his/her business or home address at least two days prior to the date of such special meeting. At such special meeting, no business shall be considered other than as designated in the notice, but if all the Members of the Authority are present at a special meeting, any and all business may be transacted at such special meeting.
- Section 5. Quorum. The powers of the Authority shall be vested in the Members thereof in office from time to time. Three Members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes, but a smaller number may

meet and adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. When a quorum is in attendance, action may be taken by the Authority upon a vote of a majority of the Members present.

Section 6. Order of Business. At the regular meetings of the Authority, the following shall be the order of business:

1. Roll call
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting and any intervening special meeting.
3. Bills and communications.
4. Report of the Executive Director.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

All resolutions shall be in writing and shall be copied in a minute file of the Authority.

Section 7. Manner of Voting. All questions coming before the Authority shall be presented in the form of motions or resolutions chronologically numbered. The vote on all resolutions shall be by roll call, and each resolution and motion shall be entered in full upon the minutes of the meeting. For all resolutions, the ayes and nays shall be recorded by members name.

ARTICLE IV-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to By-Laws. The by-laws of the Authority shall be amended only by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of at least three Members of the Authority at a regular or special meeting, held after

seven days notice in writing of the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to each Member.