

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2024



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US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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mass.gov/orgs/governor-maura-healey-and-lt-governor-kim-driscoll

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U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren

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Washington, DC 20510
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Springfield, MA 01103
413-788-2690

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CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Selectboard</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Stephen Bannon	2025
Garfield C. Reed	2027
Eric Gabriel	2027
Benjamin Elliott	2026

<u>Housing Authority</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Maureen Meier	2025
Philip Orenstein	2028
Jacqueline Sinico, Tenant Member	8/7/28

Berkshire Hills Regional

<u>School Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Stephen C. Bannon	2026
William Fields	2026
Diane Singer	2028
Richard Dohoney	2028
Alison Read	2028

<u>Library Trustees</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ruby Chang	2025
Lauren E. Clark	2025
Sandra Pantorno	2026
Sharon Shaloo	2026
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	2027
Laura Mars	2027

<u>Board of Health</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Lanoue	2025
Dr. Ruby Chang	2026
Peter Stanton	2027

<u>Planning Board</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Brandee K. Nelson	2025
Jeremy K. Higa	2025
Malcom Fick	2026
Jonathan Hankin	2026
Pedro Rafael Pachano	2027
Jaqueline Kain*	2027

<u>Constables</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Walter F. Atwood, III	2027
William Brinker	2027

<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
JB Brodeur*	2025
James Manning*	2025
Carolyn Ivory	2025
Michael Wise	2028
Peter Most	2028
Madonna Meagher	2029
Stephen McAlister	2029

<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Milena Cerna	2025
Madonna Meagher	2025
Anne O'Dwyer	2026
Philip Orenstein	2027
Richard Geiler	2027

<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Wise	2025

*Denotes appointed position on elected board

CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Affordable Housing Trust Term Expires

Fred Clark	2025
William Cooke	2026
Garfield Reed	2026
Joseph Method	2026
Ananda Timpane	2026
Krysia Kurzyca	2026
Peter Most	2026

Agricultural Commission Term Expires

Vivian Orlowski	2026
Krysia Kurzyca	2026
Christopher Wiltshire	2027
Andrea Panaritis	2027

Animal Inspector Term Expires

Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite
James Massey	Indefinite

Assessor, Principal Term Expires

Ross Vivori	Indefinite
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Board of Assessors Term Expires

Ross Vivori	Indefinite
Tammy Touponce	2026
Carol Strommer	2025

Board of Registrars Term Expires

Joshua Risen	Indefinite
Linda A. Coons	2025
Marie Y. Ryan	2026
Ellen Smith	2027

Building Commissioner Term Expires

Matthew Kollmer	Indefinite
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Cemetery Commissioners Term Expires

Marilyn Bisiewicz	2026
Walter F. Atwood, III	2026
Stephen Bannon	2027
William Brinker	2027

Child Care Committee Term Expires

Kate Van Olst	2026
Aretha Whitehead	2026
Ryan Sears	2027
Meredith Smyth	2027
Mary Stephen	2027
Ruby Chang	2028
Jenise Lucy	2028
Kate Tucci	2028

Community Preservation Term Expires

Stephen Bannon, Selectboard	2025
James Mercer, Historical Commission	2025
Rich Geiler, Finance Committee	2025
Jeremy Higa, Planning Board	2025
Karen Smith, Parks Commission	2026
Patricia Sharpe, Citizen at Large	2026
Martha Fick, Citizen at Large	2026
Kate Van Olst, Conservation Comm.	2026

Conservation Commission Term Expires

Andrew Mankin	2025
David Shanahan	2025
Andrew Didio	2025
Michael Lanoue	2026
Ashlee VanDuesen	2026
Kate Van Olst	2027
Thomas Ferris	2027

Conservation Agent Term Expires

Shepley W. Evans	Indefinite
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Council on Aging Term Expires

Joan Peters, Director	Indefinite
Doug Wilber	2025
Maureen Avery	2025
Barbara Bailly	2025
Susan Hipwell Morris	2025
Jeanne Holcolmb	2026
Donna MacDowell	2026
Sandra Larkin	2027
Anna Beining	2027

Cultural Council Term Expires

Allison Zivin	2025
Elissa Haskins-Vaughan	2026
Peggy Reeves	2026
Sherry Steiner	2027
Ellen Shanahan	2027
Melanie McCarthy	2027
Aimee Molloy	2027

Public Works Superintendent Term Expires

Joseph Aberdale	Indefinite
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Design Advisory Committee Term Expires

Matthew Kollmer	Ex-Officio
Kim Shaw	Secretary
Jacqueline Kain	2025
Fred Clark	2025
James Mercer	2025

Police Officers Term Expires
Kevin Troiano Officer in Training

Parking Enforcement Term Expires
Victoria Pevzner Indefinite
Connor Storti Indefinite
Ashley Zabian Indefinite

Sign Officer Term Expires
Matthew Kollmer Indefinite

Town Accountant Term Expires
Allison Crespo Indefinite

Town Clerk Term Expires
Joshua Risen Indefinite

Town Collector Term Expires
Alicia Dulin Indefinite

Town Counsel Term Expires
KP Law

Town Manager Term Expires
Christopher Rembold Interim

Tree Committee Term Expires
Mary Stephen 2025
Bobby Houston 2025
Brooke Davida 2026
Christopher Wiltshire 2026
Julie Anidjar 2027
Michael Peretti 2027
Gary Frenkel 2027

Tree Warden Term Expires
Michael Peretti Indefinite

Veteran's Agent Term Expires
Thomas Beasley Indefinite

Wire Inspector Term Expires
Theodore Piontek Indefinite

W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee
Randy Weinstein Gwendolyn VanSant
Garfield Reed Tim Likarish
Leah Reed Casey Sara Mugridge
Thasia Giles Dena Fisher
Alexandria Russell Dubois Thomas
Ari Zorn



BOARD AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Call of Chair
Agricultural Commission	Call of Chair
Board of Assessors	Call of Chair
Board of Health	First Thursday of each month
Board of Library Trustees	Second Wednesday of the month
Cemetery Commissioners	Call of Chair
Child Care Committee	Fourth Monday of each month
Commission on Disability	Call of the Chair
Community Preservation Committee	Call of the Chair
Conservation Commission	Fourth Wednesday of each month
Council on Aging	Last Wednesday of each month
Cultural Council	Call of the Chair
Design Advisory Committee	Call of the Chair
Finance Committee	Call of the Chair
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee	Quarterly
Historic District Commission	Third Thursday of each month
Historical Commission	Call of Chair
Housatonic Improvement Committee	Fourth Tuesday of each month
Housing Authority	Call of Chair
Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force	Call of the Chair
Parks Commissioners	Third Monday of each month
Planning Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays of each month
Ramsdell Building Committee	Call of Chair
Regional Transportation Advisory Committee	Call of Chair
School Committee	Twice a month
Selectboard	Second & Fourth Mondays of each month
Tree Committee	First Wednesday of each month
W.E.B. DuBois Legacy Committee	Third Wednesday of each month
Zoning Board of Appeals	Call of Chair

This is the typical meeting schedule. Contact Town Hall or committee chairs to confirm date and time. All meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance in accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

SELECTBOARD & TOWN MANAGER

Fiscal Year 2024 saw Selectboard members Eric Gabriel and Garfield C. Reed run successful re-election campaigns. In the Town Manager's office, administrator Josh Risen was promoted to Town Clerk after a strong first-year with the town.



Here's a sampling of the priorities identified by the Selectboard in FY24:

- Continued focus on Housatonic Water Works quality improvements
- Continued support of affordable housing development and initiatives
- Study of ambulance/emergency medical services response and development of public safety staffing plan
- Establishment of heating and cooling centers
- Management of aging town infrastructure and catching up on deferred maintenance
- Improving sustainability of waste management

Below is a more in-depth look at areas of focus.

Housatonic Water Works (HWW): The board continued to prioritize Housatonic residents' concerns about water quality. The town secured grant funds and began distributing partial reimbursements for bottled water and other expenses incurred by HWW customers. The Selectboard met regularly with Town Counsel to discuss Housatonic Water Works' rate case and potential paths toward improving the situation.

Affordable Housing Development: The board approved the re-development of the Housatonic school into 8 affordable housing units and issued a special permit for the construction of 20 homes on North Plain Road, a joint project organized by the

Affordable Housing Trust and Habitat for Humanity. The board approved another special permit for the construction of 12 units of workforce housing in the former Thornewood Inn. Special thanks to the Planning Board and Town Planner Chris Rembold for devising a new Coliving Residential Development bylaw that made the Thornewood project viable.

Short-Term Rental (STR) Compliance: During FY24 town staff refined information collected on hundreds of local properties associated with STR listings. After two rounds of ticketing, nearly every property with an active short-term rental listing has been brought into compliance with the town's bylaw.

Updates to Fees: After extensive review and presentations by town staff the Selectboard approved the first increase in fees for town services in over a decade. Fee increases will help reduce the need for tax payer subsidy of services.

Town Revitalization: The renovation of Lake Mansfield was completed this year. The project focused on expanding accessibility and preserving the site's shore line and trails. An extensive restoration of Memorial Field was also completed.

During FY24 the Selectboard issued the following annual licenses:

Amusement Device/Bowling/ Motion Picture	5
Class II Auto/Class III Auto	11
Common Victualler	85
Innholder	12
Liquor License (Package Store)	12
Liquor License (Restaurant/Bar/Venue)	42
Weekday & Sunday Entertainment	31

A complete list of priorities and projects can be found on the Town website under the [Selectboard Priority Planning List tab](#).

None of this work would not be possible without the town's resilient and dedicated staff. It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve the residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic this year.

Stephen Bannon, [Selectboard Chair](#)
Mark Pruhenski, Town Manager

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following is a report from the Board of Assessors for Fiscal Year 2024

Total Amounts to be Raised by Taxation

1. Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation	\$42,999,257.00
2. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	\$207,460.89
3. State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	\$65,395.00
4. Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions (overlay)	\$224,965.82
Total Amounts to be Raised:	\$43,497,078.71

Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources

1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$1,390,273.00
Total Estimated State Receipts:	\$1,390,273.00
2. Local Estimated Receipts	
a. Motor Vehicle Excise	\$650,000.00
b. Other Excise - Meals & Room	\$585,000.00
c. Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$85,000.00
d. Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$7,500.00
e. Fees	\$200,950.00
f. Rentals	\$120,000.00
g. Other Departmental Revenue	\$65,000.00
h. Licenses & Permits	\$414,050.00
i. Fines & Forfeits	\$20,000.00
j. Investment Income	\$73,295.00
Local Receipts Not Allocated:	\$2,222,500.00
k. Enterprise Funds	\$3,439,111.00
l. Community Preservation Funds	\$1,320,000.00
Total Estimated Local Receipts:	\$6,981,611.00
3. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:	
a. Free Cash	\$1,448,394.00
b. Other Available Funds	\$1,698,500.00
Total Available Funds:	\$3,146,894.00
4. Other Revenue Sources Appropriated to Reduce the Tax Rate	
Free Cash Appropriated before 6-30-23	\$4,175,000.00
Total Other Sources	\$ 0,000,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:	\$15,693,778.00

Tax Rate Summary FY24

Total Amount to be Raised	\$43,497,078.11
Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources	\$15,693,778.00
Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy:	\$27,803,300.71

BOARD OF ASSESSORS CONTINUED

Tax Rate FY24

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	82.7457%	\$1,656,301,569	\$13.89	\$23,006,028.79
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	13.1953%	\$264,127,448	\$13.89	\$3,668,730.25
Industrial	0.7287%	\$14,587,000	\$13.89	\$202,613.43
Personal Property	3.3303%	\$66,661,500	\$13.89	\$925,928.24
Total	100.0000%	\$2,001,677,500.00		\$27,803,300.70

Fire District Tax Rate FY24

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy By Class
Residential	73.6403%	\$770,183,596.00	\$1.59	\$1,224,591.92
Open Space	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	22.9224%	\$239,738,757.00	\$1.59	\$381,184.62
Industrial	0.4608%	\$4,819,200.00	\$1.59	\$7,662.53
Personal Property	2.9765%	\$31,130,360.00	\$1.59	\$49,497.27
Total	100.0000%	\$1,045,871,913.00		\$1,662,936.34

Ten Largest Real & Personal Property Taxpayers in FY24

Name	Assessed Value	Amount of Tax
1. Great Barrington Real Estate	\$17,351,900	\$241,018
2. Big Y Foods	\$16,029,900	\$222,655
3. Stockbridge Road Realty	\$10,860,000	\$150,845
4. KSNS Stockbridge Road Realty LLC	\$8,180,000	\$113,620
5. Individual	\$8,113,100	\$112,691
6. Beech Tree Apt	\$6,781,900	\$94,201
7. Berkshire Bank	\$6,586,300	\$91,484
8. Individual	\$6,368,600	\$88,460
9. Powerhouse Square LLC	\$6,333,400	\$87,971
10. Butternut Basin Inc.	\$6,289,133	\$87,356

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

FINANCIAL SERVICES/ACCOUNTING

The following is an unaudited balance sheet as of June 30, 2024. Audited financial statements and other financial information is made available on the town website as it is received.

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

TREASURER COLLECTOR

I respectfully submit the following reports for the Fiscal Year 2024:

- Schedule of Tax Receivables for Fiscal Year 2024
- Report of Receipts for Fiscal Year 2024
- Report of Fiscal Year 2024 Gross Wages paid (except police)
- Report of Fiscal Year 2024 Gross Wages paid to Police

I am honored to serve the people of the Town of Great Barrington and Village of Housatonic as their Treasurer/Collector, and will do my best to continue providing them the highest quality of service.

