

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Town Hall, 334 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Optional attendance via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84462161719>
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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**
2. **REVIEW OF 2025:**
 - a. Recap of the MVP-funded improvements to the boat launch, park, parking lot, and road/pathway
 - b. Review summer park programming success and challenges
 - c. Habitat plantings and maintenance, and next steps
 - d. Simon's Rock College departure
3. **GEESE:** Discuss ways and means to stop geese from nesting at beach this coming year
4. **PHRAGMITES:** Discuss funding and approach to phragmites removal and other invasive plants
5. **TASK FORCE MISSION AND NEXT STEPS:** Discuss future of task force. Topics include:
 - a. Review existing charge of duties, discussing possible changes (the current "charge of duties" is attached to this agenda)
 - b. Balancing increased use of recreation space with need to preserve the natural space
 - c. Informing the public of accomplishments and future work
6. **CITIZEN'S SPEAK TIME:**
This is an opportunity for attendees to bring up topics of concern or importance which may be placed on a future agenda for discussion.
7. **ADJOURN**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A section 20 (f), after notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, or may transmit the meeting through any medium. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any such recordings. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Per Section 241-1 of the Town Code, except for procedural and housekeeping matters, Town residents shall have the right to address a Board on any item that requires a vote at a time before a Board votes on that item. Such residents will be allowed as much time as the proponent of an item is permitted to have.

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Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Charge of Duties

The Town of Great Barrington is forming a Task Force for the purpose of developing and implementing a comprehensive Lake Mansfield Improvement Plan. Specifically, the Task Force will address a wide range of concerns including, but not limited to, public safety, use and accessibility, water quality (runoff, buffer zone erosion, invasive weeds), lake improvements, protection of the watershed and stewardship.

The process will include identifying and prioritizing goals and objectives needed to develop and implement an improvement plan. The Task Force will obtain community input and use the resources available from the State Department of Environmental Protection, State Representatives, the Nature Conservancy, Trustees of the Reservation, Lakes and Ponds Association of Western Massachusetts, Berkshire Natural Resources Council and other applicable agencies. In addition, prior studies and recommendations will be considered and evaluated.

The Task Force shall be comprised of a representative from the Selectboard, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Board, Lake Mansfield Alliance and two (2) citizens at large. The represented Boards and Commissions shall appoint their representatives on an annual basis, and may appoint alternate members if needed to ensure representation. The citizens at large shall be appointed by the Selectboard for a term not to exceed three years, and alternates may be appointed at the discretion of the Selectboard. The Town Manager shall be an ex-officio member and may designate staff as appropriate to assist the Task Force.

The Plan and implementation schedule along with proposed funding sources will be presented to the Selectboard for approval.