Alicia Dulin, [Treasurer/Collector](#)

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2024

	Balance		Abatements	Transfers	Net	Balance
	<u>7/1/2023</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Tax Titles & Foreclosures</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
Real Estate						
2024		\$ 27,052,677.39	\$ (54,562.59)	\$ (110,402.33)	\$ (26,503,346.47)	\$ 384,366.00
2023	336,730.00	-	22,593.27	-	(296,930.01)	62,393.26
2022	29,347.92	-	10,986.65	-	(32,000.72)	8,333.85
2021	52,027.63	-	(9,852.03)	-	(40,987.00)	1,188.60
2020 AND PRIOR	(231.00)	-	-	-	(60.43)	(291.43)
Totals	417,874.55	27,052,677.39	(30,834.70)	(110,402.33)	(26,873,324.63)	455,990.28

	Balance					Balance
Personal Property	<u>7/1/2023</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
2024	-	936,811.97	(17,729.64)	9,365.17	(942,126.24)	(13,678.74)
2023	20,181.53	-	(1,399.97)	251.52	(11,836.14)	7,196.94
2022	10,464.62	-	(234.64)	693.86	(6,591.06)	4,332.78
2021	12,064.63	-	(256.16)	103.94	(5,612.17)	6,300.24
2020	9,225.06	-	-	-	(4,671.36)	4,553.70
2019	9,687.15	-	(290.03)	-	(6,219.99)	3,177.13
2018	7,410.37	-	(276.38)	-	(4,587.94)	2,546.05
2017	6,958.49	-	(269.37)	-	(4,168.63)	2,520.49
2016	3,927.06	-	(171.55)	-	(337.98)	3,417.53
2015	2,652.88	-	-	-	(218.20)	2,434.68
2014	2,878.42	-	-	-	(246.33)	2,632.09
2013	3,201.10	-	-	-	(245.02)	2,956.08

2012	1,337.07	-	-	-	(229.55)	1,107.52
2011	36.22	-	-	-	-	36.22
Totals	90,024.60	936,811.97	(20,627.74)	10,414.49	(987,090.61)	29,532.71

Motor Vehicle	Balance 7/1/2023	Commitments	Abatements	Adjustments	Net Collections	Balance 6/30/2024
2024	-	949,507.17	(24,972.21)	779.53	(855,190.10)	70,124.39
2023	115,623.74	109,436.97	(12,445.37)	-	(190,895.18)	21,720.16
2022	18,611.56	-	(174.70)	-	(10,129.19)	8,307.67
2021	12,394.51	-	-	0.71	(4,171.94)	8,223.28
2020	9,225.06	-	-	-	(2,256.79)	6,968.27
2019	5,393.36	-	-	-	(518.96)	4,874.40
2018	6,367.21	-	-	-	(294.17)	6,073.04
2017	5,337.88	-	(5,337.88)	-	-	-
2016	4,715.97	-	(4,715.97)	-	-	-
2015	3,793.11	-	(3,793.11)	-	-	-
2014	3,624.75	-	(3,624.75)	-	-	-
2013	2,498.54	-	(2,498.54)	-	-	-
2012	4,502.00	-	(4,502.00)	-	-	-
2011	4,927.66	-	(4,927.66)	-	-	-
2010	4,148.00	-	(4,148.00)	-	-	-
2009	5,185.21	-	(5,185.21)	-	-	-
2008	7,072.21	-	(7,072.21)	-	-	-
2007	6,070.23	-	(6,070.23)	-	-	-
2006	4,634.28	-	(4,634.28)	-	-	-
2005	5,768.97	-	(5,768.97)	-	-	-
2004	4,960.11	-	(4,960.11)	-	-	-
2003	4,284.77	-	(4,284.77)	-	-	-
2002	4,924.30	-	(4,924.30)	-	-	-
2001	4,806.58	-	(4,806.58)	-	-	-

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2024

Real Estate	Balance 7/1/2023	Commitments	Abatements/ Adjustments	Transfers, Tax Titles & Foreclosures	Net Collections	Balance 6/30/2024
2024		\$27,052,677.39	-\$54,562.59	-\$110,402.33	-\$26,503,346.47	\$384,366.00
2023	\$336,730.00		\$22,593.27		-\$296,930.01	\$62,393.26
2022	\$29,347.92		\$10,986.65		-\$32,000.72	\$8,333.85
2021	\$52,027.63		-\$9,852.03		-\$40,987.00	\$1,188.60
2020 AND PRIOR	-\$231.00				-\$60.43	-\$291.43
Totals	\$417,874.55	\$27,052,677.39	-\$30,834.70	-\$110,402.33	-\$26,873,324.63	\$455,990.28

Personal Property	Balance 7/1/2023	Commitments	Abatements	Adjustments	Net Collections	Balance 6/30/2024
2024		\$936,811.97	-\$17,729.64	\$9,365.17	-\$942,126.24	-\$13,678.74
2023	\$20,181.53		-\$1,399.97	\$251.52	-\$11,836.14	\$7,196.94
2022	\$10,464.62		-\$234.64	\$693.86	-\$6,591.06	\$4,332.78
2021	\$12,064.63		-\$256.16	\$103.94	-\$5,612.17	\$6,300.24
2020	\$9,225.06				-\$4,671.36	\$4,553.70
2019	\$9,687.15		-\$290.03		-\$6,219.99	\$3,177.13
2018	\$7,410.37		-\$276.38		-\$4,587.94	\$2,546.05
2017	\$6,958.49		-\$269.37		-\$4,168.63	\$2,520.49
2016	\$3,927.06		-\$171.55		-\$337.98	\$3,417.53
2015	\$2,652.88				-\$218.20	\$2,434.68
2014	\$2,878.42				-\$246.33	\$2,632.09
2013	\$3,201.10				-\$245.02	\$2,956.08
2012	\$1,337.07				-\$229.55	\$1,107.52
2011	\$36.22					\$36.22
Totals	\$90,024.60	\$936,811.97	-\$20,627.74	\$10,414.49	-\$987,090.61	\$29,532.71

Motor Vehicle	Balance 7/1/2023	Commitments	Abatements	Adjustments	Net Collections	Balance 6/30/2024
2024		\$949,507.17	-\$24,972.21	\$779.53	-\$855,190.10	\$70,124.39
2023	\$115,623.74	\$109,436.97	-\$12,445.37		-\$190,895.18	\$21,720.16
2022	\$18,611.56		-\$174.70		-\$10,129.19	\$8,307.67
2021	\$12,394.51			\$0.71	-\$4,171.94	\$8,223.28
2020	\$9,225.06				-\$2,256.79	\$6,968.27
2019	\$5,393.36				-\$518.96	\$4,874.40
2018	\$6,367.21				-\$294.17	\$6,073.04
2017	\$5,337.88		-\$5,337.88			
2016	\$4,715.97		-\$4,715.97			
2015	\$3,793.11		-\$3,793.11			
2014	\$3,624.75		-\$3,624.75			
2013	\$2,498.54		-\$2,498.54			
2012	\$4,502.00		-\$4,502.00			
2011	\$4,927.66		-\$4,927.66			
Totals	\$197,015.35	\$1,058,944.14	-\$66,992.19	\$780.24	-\$1,063,456.33	\$126,291.21

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

Town Treasurer Report of Receipts for Fiscal Year 2024

STATE TREASURER

Unrestricted State Aid	\$907,255.00
Veterans Benefits reimbursement	\$35,811.83
Exemptions to Elderly&Veterans	\$7,028.00
State Owned Land	\$400,885.00
Mark & Clear Fees	\$3,680.00
Room Occupancy Tax	\$1,129,263.75
Meals Tax	\$365,878.98
Cannabis Tax	\$776,695.94
Other Revenue	\$12,213.12
Court Fines	\$3,472.62
Total State Revenue	\$3,642,184.24

TAX COLLECTOR

Personal Property Taxes	\$971,425.01
Real Estate Taxes	\$26,629,495.49
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$1,062,166.90
Interest & Penalties	\$133,197.12
Collector's Fees	\$26,469.99
I & E Penalties	\$41,718.61
Payment in lieu of Taxes	\$34,354.30
Municipal Lien Certificate	\$5,550.00
Tag Sale Permits	\$195.00
Research Charges	\$181.00
Fire District Admin Fees	\$31,918.50
Misc. Other	\$323.66
Total	\$28,936,995.58

TOWN TREASURER

Tax Liens Payments & Interest	\$	122,934.75
Earnings on Investments		35,508.15
GE Settlement		1,711,167.56
Total	\$	1,869,610.46

SELECTBOARD

Alcohol Licenses	\$	47,975.00
Community Impact Fees	\$	28,255.53
Other Licenses & Misc.		89,967.57
Total	\$	166,198.10

Sewer Enterprise Fund

User Fees	\$	2,872,513.07
Connection Fees	\$	80,025.00
Septic Dumping Fees	\$	414,739.15
Sewer liens	\$	115,831.99
Interest Income	\$	40,358.72
Interest on user fees	\$	36,787.49
Sewer Tax Title Redemption	\$	8,173.31
Total Receipts- Sewer	\$	3,568,428.73

TOWN CLERK

Birth & Death Certificates	\$	14,115.00
Marriage Intentions & Certificates	\$	3,730.00
Dog Licenses Fees & Penalties	\$	8,365.00
UCC Filing Fees	\$	3,830.00
Non Crimininal Violations	\$	50.00
Other	\$	745.00
Total	\$	30,835.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Permits and fees	\$2,300.00
Mutual Aid	\$1,950.00
Insurance Reports	\$490.00
Detail Admin fees	\$25,249.28
Parking Tickets & Late fees	\$22,933.40
Total	\$52,922.68

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits & Fees	\$	220,941.91
Gas, Plumbing, Electircal Inspections	\$	8,617.50
Misc. Other		102374.68
Total		331,934.09

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Assessors	\$	535.00
Board of Health Inpection & Permits		41,944.80
Conservation Commission		335.00
Fire Department		52,982.99
GB Libraries		4,288.22
Insurance Reimbursements		15,573.65
Misc Departments		8,422.33
Planning Board & ZBA		2,225.00
Planning/Community Dev.		1,425.00
Recycling/Landfill Fees		121,584.50
Rent of Town Buildings		177,157.53
Total	\$	426,474.02

General Fund Receipts Total

State Revenues	\$	3,642,184.24
Tax Collector	\$	28,936,995.58
Treasurer	\$	1,869,610.46
Selectboard	\$	166,198.10
Library	\$	4,288.22
Town Clerk	\$	30,835.00
Police Department	\$	52,922.68
Building Department	\$	220,941.91
Revolving Funds fees	\$	8,617.50
Other Departments	\$	422,185.80
Total Receipts General Fund	\$	35,354,779.49

Last Name	First Name	FY24 TOTALWAGES
ABERDALE	JOSEPH	\$111,234.70
AGAR	EUNICE	\$822.38
AHERNE	BRIAN	\$68,995.32
AMENDOLA	NATALIE	\$22,000.00
ARIENTI	JUDITH	\$375.00
ARMSTRONG	RACHEL	\$137.50
ATTARIAN	CHERYL	\$37,120.00
AUSTIN	DARRYL	\$70,177.23
AVERY	MAUREEN	\$1,825.00
BAILLY	BARBARA	\$1,695.00
BANNON	STEPHEN	\$4,491.63
BARA	IRENE	\$20.00
BATES	EASTLYND	\$2,829.68
BECKER	CARA	\$62,713.56
BELL	JAMES	\$38,140.12
BILL	JAMES	\$20,030.03
BISIEWICZ	MARILYN	\$120.00
BLAUVELT	MARIE	\$12,483.00
BLETOS	SOPHIA	\$71,400.00
BLOUNT	CLAUDE	\$1,007.04
BONA	JUSTIN	\$37,996.00
BOYER	DONNA	\$58.50
BOZZA	JOSEPH	\$3,262.20
BROGAN	JOHANNA	\$1,084.13
BROOKS	MICHAEL	\$16,583.75
BROWN	DONNA	\$65,782.20
BROWNING	STEPHEN	\$27,546.06
BUDZ	ELIZABETH	\$180.00
CHAMBERLAND	TERRANCE	\$351.25
CHISOM	VALERIE	\$8,791.24
COLEMAN	DANA	\$3,961.50
COLEMAN	TATE	\$62,784.93
COONS	CHRISTINE	\$476.00
COONS	LINDA	\$2,164.00
COUCH	KATHERINE	\$41,466.61
CRESPO	ALLISON	\$106,686.23
CUNNINGHAM	ELIZABETH	\$105.00
DAVIS	LEIGH	\$4,491.63
DAWSON	JACQUELINE	\$50,467.79
DE RIS	IOVAN	\$11,832.66
DE RIS	TREVOR	\$22,151.08
DOWD	RIAN	\$54,807.78
DULIN	ALICIA	\$89,385.73
DUMONT	EDWARD	\$1,472.00
DUPONT	ELLYN	\$55,673.74
DYMEK	FREDERICK	\$195.00
DYMEK	PATRICIA	\$215.00
ELLIOTT	BENJAMIN	\$4,491.63
ELY	PAULA	\$93,251.27
ERIKSON	JULIA	\$15,410.50
EVANS	SHEPLEY	\$57,601.24
FAIR	ANNABEL	\$2,908.35

FIELDS	WILLIAM	\$476.00
FITZGERALD	DONALD	\$7,205.14
FORRESTER	KRISTIN	\$5,476.00
FRACASSO	MARILYN	\$15,573.00
GABRIEL	ERIC	\$4,491.63
GANGELL	KEITH	\$12,500.00
GASHI	DURIM	\$2,559.25
GAUGHRAN	ROBERT	\$84,712.34
GAUTHIER	JEFFREY	\$3,807.00
GENNARI	ROBERT	\$9,639.00
GIBBONS	PAUL	\$40.00
GIBBS	SHEA	\$82,459.27
GREENE	PAUL	\$845.00
HAMMER	ROBERT	\$12,735.57
HARRIGAN	MICHAEL	\$12,761.25
HARRISON	LAURIE	\$9,818.48
HASSETT	MARGARET	\$1,266.13
HERNANDEZ	FRANCES	\$42,982.84
HOGENCAMP	CAROLYN	\$3,798.90
HOSIER	TIMOTHY	\$62,069.28
HOSKEER	PATRICIA	\$90.00
HOUGHTLIN	GEORGE	\$16,444.88
IVORY	CAROLYN	\$195.00
JARDINE	DAWN	\$33,230.77
KANDEL	MATTHEW	\$4,514.25
KEEFNER	JOSEPH	\$6,571.06
KEENAN	DANIEL	\$2,490.10
KELLEHER	FRANCINE	\$719.81
KLEIN	SAMARA	\$3,720.00
KOLLMER	MATTHEW	\$88,592.26
KOTLESKI	KATHLEEN	\$195.00
KRUPSKI	ROBERT	\$12,383.00
KUZIEMKO	HELEN	\$40.00
KUZIEMKO	MATTHEW	\$1,563.00
LAGOWSKI	ROBERT	\$14,577.00
LAMOREUX	DAVID	\$15,259.44
LARAMEE	CHRISTOPHER	\$80,329.80
LARKIN	PATRICIA	\$16,875.00
LARKIN	SANDRA	\$1,327.50
LARKIN	STEVEN	\$84,562.81
LAROSE	RICHARD	\$3,268.50
LAVOIE	LINDA	\$180.00
LEARNARD	KEVIN	\$361.60
LEIGHTON	KEVIN	\$15,102.25
LEMIRE	CHERYL	\$13,728.50
LEODARI	TALYA	\$1,300.00
LOCKE	FRANCES	\$180.00
LOVETT	THOMAS	\$2,750.00
MACDOWELL	DONNA	\$1,207.50
MALUMPHY	JOHN	\$82,618.53
MANCINI	BONNIE	\$17,131.44
MARKS	DARRELL	\$87,296.69
MARONEY	KEVIN	\$17,003.25
MAY	EDWIN	\$23,293.20

MAYORGA	MARIA	\$12,359.80
MCDONOUGH	MARYBETH	\$14,839.50
MCGLINCHEY	CAROL	\$1,187.44
MCMEEKIN	LINDA	\$1,972.50
MEAD	ADAM	\$4,508.95
MEAD	BRIAN	\$23,441.96
MEAD	JAMES	\$28,711.78
MEAGHER	MADONNA	\$52.50
MESSINA	JENNIFER	\$62,430.11
MILES	BRIAN	\$57,702.68
MORALES	CARMEN	\$57,147.78
MORELLI	BRUCE	\$195.00
MOREY	JERRY	\$63,772.74
MULVEY	PAMELA	\$37,648.72
NAZOR	MATTHEW	\$61,086.48
NICHOLSON	JAMIE	\$8,038.40
NILSON	PATRICK	\$62,796.03
OSAK	JUSTIN	\$9,128.90
OSTROW	STACIA	\$12,830.00
PARISE	DEAN	\$59,115.10
PASSETTO	JOHN	\$45.00
PERETTI	MICHAEL	\$625.00
PAUL	CHRISTOPHER	\$7,150.00
PETERS	JOAN	\$70,208.79
PEVZNER	ELIZABETH	\$28,130.00
PEVZNER	MATTHEW	\$75,384.88
PIONTEK	THEODORE	\$46,174.50
PREMERLANI	FRANCES	\$90.00
PREMERLANI	LAWRENCE	\$110.00
PRUHENSKI	MARK	\$164,528.35
PULVER	AMY	\$19,634.81
REED	GARFIELD	\$4,491.63
REICHMAN	DAVID	\$15,907.16
REMBOLD	CHRISTOPHER	\$145,800.00
RICHARDS	LISA	\$62,220.07
RICHTER	MICHAEL	\$16,129.88
RISEN	JOSH	\$37,923.00
ROGERS	COURTNAY	\$1,497.00
RORABACK	BARBARA	\$531.75
ROSSMEISSL	SAMUEL	\$25,348.55
RUEGER	COLBY	\$57,027.68
RYAN	MARIE	\$3,764.00
SAVISKI	NED	\$120.00
SCAPIN	VICTOR	\$81,514.80
SEILE	JOSHUA	\$47,362.73

SHARPE	PATRICIA	\$1,365.66
SHAW	KIMBERLY	\$5,590.00
SHEPARDSON	SHEILA	\$90.00
SHIEH	PEISHAN	\$995.25
SHIMMON	RICHARD	\$10,276.95
SHIMMON	RYAN	\$70,585.28
SMITH	BARBARA	\$208.88
SMITH	ELLEN	\$1,727.75
SMITH	TERRY	\$220.00
SMITH	TYLER	\$3,448.90
SOTO	ALAN	\$38,950.00
SOULE	MARGARET	\$101.25
SOULES	LEE	\$56,734.02
SROKA	STANLEY	\$3,679.50
STARK	LOUIS	\$46,256.00
STILE	DEBORAH	\$32,770.62
STROMMER	CAROL	\$60,559.05
TARNAWA	CHRISTINE	\$180.00
TARNAWA	FRANCIS	\$7,150.00
THOMSON	CHARLES	\$58,817.61
TOKOLY JR.	MICHAEL	\$1,722.00
TOOHIG	KERRY	\$105.00
TOOLE	PATRICK	\$5,631.00
TOSSAVAINEN	JOHN	\$195.00
TOUPNCE	TAMMY	\$795.00
TURNBOUGH	BETSY	\$4,008.47
TURNER	SCOTT	\$87,657.61
VALLONE	ASHLEY	\$75,822.31
VAN DEUSEN	REBECCA	\$67,592.96
VAN SLYCK	REBECCA	\$12,797.25
VANDERNECK	ADAM	\$10,000.00
VERA	JEFFERSON	\$1,221.75
VISION	MESSIAH	\$7,155.50
VIVORI	ROSS	\$92,523.62
VOGEL	TERRY	\$53,265.06
WARNER	CHRISTINE	\$50,577.60
WASSERMAN	MALVINA	\$1,315.69
WEIGLE	TRAVIS	\$60,229.20
WEINSTEIN	TYLER	\$1,122.25
WELLAUER	KAYNE	\$2,870.72
WHITE	PATRICIA	\$90.00
WICHMANN	CAROLYN	\$33,265.12
WILBUR	DOUGLAS	\$172.50
WOOD	STEPHEN	\$17,968.50
ZAHNER	PATRICIA	\$666.24

Police Department Wages

Last Name	First Name	FY24 TOTAL
BRAGDON	JAMES	\$29,642.84
CARLOTTO	ADAM	\$181,578.33
CASEY	ELIAS	\$102,843.96
FOREST	CAMERON	\$89,373.67
HADSELL	DANIEL	\$45,999.91
HAMMER	BRANDON	\$100,023.55
HUERTAS	ANDRES	\$74,826.12
HUERTAS	NICKOLAS	\$19,823.08
KOLLMER	CALEB	\$112,311.18
KOTLESKI	MICHAEL	\$47,224.62
LAMONT	ROBERT	\$98,063.98
LUPIANI	BRADLEY	\$111,677.06
MESSINA	BRANDON	\$86,798.59
O'BRIEN	JOSEPH	\$118,922.96
PEEBLES	CHRISTOPHER	\$149,924.19
PEVZNER	VICTORIA	\$39,383.35
REEL	WESTLEY	\$113,242.40
RIVA	SAMUEL	\$98,847.27
STORTI	CONNOR	\$43,298.50
STORTI	PAUL	\$148,417.27
TROIANO	KEVIN	\$47,652.34
ULLRICH	ROBERT	\$34,751.68
ULLRICH	TIMOTHY	\$132,819.69
WALSH	WILLIAM	\$9,745.84
ZUCCO	VICTOR	\$109,939.71

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

Fiscal Year '24 Vendor Payments	
133 CASTLE STREET LLC	\$82.16
IBERKSHIRE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE, INC.	\$350.00
21ST CENTURY AGGREGATES INC	\$3,475.50
312 MAIN STREET PARTNERSHIP	\$3,901.59
343 MAIN STREET LLC	\$250,000.00
A & A MEMORIAL INC	\$9,164.88
AAA POLIC SUPPLY	\$636.00
JOSEPH ABERDALE	\$5,705.04
ACAR LEASING LTD	\$489.50
ADAMS BROTHERS	\$250.00
AERIAL TESTING COMPANY	\$3,136.00
AFLAC INC	\$32,062.41
AFSCME COUNCIL 93	\$12,112.38
GREAT BARRINGTON AGWAY	\$918.71
AISENBREY SILKE	\$225.98
AJ VIRGILIO CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$31,085.08
ALAN BESAW	\$4,158.52
ALDER CREEK LLC	\$3,234.05
ALERT SCIENTIFIC INC	\$1,203.50
ALEXANDER DIANE	\$7.84
ALL PRO TRAILER SUPERSTORE INC	\$7,399.00
ALL STATE FIRE EQUIP	\$513.80
ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS INC	\$3,000.00
ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS LLC	\$2,591.58
ALLIED TESTING LABORATORIES INC	\$5,712.51
ALLSTAR AUTO SALVAGE LLC	\$105.00
ALLSTATE CONSTRUCTION INC	\$130,800.00
ALPINE WEB DESIGN	\$180.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	\$23,391.67
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD INC	\$153,953.44
AMCHAR WHOLESALE INC	\$5,049.72

AMERICAN LEGION POST 298	\$11,500.00
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	\$345.00
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	\$702.00
AMERICAN SAFETY & SUPPLY, INC	\$339.48
AMERIGAS PROPANE LP	\$119.38
AMOR, JOSE DAVIS	\$17.19
AMORY KATHRYN KOHLER	\$8.39
ANCORA PSYCHOLOGICAL LLC	\$3,850.00
ANDERSEN GAIL M	\$753.51
TERRI ANDERSON	\$300.00
ANDERSON GILMORE LLC	\$848.62
ANDREWS, JAMES ROBERT	\$101.68
ANDRUS POWER SOLUTIONS INC	\$8,148.30
APALACHEE LLC	\$99,598.08
APPLE & ALBANO PC	\$595.83
APPLE HILL DESIGNS LLC	\$50.00
APPLIED DYNAMICS CORP	\$1,032.00
ARIENTI & KLEPETAR LLP	\$24,500.00
ARROW CONCRETE PRODUCTS,	\$18,358.24
ARTHUR KENNETH L	\$8.77
ARTHUR P. JONES AND ASSOCIATES INC	\$35,269.43
ASCAP	\$434.00
ASSOCIATED ELECTRO-MECHANICS INC	\$815.40
ATG PATRIOT LLC	\$7,984.51
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	\$4,719.50
ATWOOD, WALTER FRANCIS	\$51.23
AUBUCHON CO INC WE	\$16.99
TRACEE AUGCOMFAR	\$299.00
DARRYL AUSTIN	\$214.98
AUTOMATION INC	\$746.00
RUBY AVER	\$300.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	\$84,674.64
B & G GLASS LLC	\$1,192.50
B&G EQUIPMENT	\$4,658.79

KENNETH BABCOCK	\$5,454.00
BACHER CORP OF CONNECTICUT	\$1,741.53
BACHETTI JEANNE M	\$727.42
BACHETTI'S AUTO SALES INC	\$3,415.15
ALYCIA BACON	\$300.00
BAIER ROBERT M & CAROL G	\$1,842.92
BAILEY BOYD ASSOCIATES INC	\$60,162.00
BAILEY'S TEST STRIPS	\$84.00
KRISTOPHER M BALESTRO	\$1,479.00
BALL, DEBORAH ANN	\$80.92
BANKESB	\$20,384.30
IRENE BARA	\$300.00
LEAH BARBER	\$300.00
BARKING DOG RESERVES LLC	\$33.77
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	\$2,418.92
BARRINGTON PACK AND SHIP	\$412.98
F A BARTLETT TREE EXPERT COMPANY	\$73,067.00
BASEBALL IN THE BERKSHIRES	\$400.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION	\$90.00
BERKSHIRE COUNTY TREASURERS	\$90.00
BDP INDUSTRIES INC.	\$2,334.18
CARA J BECKER	\$214.83
MONIQUE BELAIR	\$239.05
JAMES BELL	\$265.05
BERCIER, JOSEPH WILLIAM	\$43.96
BERKSHIRE COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	\$135.00
BERKSHIRE HEALTH GROUP	\$1,675,691.00
BERK. COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$1,672,928.50
BERK. COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS	\$200.00
BERKSHIRE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER	\$67,634.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$5,383.14

BERKSHIRE DESIGN INC	\$1,200.00
BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY	\$53,965.16
BERKSHIRE BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$919.00
BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$472,733.30
BERKSHIRE COTTAGE CO	\$6.02
BERKSHIRE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S	\$50.00
BERKSHIRE FENCE CO	\$11,445.00
BERKSHIRE GMC, INC.	\$2,480.73
BERKSHIRE GRAPHICS INC	\$2,333.97
BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$20,333,733.00
BERKSHIRE HILLS CHORUS	\$200.00
BERKSHIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL INC	\$100.00
BERKSHIRE MEDICAL CENTER INC	\$9,106.25
BERKSHIRE MUSIC SCHOOL	\$500.00
BERKSHIRE PRIDE INC	\$400.00
BERKSHIRE PULSE INC	\$750.00
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	\$48,289.24
BERKSHIRE SHOPPERS GUIDE LLC CORPORATION	\$1,572.25
RONALD M BERNARD	\$33.00
BERNICE LEWIS	\$200.00
DANIEL BERSAW	\$159.20
BERKSHIRE MUSEUM	\$125.00
BERTELLI, MICHAEL RAYMOND	\$184.60
BETA GROUP INC	\$47,713.27
B-G MECHANICAL SERVICE INC	\$3,531.00
BIG Y FOODS INC	\$3,090.45
BILMAR VETERINARY HOSPITAL	\$1,199.12
NEW ENGLAND BIOASSAY INC.	\$9,160.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$1,290.56

BLOMQUIST PER H	\$9.19
BLUE 20/20	\$3,525.14
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC	\$30,135.24
BLUE HILL COMMONS LLC	\$95.51
BLUE RIDER STABLES INC	\$400.00
BLUE SKY NOMINEE REALTY TRUST	\$619.84
BOBBY SWEET BAND	\$500.00
BOBCAT OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD INC	\$79,577.25
BOHLEN, GEORGE STEPHEN	\$642.05
BOHLEN, GEORGE STEPHEN	\$11.04
BARBARA BONNER	\$300.00
THE BOOKLOFT	\$64.56
BOSTON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO - W	\$311.74
BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO -G	\$8,296.60
BRADDICK, ROBERT HENDERSON	\$26.31
BRAUNSTEIN RONALD N	\$193.63
BRAZIE, DEBRA ELAINE	\$35.20
BRAZIE, PETER A	\$65.99
BRIGGS, WILLIAM JOHN	\$35.10
BRODERICK, DONNA LYN	\$26.50
JENNIFER BROWDY	\$300.00
JENNIFER BROWN	\$300.00
STEPHEN BROWNING	\$617.15
BROWNSONS TOWING AND REPAIR	\$155.00
BRTA	\$13,984.33
ELIZABETH BUDZ	\$300.00
BULLDOG FIRE APPARATUS	\$34,601.38
BULLOCK, MARGIE C	\$29.83
MARISA BURNTITUS	\$300.00
CLINTON BURT	\$159.20
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES INC	\$2,000.00
ELIZABETH CALDWELL	\$300.00

E. CALIGARI & SON, INC.	\$968.46
CAMELOT TOOLS LLC	\$295.00
JEFFREY CAMINITI	\$400.00
CAMPBELL SCIENTIFIC	\$370.00
DAVID D CAMPBELL	\$20.00
CAMPBELL ROBIN	\$232.58
CANDEE, TASHA MARIE	\$102.12
CANINE LINK INC	\$50.00
ADAM J CARLOTTO	\$552.00
CARLOTTO MICHAEL	\$7.04
BETH ELAINE CARLSON	\$99.00
CARLSON WOOD FLOORS	\$2,000.00
CAROLYN CALANDRO	\$1,260.00
CARR HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO INC	\$37,289.69
PAUL CARRARA	\$300.00
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES INC	\$2,021.30
CASE WILLIAM R TRUSTEE	\$82.04
CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT INC	\$54,126.48
JUANITA CASEY	\$300.00
CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	\$146.81
CEDENO-ROMAN, JORGE LUIS	\$11.50
CELLEBRITE INC	\$3,600.00
CENTER FOR PEACE THROUGH CULTURE INC	\$300.00
CENTER POINT INC	\$2,315.52
CF MEDICAL INC	\$2,759.00
CHADWICK-BAROSS INC	\$2,739.22
APRIL CHAMBER	\$300.00
CHAMBERLAND, TERRANCE MICHAEL	\$42.00
CHAO CALEB PAUL	\$26.82
CHAO CALEB PAUL	\$2,806.56
CHARGEPOINT INC	\$314.59
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	\$16,017.62
CHASE AUTO	\$1,593.58
JOSEPH CHERNILA	\$150.00
CHESTNUT RIDGE NURSERY INC	\$3,283.00
CHILDRENS MUSEUM	\$725.00

CHIP PAUL STONE WORKS	\$33,795.00
VALERIE CHISOM	\$9.30
CHRISTOPHER BEACCO	\$300.00
PINEBAY GROUP INC.	\$6,950.00
CHUBB ANN CAROLINE	\$56.49
CINTAS CORP	\$26,868.70
CITY OF PITTSFIELD	\$19,320.00
CIVICPLUS LLC	\$30,246.00
CJB EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLC	\$7,260.50
CLARFELD ROBERT A & KRISTEN C	\$61.22
FREDERICK G. CLARK	\$293.25
CLARK & SONS CORP	\$135,747.99
BERKSHIRE COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION	\$25.00
ALLISON COATES	\$154.55
COLARUSSO BLACKTOP CO	\$14,918.79
TATE COLEMAN	\$88.95
COMALLI GROUP, INC.	\$62,790.83
COMMONWEALTH OF MA, MPTC	\$9,600.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$900.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MA	\$5,297.51
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.	\$980.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$800.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$1,300.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$120.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$7,062.00
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$143,834.61
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	\$375.00
COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS & CONSULTING LLC	\$5,375.00

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION INC	\$295.00
CONSTANT CONTACT, INC.	\$220.80
CONSTRUCT	\$60,066.17
COREEN LARKIN	\$300.00
RICHARD COSTELLO	\$700.00
COSTELLO, KEVIN J	\$100.85
KATHERINE COUCH	\$286.34
COUGHLIN, TERRENCE R	\$15.86
COURTNEY LEE & HAMEL PC	\$25,000.00
COVERTTRACK GROUP INC	\$591.65
JACK COWLES	\$300.00
CRANE & SON INC	\$6,648.15
ALLISON CRESPO	\$424.02
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$6,350.00
RINGSQUARED APC LLC	\$3,504.00
ANDREA CROFUT	\$300.00
CRUZ HERNANDEZ, CHRISTIAN OMAR	\$145.63
ROBIN CURLETTI	\$300.00
CURTIN, BRANDON J	\$104.13
CUSTOM DRUG TESTING, INC	\$695.00
DAEDALUS INC	\$1,500.00
TOWN OF DALTON	\$675.20
DANIEL FITCH CONSULTING LLC	\$9,491.62
MIA DARONE	\$276.23
LEIGH DAVIS	\$347.57
JACQUELINE DAWSON	\$171.79
DECKER'S AUTOBODY AND MECHANIC INC	\$325.00
DECKERS AUTO BODY MECHANIC INC	\$6.62
DEMCO INC	\$1,376.31
DEMPSEY, THOMAS EDWARD	\$24.16
DEPT OF TREASURY	\$853,480.24
DESGINLAB ARCHITECTS INC	\$50,000.00
DEZIECK JOHN F	\$24.97
AMADOU DIALLO	\$600.00
DIAMOND MANUFACTURING INC	\$4,263.75

DICKINSON, PAUL S	\$9.00
DICTION SALES & SERVICE INC	\$15,785.10
ALLYSON DINNEEN	\$300.00
DISTRICT DEPT OF VETERANS' SERVICES	\$44,375.44
DIVERSIFIED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC	\$698,644.81
SARAH DIXON	\$300.00
DOBBERT HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.	\$5,100.00
LEIGH DOHERTY	\$300.00
DOMENICO, PHILIP	\$68.00
DONALDSON, STEPHEN G	\$101.30
DOSSI LLC	\$84.80
DOW JONES & COMPANY INC	\$1,260.00
RIAN DOWD	\$3,291.79
DOWNING LANE PC	\$24,000.00
DAVID PRICKETT CONSULTING LLC	\$223,550.30
DRAEGER INC.	\$2,102.00
DRESSER-HULL CO.	\$191.40
MARLENE DREW	\$551.20
DRIFTING NORTH LLC	\$13.19
DRUCKER, RICHARD	\$5.00
TIMOTHY DRUMM	\$159.20
DSCI LLC	\$13,322.37
DUFAULT, MARK R	\$35.33
DUKES ROOT CONTROL INC	\$6,233.12
ALICIA DULIN	\$590.55
RACHEL DUVAL	\$300.00
EAGLE SHOE REPAIR	\$6,922.90
EAGLES BAND INC	\$225.00
EARTHWORK PROGRAMS LLC	\$400.00
ECO GENESIS CORP	\$750.00
EDM INC	\$1,140.00
EHRICH, NATHANAE	\$377.60
EVERETT J. PRESCOTT, INC	\$41,012.82
ELAVON INC	\$28.05
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE LLC	\$781.37
ELIAS CASEY	\$199.00

ELIOT OSBORN	\$400.00
ELIZABETH GOWAN BERLINER	\$400.00
ELLISON EDUCATION EQUIPMENT INC	\$451.34
ELM ELECTRICAL INC	\$1,403.33
EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETING CORP INC	\$810.00
ENBERG BARBARA TRUSTEE	\$13.49
DAVID ENGELHARD	\$150.00
DAN ENGLAND	\$300.00
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	\$64.04
NOZZTEQ USA	\$3,019.69
BIGSON II LLC	\$97,992.15
ERIC CARLE MUSEUM OF PICTURE BOOK ART	\$150.00
ERIC LIMON	\$300.00
ERIC REINHARDT	\$500.00
ESCOBAR, DENYS S	\$241.10
ESO SOLUTIONS INC	\$6,270.00
E-ZPASS MA	\$336.86
CHRISTINE FABER	\$1,800.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$2,869.62
FAUL KAREN	\$69.59
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY	\$86,225.00
FEDERAL LICENSING INC	\$120.00
LORENA FELLOWS	\$5,381.00
FERLAUTO HENRY & SUSAN	\$5,913.10
RAYMOND FERRIN	\$3,897.08
FERTEL JONATHAN & GINETTE	\$59.10
FESTIVAL LATINO OF THE BERKSHIRES INC	\$300.00
FIBER CONNECT LLC	\$1,788.00
FIDDLEHEADS GRILLE INC TRUSTEE	\$18.56
FINANCIAL SERVICES VEHICLE TRUST INC	\$124.67
FINANCIAL SERVICES VEHICLE TRUST	\$75.00
FINDAWAY WORLD LLC INC	\$4,144.97

FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS FIRE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$545.00
FIRE TECH & SAFETY	\$2,938.70
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO.INC.	\$15,861.44
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO.INC.	\$2,531.56
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GT BARRINGTON	\$225,000.00
FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY LLC	\$12,825.45
FLUHR HOWARD & MARGARET	\$11.21
FLYING CLOUD INSTITUTE	\$350.00
DENISE FORBES	\$300.00
FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES INC	\$267,790.00
FOREST PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	\$388.00
FORMEL AUTO SALVAGE	\$322.00
NADINE B FOSTER	\$2,056.00
MARISSA FOUNTAIN	\$600.00
FP LEND FUND I LLC	\$16.84
FRANKLIN PAINT CO, INC	\$240.36
MICKEY FRIEDMAN	\$298.55
FRIEDMAN LESTER	\$5.99
FULCO, MARY PATRICIA	\$5.00
FULL CIRCLE TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$14,735.00
SEAN L FULLERTON	\$250.00
JAMES FUNK	\$300.00
THOMSON GALE	\$2,744.06
GALLAGHER FLUID SEALS, INC.	\$3,513.80
GALLS	\$952.24
KEITH GANGELL	\$790.13
GARDINO, KARENA EILEEN	\$23.00
GAS PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES	\$116.37
ROBERT GAUGHRAN	\$49.78
GB EATS	\$112.35
GT. BARRINGTON FIRE DIST	\$1,708,525.67
GEM ENVIRONMENTAL INC	\$8,680.00
GEMINI CREATIVE LLC	\$800.00

GENALCO INC	\$563.36
PAULA GENNARI	\$300.00
GENNARI, CHRISTOPHER MARK	\$15.07
MELTZ LUMBER COMPANY OF MELLENVILLE	\$21.60
GILBERG DAVID J & JUDITH C	\$10.51
JANICE GILDAWIE	\$300.00
MARGARET GILLET	\$300.00
GILLIAM MARION G H	\$36.96
GILMORE HEATING & PLUMBING	\$78.22
GILMORE'S HEATING, PLUMBING & A/C	\$11,036.76
GIR USA INC	\$792.00
GIROUARD KEITH E & ALDONNA T	\$17.94
GIROUARD KEITH E & ALDONNA T	\$6.10
GLAUBINGER JANE	\$223.07
GLOCK INC	\$1,250.00
OLIVIA GOOD	\$300.00
GOODRICH KURT C	\$62.25
GORDON RACHEL TRUSTEE	\$179.31
GORDON, MICHAEL L	\$48.37
GORHAM & NORTON, INC.	\$915.25
GOVOS INC.	\$19,260.00
GREAT-WEST LIFE	\$265,835.07
GREAT BARRINGTON AUTO SUPPLY INC	\$667.62
GREAT BARRINGTON ROTARY CLUB	\$250.00
GREENAGERS CORP	\$600.00
GREGG, HARRISON CHARLES SMOTHERS	\$284.21
GROSSHANDLER, SETH	\$309.74
GT BARRINGTON BAGEL	\$115.16
GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC	\$19,815.22
GT BARRINGTON PIZZA HOUSE	\$43.68
GT BARRINGTON YOUTH FOUNDATION	\$740.98

GUARDIAN UNIFORM AND SUPPLY	\$1,825.27
LISA GUERIN	\$25.00
GUIDOS REALTY	\$16,000.00
H.H.H. INCORPORATED	\$783.00
HACH COMPANY	\$862.41
DANIEL HADSELL	\$1,002.15
ROBBIN HALFNIGHT	\$300.00
HALLIGAN, INC.	\$1,000.00
HAPPY NAILS & SPA INC	\$29.72
HARDYMON FELDA G	\$19.67
HOLLY HARMON	\$53.11
HARRIS, FREDERICK BENNETT	\$34.89
HARRIS, SALLY ELAINE	\$303.93
TIMOTHY HASSETT	\$803.40
HD SUPPLY INC	\$1,070.42
HEALTHQUITY INC	\$20,033.61
HELEMS, WALTER JOHN	\$21.00
HENDRICK, JAMES	\$10.00
HENRY SCHEIN INC	\$1,283.01
HERBERT S SARWIN REV TR	\$52.20
DEBRA HERMAN	\$300.00
HERNANDEZ, OCTAVIO	\$46.29
ED HERRINGTON, INC.	\$18,513.82
HERZOG CALLIE J	\$136.66
HILLIARD ANN W	\$29.67
HILLMAN CONSULTING LLC	\$7,125.00
HILLTOP SECURITIES INC	\$51,894.46
ABIGAIL HINKAMPER	\$300.00
HOGAN, DENNIS JAMES	\$54.27
HOLLAND COMPANY	\$4,515.06
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	\$1,688.23
SAMANTHA HOMEYER	\$300.00
HONDA LEASE TRUST	\$20.13
HONDA LEASE TRUST	\$776.57
HORAN JOHN THOMAS	\$31.74
TIM HOSIER	\$90.00

HOUASTONIC REAL ESTATE LLC	\$300.00
HOUGHTALING, ROBERT E	\$84.66
HOUSATONIC WATER WORKS	\$48,547.79
HOUSATONIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION INC	\$51,742.33
HOUSATONIC BASIN SAMPLING & TESTING	\$2,940.00
HOUSATONIC ENVIRONMENTAL INC	\$300.00
LEAH HOUSE	\$295.38
HOUSTON ENTERTAINMENT	\$500.00
MELISSA HOWE	\$300.00
JAMES HUTCHINSON	\$300.00
HYMAN SANDRA MAY TRUSTEE	\$12.95
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	\$715.00
JOANNE IAROCCI	\$300.00
ICC GENERAL CODE INC	\$3,862.50
INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION	\$1,088.10
IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$2,528.94
IMAGE TEK LLC	\$9,190.00
INGERSOLL LAND CARE LLC	\$351.00
WILLIAM R. INGRAM	\$159.20
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	\$26,736.43
INTEGRATION PARTNERS CORP	\$839.50
INTERACTIVE SCIENCES INC	\$374.61
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIAPL CLERKS	\$185.00
DENNIS IODICE	\$2,000.00
IREDALE JANE	\$7,347.94
IS REAL TEAM LLC	\$860.37
IS183 INC	\$650.00
J & J LOCK	\$1,279.75
JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL INC	\$200.00
DONNA JACOBS	\$300.00
JAMES A MODOLO POST	\$21,600.00

JAMES SCHUMACHER	\$300.00
JANA LAIZ	\$200.00
DAWN JARDINE	\$84.61
JERRY SCHNEIDER	\$280.00
JOE'S MOBILE REPAIR SERVICE	\$4,054.50
JOHN FIELD TREE SERVICE, INC.	\$1,442.00
JOHN GUILFOIL PUBLIC RELATIONS LLC	\$1,449.88
JOHNS BUILDING SUPPLY INC	\$3,642.90
JOHNSON FORD	\$2,106.20
JORDAHL ERIC A & LAURA L	\$42.84
JOST, ANNE ELIZABETH	\$449.22
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	\$29.00
JPC POPS INC	\$527.68
JUAREZ, FRANCISCO MARTINEZ	\$11.25
REBECCA JURCZYK	\$1,719.87
JUREK BROTHERS, INC.	\$6,219.27
JURGENSON BONNIE	\$17.63
KAESER COMPRESSORS INC	\$4,642.41
KAM OF WESTERN DUSTCHESS COUNTY INC	\$2,500.00
KANOPY INC	\$2,049.45
KAPLIN IRA	\$19.02
KAY, EDWARD J	\$26.76
KCM AUTO WASH LLC	\$440.00
RICHARD KEEFNER	\$427.00
JAMES KEEGAN	\$400.00
KELLERMEYER BERGENSONS SERVICE	\$15.48
ROBERT KELLY	\$400.00
KENNEDY, MELISSA MARY	\$15.50
KENT JEFF	\$82.04
KENT TIMOTHY J & LISA K	\$7.92
KEVIN SMITH	\$250.00
KIM, ALEXANDER S	\$11.03
TARA KIMBERLEY	\$300.00
KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS	\$6,536.09
KIRBY BUILT PRODUCTS INC	\$2,107.62

KIRIAKEDES MICHAEL	\$58.18
KIRKUS REVIEWS	\$179.00
SAMARA Q. KLEIN	\$300.00
KLEIN JACQUELINE S	\$4,785.11
KMS ACTUARIES LLC	\$2,100.00
KOFFMAN SARA TRUSTEE	\$7.16
KOFIE PRESERVATION	\$3,130.00
KOHLERS LAUNDRY LAND LLC	\$10,298.00
MATTHEW KOLLMER	\$2,165.59
KOMPAN INC	\$56,157.00
KONRAD, CINDY ANN	\$109.96
KOSOF, BHOUNESHUARI MAYA	\$47.75
MICHAEL KOTLESKI	\$1,506.95
CHRISTINE KOVAL	\$300.00
KP LAW PC	\$60,861.54
KREST, ANDREA ALICE	\$80.12
KWIK PRINT INC	\$1,955.00
L & R BLOCK LLC	\$4,229.53
LACAL EQUIPMENT INC	\$3,477.57
LADYS TOUCH	\$3,750.00
ELLEN LAHR	\$300.00
E G LAHR PR & MEDIA	\$18,598.75
JOHN S LANE & SON INC	\$7,451.78
LAPINSKI ELECTRIC, INC.	\$10,342.39
LARAMEE CLEANERS	\$120.00
KEVIN LARKIN	\$159.20
LARKIN LTD ENTERPRISES LLC	\$14,693.39
LAROCHELLE CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$17,050.00
LAW OFFICE OF IRIS A LEAHY	\$15,446.46
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$1,132.55
LEE AUDIO N SECURITY INC	\$62,759.25
LEVINE KAREN	\$7.41
LEXIPOL LLC	\$3,049.50
LHS ASSOCIATES INC	\$7,649.50
LIBERTY CHEVROLET INC.	\$37,271.43

LIBRARY IDEAS, LLC	\$548.21
TIMOTHY LIKARISH	\$80.30
LIPTON ENERGY	\$327.20
LIS, DANIELLE MARIE	\$60.05
LL DATA DESIGNS LLC	\$1,485.00
LLB ARCHITECTS, INC.	\$25,636.56
LOCK SHOP OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY	\$552.50
LOCKE LORD LLP	\$47,500.00
DAVID LONG	\$50.00
JEAN LOUIS	\$295.77
THOMAS LOVETT	\$300.00
LUCAS JENNIFER A	\$85.10
LYDON DEVELOPMENTS LLC	\$11.81
LYDON DOMINIC	\$5.23
ANDRE LYNCH	\$300.00
ANDREA LYSY	\$300.00
M & W HEATING, INC	\$78,180.98
M MORRISON & L HEUER	\$10.15
MA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INC	\$375.00
MA HEALTH OFFICERS ASSOCIATION INC	\$50.00
MA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	\$1,918.00
MA POLICE WORK DOG ASSOC	\$300.00
MASSACHUSETTS TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION	\$360.00
MASS ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS	\$75.00
MACDOWELL DONNA C	\$1,189.99
MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	\$13,978.20
MACGRUER, JOHN A	\$10.96
ROBERT MACVEETY	\$500.00
MADSEN OVERHEAD	\$438.60
MAG RETAIL HOLDINGS - FFD LLC	\$46,872.20
MAGIC FLUKE CO LLC	\$948.00
MAGUIRE EQUIPMENT INC	\$29,650.00

MAHIDA VIJAY N TRUSTEE	\$37.27
MAICHACK ARTS	\$412.00
MAINTENANCE MAN ASSOCIATION INC.	\$16,240.00
MANHATTAN PIZZA	\$379.94
MANIRAJ LLC	\$66.78
MARCOTTE FORD SALES INC	\$103,357.10
MARGARET C AXELROD REV TRUST	\$6.62
MARK PRUHENSKI	\$9,696.31
MARKETPLACE KITCHEN	\$209.30
MARQUEZ QUIZHPI, NATALY ESTEFANIA	\$169.65
CWMARS INC	\$19,792.00
SARAH MARTIN	\$300.00
MARTIN MICHEL R	\$25.00
FRANKLIN MARVAL	\$6,250.00
WESTERN MASS ASSOC OF COUNCILS ON AGING INC	\$1,088.28
MASSACHUSETTS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN INC	\$1,001.50
MASS DEPT OF REVENUE	\$100.00
MASS DOR	\$322,921.96
MASS POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION INC	\$3,150.00
MASS. ASSOC. OF	\$271.00
MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF POLICE	\$9,548.00
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$183,093.29
MASTERMANS LLP	\$1,969.18
MA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC INC	\$150.00
J.H MAXYMILLIAN INC.	\$50,894.28
EDWIN A MAY	\$319.66
MAYFLOWER VALUATION LTD	\$11,000.00
MARIA MAYORGA	\$120.00
CASEY MAZERALLE	\$300.00
MCALISTER, STEPHEN ERIC	\$52.71
MCGOVERN MHQ INC	\$29,898.15

MCGRAW ARTHUR A & MARGARET MAR	\$1,412.51
BONNIE MCINTYRE	\$300.00
MA COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	\$330.00
MCTEIGUE CATHERINE M	\$140.00
MCTEIGUE, CATHERINE MARY	\$62.28
MEAD, JAMES DONALD	\$72.78
MEADOW FARM EQUIPMENT INC	\$16,084.85
MEADOW FARM LLC	\$3,700.00
MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS INC	\$5,582.68
MARY MENATTI	\$85.00
MENDOZA, JOSE A	\$301.04
JENNIFER MESSINA	\$631.52
BRANDON R. MESSINA	\$108.14
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	\$13,766.00
MIDWEST VETERINARY PARTNERS LLC	\$230.23
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	\$6,086.01
ERICA MIELKE	\$300.00
MIIA	\$203,000.00
MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP	\$19,295.00
MINUSHKIN IAN & RENEE	\$84.33
MIRABITO ENERGY PRODUCTS	\$81,814.66
MIRCHIN RUTHANNE ROWAN	\$227.67
MA MUNICIPAL ASSOC OF TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEES	\$190.00
MA MUNICIPAL AUDITORS' & ACCOUNTANTS' ASSOCIATION	\$95.00
MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL	\$2,790.00
MMM REALTY LLC	\$71.00
MMRHS GREEN HOUSE	\$2,659.75
MEGHAN MONTANO	\$300.00
TOWN OF MONTEREY	\$3,584.00
PAUL MONTGOMERY	\$427.00
MORAIS CONCRETE SERVICE INC	\$475,110.96
JAMES J MORGAN INC	\$28,573.00

MORGAN BARBARA M	\$60.12
MORIARTY, RONALD PORTER	\$23.62
MORO, JUDITH ANN	\$39.00
MOSKOWITZ CRAIG	\$512.05
MOTION PICTURE LICENSING CORP	\$260.44
MOTOROLA, INC.	\$16,860.26
MT CAVANAUGH INC	\$7,703.87
MT LIBRARY SERVICES INC	\$3,450.26
MULTICULTURAL BRIDGE INC	\$1,270.00
PAMELA MULVEY	\$51.35
MUNICIPAL POLICE INSTITUTE, INC	\$10,783.00
MURPHY & COMPANY	\$1,875.00
MURRAY, MARYANNE T	\$15.25
MUSEUM FACSIMILES	\$445.92
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE BOSTON	\$700.00
MUSIC ART PUPPET SOUND INC	\$3,300.00
MUSIC DANCE EDU	\$280.00
MYRON SOSNOW	\$300.00
NANCY PATTERSON	\$300.00
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY INC	\$2,609.83
NATELSON RACHEL	\$23.78
NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH	\$660.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUNCO INVESTIGATORS INC	\$150.00
NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION	\$67,325.00
NATOLI GAIL	\$23.52
NAYOWITH, BRUCE E	\$7.00
NAZOR, CAMRON E	\$16.42
NCL OF WISCONSIN	\$295.46
NEACTC	\$50.00
NEEDELMAN, RICHARD STEPHEN	\$136.15
NEIWPC	\$2,375.00
NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS INSTITUTE & ACADEMY	\$100.00
NEMCI&A CLASS OF 2024	\$50.00
NEOPOST USA INC	\$21,956.39

NESPIN	\$100.00
NETWORK ENGINEERING, LLC	\$36,870.00
NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS INC	\$10,797.34
NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM CORPORATION	\$700.00
NEW ENGLAND INSTRUMENT SERVICE	\$400.00
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH	\$52,993.68
THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY	\$2,158.00
NEWARK ELEMENT 14	\$710.57
NEWSBANK INC	\$610.00
THE NEWSLETTER	\$35.00
NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISES INC	\$19,095.00
NEXUS CONSULTING LLC	\$42,130.28
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION	\$175.00
NICHE ACADEMY LLC	\$990.00
NISSAN INFINITI LT	\$136.20
NOFA/MASS	\$250.00
NOLAN, CHISAKO ALYSSA	\$31.55
NONPROFIT CENTER OF THE BERKSHIRES INC	\$7,000.00
NORDEN TERRI ANN	\$75.11
NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE LLC	\$316.92
NORTHEAST MUNICIPAL LLC	\$470.95
NORTHEAST FASTENERS CO INC	\$1,033.86
EUROVIA ATLANTIC COAST LLC	\$1,294.90
NORTHEAST RESCUE SYSTEMS INC	\$4,093.00
NORTHERN SAFETY CO	\$719.70
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT	\$623.05
THOMAS NORTON	\$200.00
NORTHWEST RIVER SUPPLIES	\$483.60
NSI SOLUTIONS, INC	\$568.00
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	\$1,470.14
NUTSHELL PLAYHOUSE	\$400.00
JOSEPH O'BRIEN	\$5,091.46

O'CONNELL OIL ASSOC INC	\$100,507.05
OBERMEYER WERNER & IZEL	\$16.91
OCONNOR PATRICK & KERIN	\$29.76
ODONNELL, JANE DIANE	\$20.38
OLD DRONE APIARY AT FROG COTTAGE	\$544.00
OLDE VILLAGE MONOGRAMMING INC	\$5,210.10
THOMAS OLEARY	\$224.75
OMASTA LANDSCAPING INC	\$194,304.00
ONSOLVE, LLC	\$5,610.00
OPEN SESAME/INTEGRATED TECHNICAL SYSTEMS INC	\$839.34
ADRIANA OROZCO	\$10.00
OSBORNE WILLIAM R	\$19.49
OSTERMAN PROPANE,INC	\$433.23
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	\$35,141.64
OVERDRIVE, INC	\$35,130.80
JOVANINA PAGANO	\$16,965.87
PAGE, AISLYN ELIZABETH	\$17.78
PALADINO JOHN G	\$25.25
PANORA, MARTA DIANITA	\$31.83
PANTERMEHL LAND CLEARING INC	\$6,800.00
PANZANO CRAIG & JUDITH	\$894.09
DEAN PARISE	\$25.00
SARA PARKER	\$370.00
PARTAC PEAT CORP	\$29,720.67
PASIA, CECILE MAY ESTUART	\$91.55
PATRICK HOLLENBECK	\$294.30
CATALIS TAX & CAMA INC	\$4,500.00
PATTON, JENNIFER	\$99.95
PAULA ELY	\$1,299.03
ALEXANDRA PENDERGIST	\$300.00
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT INC	\$612.00
PEOPLES PANTRY	\$36,750.00
PERMA-LINE CORPORATION OF NEW ENGLAND	\$23,371.76

PETE'S SALES & SERVICE	\$35.00
JOAN PETERS	\$1,261.08
PITTSFIELD NEWS CO INC	\$1,940.22
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS,	\$26,824.22
PLASTICARDS INC	\$414.00
PLIMPTON & HILLS CORPORATION	\$3,044.68
ROBERT PLOTZ	\$300.00
PLYMOUTH ROCKET INC	\$600.00
PMAM CORPORATION	\$618.00
POLIZZI, JOHN MICHAEL	\$445.25
POLSON ELECTRIC INC	\$59,550.00
POPE, RICHARD M	\$16.73
POSTMASTER	\$143.00
PRECISE PAVING INC.	\$496,855.22
PRECISION TRENCHLESS LLC	\$16,685.25
PREFERRED PRINT SOLUTIONS	\$1,548.68
OTT TO PRINT GREEN, INC.	\$3,283.00
PROCOM SERVICES	\$3,347.30
PROQUEST LLC	\$3,046.00
PUBLIC SAFETY UAS LLC	\$1,800.00
GREAT BARRINGTON PUBLIC THEATER INC	\$400.00
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY	\$199.00
PVS MINIBULK INC	\$24,215.03
QJP LLC	\$462.00
QUALITY FLEET SERVICE INC	\$2,250.00
QUESNEL LINDA M	\$1,832.23
R & J SUPPLIES INC	\$19,166.64
R.I. BAKER COMPANY, INC	\$10,965.30
R.W.'S INC	\$3,775.00
RACE JENNIFER	\$428.13
RADA, ALLISON	\$103.28
RADA, STEPHEN ANDREW	\$140.48
RAILROAD STREET YOUTH PROJECT	\$289,029.60
RAIS	\$12,753.28
RAMIREZ JORGE	\$626.87
RAMIREZ, GEORGE OSWALDO	\$50.41

GAIL RANZONI	\$17,754.33
RANZONI, GAIL ELLEN	\$10.00
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING LLC	\$444.89
JL RAYMAAKERS & SONS INC	\$2,327,090.03
RDM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE LLC	\$12,725.00
READ ALISON	\$7.05
REAL ESTATE RESEARCH CONSULTANTS	\$15,800.00
RECITE ME NA LLC	\$2,250.00
REDPATH, ROBERT BRANDON	\$40.15
DAVID REED	\$250.00
KATHY REGAN	\$300.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$3,411.75
DAVID REICHMAN	\$326.99
SENTA REIS	\$3,080.00
RELIANT INK LLC	\$834.87
CHRIS REMBOLD	\$1,062.67
RESCUE DIRECT INC	\$1,841.75
RETHINKING LIBRARIES LLC	\$375.00
ANDREW R REYNOLDS	\$200.00
RI BAKER CO INC	\$797.11
RICHARD ELDREDGE	\$150.00
LISA RICHARDS	\$123.05
MICHAEL RICHTER	\$99.00
RIFENBURG CONTRACTING CORPORATION	\$1,265,798.72
RILEY CHRISTIANNA E	\$927.52
RIVISTAS, LLC	\$3,454.86
RJ ALOISI ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR INC	\$3,514.36
ROBBINS MICHAEL	\$1,699.51
ROBBINS-ZUST MARIONETTES	\$350.00
ROBERT/SARAH/K QUINCY HOUGHTON	\$25.97
FMST LLC	\$150,000.00
ELIZABETH ROCKFELLER	\$300.00
LEE ROGERS	\$1,325.00
RONNIES CYCLE OF BENNINGTON, INC	\$943.74
ROSE MASON	\$85.63

ROTH LAURENCE C/DAVID/AMY TRS	\$75.29
ROTHENBERG JEFFREY S	\$24.05
RP MA SOLAR LLC	\$297,898.80
RR DONNELLEY AND SONS COMPANY	\$240.00
CATHERINE RUEGAR	\$300.00
RWB SERVICES LLC	\$9,660.00
SAFETY FIRST FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTING	\$4,773.35
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP	\$5,318.71
SALEM FARM SUPPLY INC.	\$112,204.77
CATHERINE E SAMUELIAN	\$5,321.92
SANCHEZ, DANIEL E	\$30.26
SAND ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL, LLC	\$709.20
SANDRA BARLOW	\$300.00
SANTORES WORLD FAMOUS FIREWORKS LLC	\$3,000.00
SARAT FORD SALES INC	\$2,371.14
LAUREN SARTORI HOBGOOD	\$159.20
VICTOR W SCAPIN	\$90.00
SCHINDLER, THOMAS E	\$33.25
SCHMOYER TIMOTHY ROBERT	\$223.83
JILLIAN SCHUSTER	\$300.00
SCHWAAB, INC.	\$110.23
SCHWABE LIESL	\$25.29
EMILY SCHWARTZ	\$300.00
SCRAPPER SMITH LLC	\$880.00
SEALCOATING INC	\$95,651.16
SEGALLA PROPERTIES LLC	\$1,119.60
SEGALLA, ANTONIO MIGUEL	\$43.08
SENTRY UNIFORM &	\$15,792.30
SERVICE MATTERS LLC	\$4,951.00
SEVERN GOODWIN	\$300.00
SEWARDS TIRES INC	\$13,494.07
SEWARDS TIRES INC	\$147.00
REES SHAD	\$400.00
SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY INC	\$300.00

BEN SHALLES	\$300.00
SHAPIRO MARC & CARYN	\$19.42
SHAPIRO, NICHOLAS L	\$10.00
TOWN OF SHEFFIELD	\$12,282.72
BERKSHIRE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	\$1,469.99
SHERRY STEINER	\$300.00
RYAN SHIMMON	\$61.41
SHIMMON CHAD R	\$1,269.22
SCOTT SHORTT	\$300.00
GINA SHULTIS	\$33.16
BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK	\$16,571.92
NANCY SIMONDS RUDERMAN	\$165.00
SIMS U SHARE	\$1,600.00
SIRCHIE	\$58.74
SKYLINE TOWING	\$240.00
SLACK CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$30,496.71
JOHN SLOMAN	\$50.00
SMARTSIGN	\$1,037.10
PAULINE SMITH	\$300.00
KAREN SMITH	\$28.68
SMITH LINDA M	\$17.94
SECOND NATURE ARTS	\$725.00
SMITH, PAULINE MARIE	\$35.76
SOLAR, RICHARD L	\$6.00
SOLOMON RITA	\$205.25
ALAN SOTO	\$130.00
PETER SOULES	\$427.00
SOUTH BERKSHIRE REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMIT	\$500.00
SOUTH EAST MA BUILDING ASSOC	\$750.00
SOUTHERN BERK. POWER	\$2,556.07
SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$520.00
SPANIOL, MEGAN ELIZABETH	\$57.49
SPENCE, ROBERT AVERY	\$18.90
SPRINGHILL SUITES DEVENS	\$279.25
SPRINTCOM INC	\$663.76
STADIUM SYSTEM INC	\$5,762.50

APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	\$2,400.00
STANDARD & POOR'S	\$21,000.00
STAPLES INC	\$9,109.96
SUBURBAN STATIONERS, INC	\$1,265.32
STEINER BOOKS	\$190.55
STEUERNAGLE, ERIC MICHAEL	\$44.26
STEUERNAGLE, JULIE ANN	\$16.07
STEVE'S AUTO REPAIR, INC	\$91.10
DEBORAH STILE	\$137.98
STOCKBRIDGE SINFONIA INC	\$400.00
STOCKBRIDGE MOTORCAR CO INC	\$213.62
MAJA STODTE	\$300.00
PAUL STORTI	\$957.63
STRAUS MATTHEW	\$6,237.69
BERKSHIRE STUMP GRINDING	\$2,450.00
SULLIVAN ASSOCIATES	\$135.16
GREAT BARRINGTON SUNOCO	\$359.70
SUPERIOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS CORPORATION	\$4,306.96
SUPERIOR SPRING & MGF CO	\$2,400.37
SURF & TURF LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST LLC	\$4,725.00
SUZUKI KAE TOMAE	\$15.75
SWEET CHRISTOPHER	\$185.77
SYMONS, MICHAEL	\$21.75
SYNAGRO NORTHEAST INC	\$166,929.30
SYSTEMWORKS LLC	\$2,640.00
SZAHUN, SANDRA DOROTHY	\$129.54
TAFT FARMS	\$295.00
ANNA TAIGA	\$300.00
GIOACCHINO TALLERCIO	\$300.00
TANNER WESLEY B	\$9.11
TATRO FLOORING	\$56,902.25
AMY TAYLOR	\$300.00
TAYLOR DAVIS LANDSCAPE COMPANY INC	\$366,091.21
TAYLOR RENTAL CENTER	\$1,234.50

TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL CO LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$2,103.00
TERRY HALL	\$1,200.00
TERRY VOGEL	\$159.20
THE GORMAN GROUP LLC	\$993.20
THE MAHER CORPORATION	\$18,627.00
THEORY WELLNESS INC	\$45.37
THIRD SECTOR NEW ENGLAND INC	\$2,875.00
THOMAS CHRISTOPHER B	\$14.94
THOMPSON & JOHNSON EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$536.45
CHARLES A THOMSON	\$90.00
CHARLES A THOMSON JR	\$350.00
THOMSON, CHERYL ANNE	\$8.77
TIGHE & BOND INC	\$405,285.00
TILLINGHAST REBECCA MSW	\$77.64
ARIELLE TILLOU	\$300.00
TMDE CALIBRATION LAB, INC	\$453.50
TOLLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$2,408.00
TOLLNER, RICHARD W	\$25.12
TOPPI ETTORE	\$42.74
GGY TRANSPORT LLC	\$2,893.00
TOWER HILL SALES ASSOCIATES INC	\$9,259.58
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON	\$12,624.00
TOWN OF EGREMONT	\$1,120.00
TOWN OF LEE	\$12,548.69
TOWN OF LENOX	\$180.00
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE	\$896.00
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$3,823.69
TRAFFIC LOGIX CORPORATION	\$1,000.00
TRANSITTALENT.COM	\$120.00
TRC	\$688.50
TRI-COUNTY CONTRACTORS	\$108,623.45
TRIPLEX CINEMA INC	\$731.00
TRIPSHOT INC	\$10,500.00

TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$21,732.71
KEVIN TROIANO	\$1,684.79
TRUPANION	\$1,553.31
TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS	\$56.27
ANNE TULLY	\$300.00
TURNER, ADAM JAMIE	\$72.09
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$69,813.00
NATALIE TYLER	\$250.00
TZAMOL-COCHE, JOSEMARIO	\$29.31
ULINE	\$92.46
TIMOTHY ULLRICH	\$3,335.00
UMASS	\$1,925.00
UNDERGROUND SURVEYING LLC	\$9,600.00
DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	\$23,737.54
UNITED CONSTRUCTION & FORESTRY, LLC	\$210,364.17
UNITED AG & TURF	\$917.80
UNITED RENTALS NORTH AMERICA	\$1,509.46
UNIVAR USA INC	\$32,678.88
UNIVERSAL SUPPLY GROUP INC	\$187.91
UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISES, INC	\$110.00
US BANK TRUST COMPANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$9,808,927.58
US PLAYGROUND SURFACING LLC	\$2,461.00
VALERIO DOMINELLO & HILLMAN LLC	\$22,850.00
VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS SY INC	\$130.00
VALLEY GREEN SHREDDING	\$518.00
AIMEE VAN DYNE	\$400.00
KATE VAN OLST	\$300.00
HANNAH VAN SICKLE	\$2,250.00
ADAM VANDERNECK	\$445.38
OLIVIA VANSANT	\$300.00
VCFS AUTO LEASING COMPANY	\$305.00
VEHICLE ASSET UNIVERSAL LEASING TRUST	\$48.56

AMY ROSE VEINOGLU	\$289.30
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$29,339.54
ADAMS BUDZ POST 8183	\$11,500.00
VG ACQUISITIONS LLC	\$1,475.00
VICTORIANO, EUGENIO ISIDRO	\$37.63
CIVES CORPORATION	\$152,515.00
VILLAMIL GUTIERREZ, CLAUDIA	\$90.30
ROSS VIVORI	\$152.52
VOCALIS YOUTH CHOIR	\$250.00
VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE	\$50,000.00
W & B GOLF CARTS INC	\$600.00
JEAN WAGGONER	\$300.00
WILLIAM R. WALSH, JR.	\$427.00
WALSH, CATHERINE MARIE	\$42.50
WALTON FRANKLIN J	\$6,133.00
WARD'S NURSERY	\$23,308.54
WARD, LANCE T	\$258.53
WARRIOR OPERATING INC	\$32,460.10
WASHINGTON POST ENTERPRISE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	\$1,365.00
WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION	\$381.00
WATERTOWER WELDING LLC	\$24,052.45
WATSONS AUTOMOTIVE LLC	\$1,434.09
WB MASON COMPANY INC	\$6,064.28
WE COUNT PEOPLE LLC	\$320.00
WEB DU BOIS CENTER FOR FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY	\$35,372.50
WEI, ASHTON SI LE	\$21.25
WEINSTEIN JOAN	\$17.08
WELCH, JOSEPH GEORGE	\$259.00
KAYNE WELLAUER	\$76.00
WELLENKAMP GREGG	\$50.10
WELLENKAMP GREGG O	\$5.34
NANETTE S WELLS	\$300.00

WEST FARM EQUIPMENT, INC	\$226.93
WESTERN MA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOC	\$160.00
WESTERN MASS FIRE CHIEFS	\$115.00
WHEELER & TAYLOR, INC.	\$1,824.00
WHITE ENGINEERING INC	\$36,505.77
WILDFLOWERS	\$396.00
JOE WILKINSON EXCAVATING INC	\$139,656.40
WILLIAM BARTINI	\$427.00
WILLIAM FIELDS	\$220.95
WILLIAMS PAVING LLC	\$724,355.64

WILROSS FAMILY LLC	\$34.80
WINTER EQUIPMENT CO	\$1,014.00
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	\$2,617.77
RECYCLE AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.	\$5,335.29
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION	\$250.00
WONDERPLAY INC	\$235.92
C.N. WOOD CO., INC.	\$154.37
WOODARD & CURRAN	\$62,360.00
MEGAN WOODS	\$300.00
WORKCARE, INC	\$1,629.40

WW GRAINGER INC	\$8,452.12
WYANTENUCK COUNTRY CLUB INC	\$149.51
WYANTENUCK COUNTRY CLUB	\$26.56
XAVUS SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,680.00
YOUR COLOR CONNECTION, INC.	\$817.59
JANET W ZIMMERMAN	\$2,633.20
ZOOM COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$5,449.00
ZUYDHOEK, PAUL B	\$374.88
ZWACK, INC	\$1,549.97

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The mission of the Great Barrington Finance Committee is to provide advice and assistance to the Town Manager, Selectboard, and other Town officials on financial matters by identifying, analyzing, and making recommendations on financial matters that have a material impact on the well-being of the Town of Great Barrington. Under the Town's bylaws, the Finance Committee "shall consider any and all financial questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town," it shall hold a public hearing before Town meeting on any warrant article that proposes spending money or disposing of any town property, and it "shall meet quarterly to review receipts and expenditures of all departments under its jurisdiction." Under Massachusetts law, the Town finance committee recommends the budget to the Town meeting, and its approval is required to transfer money from the Town's reserve fund. Highlights of the Finance Committee's work this year are detailed in this report:

At its May 2023 meeting, the Committee prepared for FY24 by re-electing Philip Orenstein as Chair and Anne O'Dwyer as Co-Chair. At the June meeting, Town Accountant, Allison Crespo informed the Committee that Carmen Morales is the new Assistant Accountant. The Committee agreed to maintain the third Tuesday of each month for its regularly scheduled meetings.

During its September and October 2023 meetings, the Committee reviewed the potential financial implications of the proposed 8 Town Regional School District Merger. At its October 16 meeting, the Committee issued a statement, noting that a merger would likely have a positive financial impact on the Town (while also noting the many unknowns involved in the 8 Town Planning Board's projections). At the Special Town Meeting on October 23, residents of Great Barrington voted not to proceed with the merger.

Regarding the Budget and Financial Policy, the Committee noted the extensive review and revision to the Policy during FY23 and voted to continue the existing policy into effect for FY24.

In response to questions posed by residents about how to interpret their Q3/Q4 tax bills, the Committee used their December and January meetings to develop a *Guide to Great Barrington Real Estate Taxes* for Town residents. This guide was finalized at the Committee's January meeting and was

uploaded to the Committee's page on the Town's website.

The FY25 Budget Meetings—held jointly with the Selectboard—dominated the Committee's work in February 2024. The committee and Selectboard met five times over the four weeks in February, culminating with the public hearing on February 28, 2024. The FY25 budget was challenging to work through. As initially presented, the FY25 operating budget represented a 12.9% percentage increase over FY24. The Town Manager noted that the increase was mostly due to fixed costs, such as debt service, contractual salary adjustments, and retirement/insurance costs.

The new shared Building Department (serving Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Lee, and Lenox) was also a material portion of the increased budget. Great Barrington will pay approximately \$280,000 in FY25, according to the Town Manager's presentation, the Town will make up a portion of these costs in future years based on the increased number of inspections and permits.

The committee and Selectboard charged the Town Manager with reducing the overall Operating Budget as much as possible. Eventually, working through various scenarios, the committee and Selectboard agreed to proposed cuts of just over \$120,000 from the proposed FY25 operating budget, noting the need to maintain Town services and retain existing staff levels. These cuts brought the annual operating budget increase from FY24 to FY25 down slightly—to 12.0%.

The proposed Special Articles were also reviewed to limit spending. The committees recommended that the Town continue to fulfill its mandate to fund (\$80,000) potential Vocational Transportation; the Town's subsidy for Emergency Medical Services (to Southern Berkshire Ambulance) increased from \$151,294 in FY24 to \$205,326 for FY25; and \$150,000 was proposed to support research and planning in anticipation of applying for a State grant to renovate Ramsdell Library. Upgrades to the Town's Courthouse—initially in the budget as funded out of Free Cash—were instead funded from the Town's Sale of Real Estate account.

Recognizing how much the Town's borrowing in FY24 (in large part due to the successful completion of previously approved projects) resulted in increased Debt Service costs in the FY25 budget, the

Finance Committee, along with the Selectboard, worked to reduce the recommended capital borrowing for FY25. Working with Town staff, the committee and Selectboard reduced capital borrowing in FY25 from the initial proposed amount of \$8.6 million to just over \$3.2 million (not including Wastewater borrowing). However, Committee members and Town staff both noted that most of these reductions come at the expense of necessary repairs to streets, bridges, and culverts and thus only defer infrastructure costs down the road. Managing infrastructure maintenance needs while controlling budget increases will be a significant focus of budget planning meetings in future years.

At its April meeting, the Committee reflected on the challenges of the most recent budget planning meetings. The Committee discussed a series of proposals to allow for more Committee input and more time to review the budget proposals. These included more direct involvement with the

Selectboard Priority Planning Sessions, more opportunities to see projected debt service and utilization of previously authorized borrowings, receipt of the budget binder earlier relative to the first budget meeting, and holding some type of draft budget session prior to the printing of the budget binder.

Following the Town Meeting on May 6, the Committee met again once in June to review end-of-year budget transfers and final reserve fund requests. Over the year, the Committee approved four Reserve Fund Transfers totaling \$90,000. These included \$25,000 to fund the mid-year adjustment with the Town's HR position to full-time, \$10,000 for the Fire Department for repairs to equipment, \$5,000 for postage expenses, and \$50,000 to the Police Department for Overtime due to staffing challenges.

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In FY24 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws and the Town's bylaws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

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

- Worked with the Historic District Commission and the DPW to complete the restoration of the Belcher Square Trolley Shelter, supported by CPA funds.
- Continued a project to create interpretive signage.
- Presented a Town Artifacts Policy that was adopted by the Selectboard. The policy requires review by the Historical Commission before disposing of Town historical assets.
- Began participation in the review of the Town Master Plan.
- Conducted a search for descendants of Colonel William Brown, whose mausoleum is in poor repair. No descendants were discovered. A note was sent to the Cemetery Commission so that they can proceed with using CPA funds for the repair.

Manage and Care for Town Museum Collection

- Daedalus art conservators, Watertown, MA, completed annual maintenance of the Newsboy statue and fountain (1895).

- Continued modest work on the historical archives housed on the second floor of the Ramsdell Library. Work was restricted due to limited access to the library.
- Worked with the Historical Society to coordinate historic preservation efforts.
- Worked with DPW to improve landscaping at the Newsboy Statue and Trolley Shelter. DPW completed landscaping upgrades for the Trolley Shelter in FY24. Upgrades for the Newsboy Statue are scheduled for FY25.

Promote Historic Assets: develop programs that heighten public appreciation of the town's rich architectural and historical resources.

- Updated the Commission's smartphone historical walking tour and created a promotional brochure.
- In conjunction with the Historic District Commission, created utility box graphics depicting historical events and people.
- Continued to distribute Bernard Drew's book, *Great Barrington: Here & Gone*, which was published by the Historical Commission.

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

- Prepared grant support letters for Housatonic School adaptive reuse, Mahaiwe Theater soffit and chimney repair, and CPA

requests for both Mason and Ramsell Libraries.

- Continued to monitor the status of pending and proposed historical preservation projects related to historical resources in the

Town, including Housatonic School, Searles High School, Town Hall, and Ramsdell Library.

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission works with property owners, tenants, and the community through the public hearing process. During calendar year 2024, the Commission held a number of public hearings to continue work on the proposed site improvements at the Town Hall Complex. Hearings featured presentations by Foresight Land Services. Town Hall is part of Great Barrington Historic District A.

In Fiscal Year 2024 the Historic District Commission welcomed Carrie Chen as a regular member. Her experience as a landscape architect and building owner are valuable assets to the Commission. Member Fred Clark served as the Historic District Commission liaison to the Design Advisory Committee along with James Mercer, who served as the alternate.

An Alternate Member position remains open on the Commission. Anyone interested in historic preservation issues should contact us to get involved.

Respectfully submitted, Donald V. Howe, Chair, [Historic District Commission](#)

VETERANS' SERVICES

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, families of veterans, widows and widowers. We have made great strides in reaching out to veterans in our local area and alerting them to the resources available to them. My department has become accredited through the Vietnam Veterans of America. By becoming compliant with the Veterans Affairs, we can now service VA Health, and VA Disability and Compensation, along with all other VA benefits. Within our member communities we work with Elder Services, Community Actions, TRIAD, and the local senior centers in service of local veterans. During FY24 we have seen an increase in all areas of operation and currently have 33 active Chapter 115 claims.

Applications for VA Health Care	75
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	90
DD 214s	66
Request for Grave Markers	30
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	48
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	39
Assistance with medical appointments	52
Home and Office Visits	300+
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1,100+

The FY24 District budget increased slightly to adjust for inflation and cost of living. During these trying financial times all veterans, families of veterans, widows and widowers are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs to review entitlements as many changes have taken place. Great Barrington apportionment towards the FY24 DVS budget was \$44,375.44 based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

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

Town	FY 2024 Submitted 7/01/23-6/30/24	Pmt Due in FY 2025-75%
Great Barrington	\$41,966.85	\$31,475,14

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

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Great Barrington Cultural Council awards grants to organizations and individuals for the presentation of quality programming and events in the humanities, arts, and sciences. Highest (but not exclusive) priority is given to programming that serves the interests of Great Barrington and Housatonic residents, and local venues. The Council prioritizes educational, inclusive, and accessible events, programs, and exhibitions that engage a broad community. This year's grants reflect the vitality, quality, and diversity of our community.

During fiscal year 2024 the Great Barrington Cultural Council awarded 19 grants ranging from \$250 to \$500 for a total of \$7,036 to support a wide range of exceptional artistic and cultural programs and events. Grants were awarded to the following:

- History Alive (Bernice Lewis)
- Shakespeare & Company Fall Festival
- Willie Was Different (Berkshire Music School)
- Dances of Africa (Berkshire Pulse)
- Blue Rider Stables Circus Student Showcase
- S-M-Art Lab (Flying Cloud Institute)
- Greenagers Education & Stewardship
- Nutshell Playhouse at Pulse
- "TILL" (Triplex Cinema)
- Spring Teen Film Festival (Triplex Cinema)
- A Talk About The Universe (Costello Astronomy Lecture)

CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

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

Transportation: The Council on Aging (COA) has partnered with the South County Connector to provide essential transportation services to our seniors and people with disabilities.

Nutrition:

- Congregate meals served five days a week with special Guest Chefs two or three times a month
- Brown Bags of groceries distributed monthly; 750 bags in FY24
- Fresh produce from Berkshire Bounty available weekly
- Big Y baked goods provided twice a week

- Festival Latino of the Berkshires
- Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors (Music Dance Education)
- Stitched Stories (Second Nature Arts)
- Stockbridge Sinfonia
- Take Me Out To Berkshire Baseball (Baseball in the Berkshires)
- Legacies Exhibit (Center for Peace and Culture)
- Berkshire Voices Reading Series (Great Barrington Public Theater)
- IS183 Professional Development for BHRSD Educators

At this time the Council receives no financial support from the Town of Great Barrington, all funding comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Applications for 2025 will be available in the fall. For more information visit: [Mass Cultural Council](#)

The Council is actively seeking new members. There are currently 6 members on the Council: Sherry Steiner, Ellen Shanahan, Patrick Barrett, Allison Zinn, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan, and Peggy Reeves. The Massachusetts Cultural Council allows for 21 members for each local cultural council

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

- Annual Thanksgiving Dinners provided by Wheeler and Taylor
- 4 raised beds provide fresh greens for salads

Wellness:

- Exercise classes attended by approximately 140 seniors per week
- Support groups – 2 different groups with bi-monthly meetings

Resources:

- The senior center offers weekly Medicare and Medicaid counseling appointments via SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)
- Free Tax assistance through AARP facilitated 150 filings in FY24
- Educational workshops & presentations on a variety of topics including: estate and funeral planning, elder law, avoiding scams, and navigating technology (many of these workshops are collaborations with TRIAD,

a community policing initiative that brings together seniors, members of law enforcement, and service providers to increase safety through education and crime prevention)

- Assistance with applications (i.e. transitional assistance, fuel assistance and housing applications)
- Tech help and Insta-Cart training
- CHP mobile unit and TriTown Health services available monthly
- Foot Nurse appointments available monthly
- Booster and Flu Clinics

Social Events:

- Art & Dance Classes
- Bingo and Holiday Bingo
- Bridge

- Corn Hole Tournaments
- Day & Weekend Trips
- Monthly Book Club
- Movie of the Month
- Musical Performances
- Pitch/Poker
- Police & Fire Department Cookouts
- Tea Parties hosted by Extra Special Teas
- Theme Parties

None of this would be possible without the help of our generous volunteers and the members of the COA Board: Doug Wilber, Susan Hipwell Morris, Barbara Bailly, Donna MacDowell, Sandra Larkin, Anna Beining, Maureen Avery, and Jeanne Holcomb

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

LIBRARIES

Board of Trustees: In FY24 two new trustees, Laura Mars and Sharon Shaloo, were elected. Carol McGlinchey and Rob Shaeffer stepped down. New officers were chosen: Sharon Shaloo as Chair, Ruby Chang as Treasurer, and Laura Mars as Secretary. The Board completed a Strategic Plan to guide the Libraries through 2029 and secured a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant to fund a preliminary Building Program for Ramsdell Library. The Building Program was written with consultants at DesignLab following several community engagement events in which residents discussed their aspirations for Ramsdell. An application was submitted for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) grant. The Trustees also approved an update to the Library of Things Policy and co-sponsored the end-of-summer ice cream party to celebrate the completion of the Summer Reading Program.

Friends of Great Barrington Libraries: The Friends continued their books-for-donations program throughout the year. In addition, they funded a refurbishment of Mason's Reading Room along with the donated support of Bobby Houston and David Gilbert of Scout House. The opening of the new space was celebrated with a reception in January. The Friends also purchased museum passes for the library, hosted several movie nights, and provided lunches for the Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, and Staff Development Day. In addition, the Friends purchased new toys for the Children's Library and co-sponsored the end-of-summer ice cream party.

Staffing: FY24 saw the hiring of a new Director, Assistant Director of Programming, Youth Services Supervisor, Youth Services Marketing Coordinator, Youth Services Technician, and two Circulation Technicians.

Holdings and Circulation: In FY24 Great Barrington Libraries (GBL) holdings reached 323,762. That includes 71,356 items in print and a shared collection of 240,856 digital and audio books. There were 24,173 children's books and 2,926 books for young adults and teens. The remainder are DVDs, CDs and miscellaneous items such as microfilm and items in the Library of Things. New additions included collections of board games, dolls, and access to the following databases: Ancestry, Asian Life in America, Black Life in America, and Hispanic Life in America, and the LGBT Magazine Archive. As of 6/30/24 the value of the physical collections was \$2,096,662.

Grand total circulation in FY24 was 121,809. Of that, 40,595 was for children's materials, 39,567 of which was circulation of printed books. GBL imported 14,280 items via interlibrary loan for local residents and shared 11,079 items with patrons of other libraries. Of GBL's total circulation, 18,263 was to residents of other towns with certified libraries. 873 items circulated to residents of other states (usually second home owners).

Programs and Services: Both Mason and Ramsdell returned to full operations after staff shortages in

FY23 necessitated a curtailment of service hours. GBL was open 68 hours per week between its two buildings, including Sundays at Ramsdell. There were 7,240 registered borrowers, 4,954 of which were residents of GB. Approximately 65,595 people visited the buildings. Staff answered approximately 17,466 reference questions. Approximately 12,188 wireless sessions were provided to the public. Programs of note include an eclipse event featuring Rick Costello and his telescopes that attracted about 300 people. An African Drumming event at Ramsdell in April was also popular. Local author Paula Kurman gave a talk about the making of her memoir, "The Cool of the Evening: A Love Story," about her life with baseball personality Jim Bouton.

Financial: GBL generated \$25,222 in non-appropriated income. \$18,414 of that was State Aid to Libraries and the remainder comprised of donations and fees. The Town appropriated \$625,666 to the Library. \$123,747 was spent on the collection, including \$11,863 on technology for patron use. \$347,568 of the library's operating budget went towards staffing. The remainder of funds went to operating expenses such as office supplies and subscriptions for services that keep the library working, such as TixKeeper, the system used by patrons to reserve museum passes.

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

5-TOWN CABLE ADVISORY

The 5-Town Cable Advisory Committee's major accomplishment during FY24 was the completion and acceptance of a ten-year contract with Spectrum/Charter by the five towns. This was completed through the hard work of members Dennis Arseneau, Rene Wood, and Chairperson Linda Miller.

Linda has decided to step down after many years of service to this committee and we offer her great

thanks for her efforts. The subscribers to Spectrum could not have asked for a stronger advocate. Rene has also left the Committee and we thank her for her time and expertise. Denise Curtain, our recording secretary, will also be moving on from her position. All three deserve our praise for their work, they will be missed.

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

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

The members of the Trust are Fred Clark, chair, Ananda Timpane, vice chair, Garfield Reed, Selectboard representative, Bill Cooke, Joseph Method, and Krystyna Kurzyca. Peter Most was appointed as a member in April 2024. The Trust meets monthly on Zoom.

Vice Chair Ananda Timpane developed a comprehensive financial tracking tool which has been well received. She has taken on the task of reviewing and updating finances monthly. Fred Clark and Ananda Timpane met with the Community Preservation Committee to address concerns

regarding administration and financial accountability. The tracking tool shows how all CPA funds have been allocated and what the remaining balance is and helped facilitate this discussion.

Meeting minutes, which had fallen several months behind, were brought up to date in the fall of 2023. The Trust has made a commitment to keeping minutes current.

The Trust has continued to work with Habitat for Humanity of Central Berkshire on the project to create twenty new affordable houses in Housatonic. The Trust has been awarded a \$3.2 million grant from MassWorks for the infrastructure work. Habitat and the Trust also collaborated on the renovation of 40 Grove Street which was purchased by the Butler-Green family. The Trust has continued to fund a rental assistance grant program which is administered by Construct, Inc. No new funds were allocated to this program during the year. The Trust made three down payment assistance loans of \$25,000 each to home buyers.

The Trust posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to award grants for affordable housing projects. The RFP was open on a rolling basis until June 30, 2024 with two proposals reviewed during the year. 151 Front Street in Housatonic was awarded a grant of \$150,000. The Community Development Corporation (CDCSB) applied for a grant to purchase the former Thornewood Inn and convert the building into single occupancy affordable housing units, this proposal was discussed extensively, but ultimately not approved.

The Trust discussed ideas throughout the year on how to encourage tiny houses and new accessory

dwelling units (ADU's). Subsequently the Trust focused its efforts on creating an ADU incentive pilot program which will be implemented in fiscal year 2025.

Town Meeting confirmed the CPA committee recommendation to award \$23,000 to the Trust for FY 2025.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Great Barrington Housing Authority (GBHA) was created by unanimous vote at Great Barrington's town meeting in May 1963. It has four facilities: Flag Rock Village off Park Street/Route 183, Housatonic, with 18 family apartments and 32 senior units; Brookside Manor on South Main Street, Great Barrington, with 31 senior units; Dewey Court in Sheffield, with 22 senior/handicap one-bedroom units and 8 family units; and one State Department of Developmental Services house with four bedrooms.

The State Department of Housing and Community Development oversees and finances these units. The annual budget is about \$750,000. No town funds are used.

The GBHA underwent important staffing changes in fiscal year 2024. The director for the past five years and the chairman of the GBHA's Board of Commissioners, both resigned. Maureen Meier, newly appointed to the board, succeeded the former chairman on March 8 but resigned from the board March 16. Eileen Mooney succeeded her as chairman with Philip Orenstein, vice chairman and treasurer, and Jackie Sinico. Ms. Sinico is the

tenants' representative, a board position required by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, formerly the State Department of Housing and Community Development. The tenant representative is nominated by a housing authority's tenants' organization and appointed by the town's Selectboard.

After interviewing several applicants for director, the board hired Nancy Messina. On July 30, Frank Gunsberg was appointed to a board vacancy. At this writing, a vacancy remains for the board position appointed by the Governor.

One of the GBHA board's on-going goals is to have Sheffield represented on the board. At present, Sheffield residents can't vote to elect board members. The board is working with the town manager and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to find a way to facilitate this change.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Mooney, Philip Orenstein, Jackie Sinico, and Frank Gunsberg, Board of Commissioners,
[Great Barrington Housing Authority](#)

HOUSATONIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Members of Housatonic Improvement Committee (HiC) were elated that the Town finalized a purchase and sale agreement with WDM Properties LLC for the re-development of the former Housatonic School. The committee is grateful to the architects who volunteered their design and conceptualization skills during a one-day charette which informed our recommendation to the Selectboard.

HiC has accomplished a few other initiatives of note. In the early part of the year, we outlined specific areas of work that would guide us. Part of those priorities included defining interior and exterior improvements to the Housatonic Community Center. These determinations were included in a white paper sent to the Parks Commission. We organized, in partnership with Housatonic the Beautiful, a second Party in the Park held in June 2024 with approximately 1,000 participants.

The last initiative is the study of the reuse of 426 Park Street. A team of volunteers gathered drone footage, scanned of the interior of the building, and scheduled an architectural charette so that an

informed recommendation can be made to the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Lomanto, Chair,
[Housatonic Improvement Committee](#)

PLANNING BOARD

Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 the Planning Board held 24 meetings including two joint meetings with the Selectboard and one joint meeting with the Housatonic Improvement Committee. Over this period, the Planning Board endorsed 12 ANR plans (subdivision Approval Not Required). New development applications continued slowly, with the Board approving just six Site Plan Review applications, one of which was for the Town's reconfiguration and expansion of the Lake Mansfield parking area. Site plan approval was also granted to the expansion of the existing nursing home at 320 Maple Avenue. The Planning Board issued one special permit and made recommendations to the Selectboard on five others, including for the re-development of the former Housatonic School. Finally, the Board approved its first Subdivision in several years for the road to 20 homes being developed by the Town's Affordable Housing Trust with Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity in Housatonic.

right; and a slight revision to the Trees requirements in Section 6. The Board took no position on a landowner proposal to rezone a portion of Silver Street; that amendment was not approved by the voters.

Also in FY24 the Board began to review the existing Master Plan, and to deliberate on undertaking an update of the Plan in the coming year.

The Board and the Town Planner drafted three amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting, and each one was approved by the Voters. The approved amendments included: a new Coliving Residential Development bylaw; Amendments to Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, to permit more types of housing by

Planning Board members continue to be active in representing the Board on other town boards and commissions: Jeremy Higa is on the Community Preservation Committee; Brandee Nelson is on the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force; Pedro Pachano and Malcolm Fick are both on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission; Fick is on the Historical Commission; and Associate Member Jackie Kain represents us on the Design Advisory Committee. As always I am grateful for the immense volume of work that the Planning Board and Town Planner accomplishes for the Town, and for our recording secretary Kim Shaw, for her service to the Planning Board and the Design Advisory Committee.

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

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This Department facilitates and implements the goals of the Town's Master Plan, particularly with regards to conservation, economic development, and housing. We also provide support and technical assistance to applicants, homeowners, businesses, and to Town staff and Boards regarding planning, zoning, and community and economic development matters. The department continues its long time role coordinating the Town Manager's Development Review Team (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief) which provides technical project reviews. This Department also coordinates capital improvement plans and supports the work of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, and implements the initiatives of many other boards

and commissions including the Community Preservation Committee, Affordable Housing Trust, the Downtown Cultural District, and the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force.

Highlights for FY24 include:

Continued focus on housing and economic development projects, supporting the Affordable Housing Trust's joint efforts with Habitat for Humanity to develop 20 homes on North Plain Road. The special permit was approved by the Selectboard and the subdivision approved by the Planning Board. Bids from construction contractors are due in August 2024, with the work to be paid by a MassWorks grant.

Additional EPA funding was received to assess the former Ried Cleaners site, and that assessment work continued through FY24. The CDBG grant program for housing rehabilitation was quite successful with 15 homes receiving assistance critical to keeping homes safe, livable, and affordable.

We received a grant for fiber optic cable build-out to serve Housatonic, work on that project will begin in FY25. It will include a Wi-Fi network, municipal fiber optic, and fiber optic services to residential customers who choose to subscribe.

The Lake Mansfield project was substantially completed in FY24, thanks to almost \$2 million in state grants. The shared-ride microtransit service that began in FY23 was fully funded for FY24 and was a great success thanks to excellent staff and drivers.

In FY24, projects totaling over \$8 million in grant funds were under administration by this office, not counting CPA grants, for the projects mentioned above.

Finally, a number of Zoning bylaw amendments were developed by this office and recommended by the Planning Board to Town Meeting and approved May 2024 Annual Town Meeting, increasing the ability to build housing and mixed-use projects. Town Meeting also approved a variety of other initiatives coordinated by Planning, including CPA grants and land acquisitions and easements.

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

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is the town board that implements the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which was adopted by the voters of Great Barrington in 2012. Through the CPA, state and local funds are collected to fund open space, affordable housing, historic preservation, and recreation projects. The CPC is comprised of nine volunteers: two citizens-at-large, and one member each from the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks Commission, Housing Authority Board, Planning Board, Selectboard, and Finance Committee. The CPC administers the community preservation fund, writes and adopts a Community Preservation Plan based on community input, receives proposals from the community for expenditures from the fund, and recommends projects to Town Meeting to be considered for funding. The voters at Town Meeting must approve all CPA funding.

The CPC met ten times in Fiscal Year 2024, and in the fall and winter dedicated itself to reviewing CPA applications and preparing for the October 2023 Special Town Meeting and the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting. This was the first time the CPC opened a special application round for projects that had particularly urgent needs. The CPC received four applications for the special round, and recommended three to the Special Town Meeting. All three were approved by the Voters.

COMMUNITY HOUSING:

Construct, Inc: emergency family housing, \$92,400

HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

Town: building program feasibility for Ramsdell Library, \$50,000

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION:

Berkshire Community Land Trust: 200 North Plain Road, \$300,000

TOTAL: \$442,400

For the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting, there were 15 applications for funds – many more than usual. Ultimately, the CPC could only recommend seven projects for funding. Each one was approved:

COMMUNITY HOUSING:

Town: Affordable Housing Trust Fund – housing acquisition, creation, & support, \$23,000

CDC of South Berkshire: creation of housing at former Thornewood Inn, \$250,000

Construct, Inc.: housing support services, \$110,000

Marble Block Realty: creation of housing at 268-278 Main Street, \$150,000

HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

Town: Mason Library steps, \$95,000

Great Barrington Historical Society: restoration and preservation, \$77,000

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION:

Town: Grove Street park improvements, \$95,000

TOTAL: \$800,000

Since its inception in Great Barrington, the CPA has awarded over \$8.5 million. Voters have appropriated funds to affordable housing (40%), historic preservation (32%), and open space/recreation (28%) projects. The projects are spread all across Town and have resulting in over 130 new units of affordable housing, the preservation of multiple historic sites, including rare structures, significant

Town properties, and unique buildings, the planning and construction of eight walking trails and the preservation of 100+ acres of open space.

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

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

The members of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF) are pleased to submit this report of Fiscal Year 2024 activities and accomplishments to the community.

In FY24, LMITF, with the direction of the DPW and Town Planner, began the long-awaited construction of the comprehensive lake improvement project. In the summer of 2023, the Town received its second Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program (MVP) for the project, and in November we began construction. The parking lot was revamped—enlarged, made accessible, and stormwater filtration added; the park area received accessible paths and new sod; the outlet pipe replaced; and the lake side road eliminated and replaced with a walking path. The work was substantially completed by the end of June 2024 and only plantings remain – to be completed in the fall (FY25).

Background: LMITF was formed by the Selectboard for the purpose of developing and implementing a comprehensive Lake Mansfield Improvement Plan, coordinating the lake-related efforts of various boards and committees, and addressing a wide range of concerns including public safety, use and

accessibility, water quality (runoff, buffer zone erosion, and invasive weeds), lake improvements, protection of the watershed, and stewardship of the recreational spaces. Places like Lake Mansfield recreation area are critically important to any community as climate and economic shocks make it harder for the elderly and for families with children to find welcoming public places for gathering, recreation, and cooling off. The fact that Lake Mansfield is a free, open-to-anyone recreation area, and that it is centrally located within town, makes it readily accessible to a variety of people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Lake Mansfield Alliance (LMA) continues to mobilize volunteers and conduct community outreach, inviting people to use and steward this unique natural and recreational resource. Events include educational trail walks, trail maintenance, and yoga classes. The Task Force wishes to thank LMA, the DPW, and the Parks Commission for their dedication and care of the lake.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals met twice in the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and took the following actions:

- Granted a special permit to alter the nonconforming structure at 9 Elm Court, facilitating the re-development of the former Clinton AME Zion Church into the W.E.B. DuBois Center for Freedom & Democracy.
- Granted a special permit to alter non-conforming structure at 232 Main Street.

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

TREE COMMITTEE

The Great Barrington Tree Committee is dedicated to developing plans and advocating for the expansion of the Town's tree canopy for the purpose of reducing air temperature and creating a more

beneficial, healthier environment for Town residents, visitors, and wildlife. The Committee is charged with identifying suitable locations in both residential and commercial areas of Town, for the

installation of native shade trees where tree cover is lacking.

At the 2023 Town Meeting residents voted to allocate \$20,000 for the planting of trees. With assistance from the Department of Public Works those funds were used to plant 26 trees.

Location	Trees
Corner of Taconic & St. James	1
Main St. between Town Hall & St. James	1
216 South St, Housatonic	1
94 Hollenbeck Ave	1
50 Hollenbeck Ave	1
120 Hollenbeck Ave	1
Everett between Russell & Cottage	5
Meadow & Front, Housatonic	1

Belcher Square	3
South Street Park	2
Courthouse	2
Elmwood Cemetery (State Rd Entrance)	3
Elmwood Cemetery (Blue Hill Rd Entrance)	4
Total	26

The Committee is actively working on a funding plan to support a sustained Tree Planting program in Great Barrington. Committee members have appeared before the Selectboard and the Planning Board in order to request that budgeting decisions around critical infrastructure make concessions for tree vegetation. We are also working on a public outreach program to raise awareness and support within the community for the planting of trees.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Anidjar, Chair, [Tree Committee](#)

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Agricultural Commission is to encourage the pursuit of agriculture and promote agriculture-based economic opportunities. We facilitate and advance educational outreach in support of growing and processing local food through farming and gardening initiatives. The Ag Commission works in collaboration with other town boards and committees, local farms, and regional nonprofit organizations.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Agricultural Commission collaborated with the Board of Health on several important initiatives:

- Researching and testifying in support of the Board of Health's development of their "Regulation Restricting Use of Glyphosate Herbicides on Town Owned & Operated Property."
- Organizing, funding and coordinating a webinar on "Pesticides and Children's Health: How Can We Protect Our Community." A public presentation and Q&A with Dr. Sarah Evans, Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Medicine and Climate Science at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.
- Researching data provided by the MASSQuito Coalition organized by Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Massachusetts Chapter and 14 other leading regional

environmental organizations. Advocating for "An Act Establishing an Ecologically-Based Mosquito Management Program in the Commonwealth to Protect Public Health (S.445/H.845)."

The Agricultural Commission also coordinated support for three local outreach events:

- Multicultural BRIDGE's Solidarity Farm and Gardens in Great Barrington
- NOFA Massachusetts Chapter
- Bard College at Simon's Rock's Annual THINK FOOD Conference, "Making Local Farming Work" offering free conference attendance to all local students from all schools and colleges.

In recent years, the Ag Commission obtained Town Meeting support and grants to coordinate the development of the Great Barrington Pollinator Action Plan and Growing Better Great Barrington: Toward a Regional Food Economy in the Southern Berkshires.

Visit townofgb.org/agricultural-commission for more information on previous projects, Agricultural Commission policies, and activities.

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Orlowski,
[Agriculture Commission](#)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief: As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the accomplishments and progress of the Great Barrington Police Department. Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to enhance public safety, strengthen community relationships, and improve our operational capabilities. This year has been one of growth, innovation, and commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

Personnel Updates: One of our most significant achievements this year has been reaching full staffing levels for the first time in many years. We welcomed five new officers to our department:

- Three officers successfully graduated from the police academy in March 2024 and have already begun serving our community.
- Two additional officers are currently in training and are set to graduate in the spring of 2025.

In addition to hiring new officers, we were pleased to promote Sergeant Adam Carlotto to the rank of Captain. Captain Carlotto has been an integral part of our department, demonstrating strong leadership and dedication to our mission of public service.

We also promoted Officer Joseph O'Brien to the position of Investigator. Investigator O'Brien has shown outstanding dedication to criminal investigations, and we are confident he will excel in his role, strengthening our investigative capabilities.

Expanding Crisis Response Efforts: This year, we strengthened our commitment to mental health and crisis response by partnering with Clinical Support Options to bring a licensed social worker on board as a co-responder. She will work full-time within the police department, responding alongside officers to calls involving mental health crises, substance use disorders, and other situations requiring social services support. This collaboration ensures that individuals in crisis receive immediate professional assistance, reducing unnecessary arrests and emergency room visits while prioritizing long-term solutions.

Body-Worn Camera Implementation: We successfully completed our first full year with officers wearing body cameras. This initiative has enhanced transparency, strengthened public trust, and provided valuable evidence for investigations and court proceedings. The use of body-worn cameras reinforces our commitment to

accountability and professionalism while improving officer safety and community relations.

Training and Certification: We remain committed to ensuring our officers receive top-tier training to better serve our community. This year, we:

- Trained and certified three officers as drone pilots, expanding our capabilities in search-and-rescue operations, crime scene documentation, and emergency response.
- Achieved our long-standing goal of having 100% of our officers certified in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This milestone ensures our entire force is equipped to handle mental health crises with professionalism and care.
- Updated and enhanced our firearm training program to ensure our officers receive the best possible instruction in the safe and effective use of their equipment.

Community Engagement & Public Safety Initiatives: Strengthening our connection with the community remains a top priority. Thanks to a generous donation, we have expanded our community policing efforts by adding an e-bike patrol unit. This initiative enhances our officers' ability to engage with residents in parks, neighborhoods, and high-traffic areas while promoting environmentally friendly policing.

Additionally, we are proud to continue maintaining our Comfort Dog Program at no cost to taxpayers. This program remains 100% funded through generous donations from our community. Our comfort dog plays a vital role in providing emotional support to victims, de-escalating stressful situations, and enhancing our outreach efforts, particularly with children and individuals in crisis. We are grateful for the continued support that allows us to sustain this valuable initiative.

Grant Funding & Budget Support: Through the hard work and dedication of Executive Administrative Assistant Cara Becker, our department was able to secure over \$200,000.00 in grant funding. These grants have helped offset operational costs, allowing us to invest in critical training, equipment, and community programs while reducing the financial burden on taxpayers. We are incredibly grateful for her efforts in identifying and securing these valuable resources.

Accreditation & Departmental Improvements: Our department continues to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and accountability. We are diligently managing our accreditation process in preparation for our 2025 reaccreditation evaluation. This ongoing effort ensures we remain in compliance with best practices and maintain our commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

Looking Ahead: As we move forward, we remain dedicated to providing the highest level of service to our community. With a fully staffed department, enhanced training programs, and strengthened

community engagement efforts, we are well-positioned for continued success in the coming year.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the residents of Great Barrington, our local government, and our law enforcement partners for their ongoing support. We look forward to another year of serving and protecting our community with integrity, professionalism, and dedication.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduction: The past year has been a dynamic and productive period for our Emergency Management team. We have continued to enhance our preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities to better serve our community. Our team has successfully navigated several challenges, including assisting in wildfire management and advancing our operational capabilities through training and certification initiatives.

Key Accomplishments

Drone Program Expansion: We are proud to report that three of our officers have successfully completed their certification as drone pilots. This capability significantly enhances our ability to conduct aerial reconnaissance, search and rescue operations, and damage assessments. The use of drones provides critical real-time intelligence, improving situational awareness and response effectiveness.

Wildfire Response and Management: This year, our team played a vital role in managing a wildfire incident within our jurisdiction. We worked closely with local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate response efforts, provide logistical support, and ensure public safety. Our experience in incident command and resource management contributed to an efficient and organized response, ultimately helping to mitigate the impact of the fire on our community.

Incident Command System (ICS) Training Completion: Ensuring that our leadership is well-trained in emergency management principles is a top priority. We are pleased to report that all command staff have successfully completed ICS training, reinforcing our ability to operate within the National Incident Management System (NIMS) framework. This training strengthens our coordination efforts

with partner agencies and improves our response capabilities during major incidents.

School Safety Collaboration: The safety of our students and educators remains a top priority. Over the past year, we have continued to work closely with local schools to enhance emergency preparedness and response strategies. Our collaboration includes conducting safety drills, refining emergency response plans, and providing training to school staff on best practices for crisis management. Through these efforts, we aim to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students and faculty.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, our focus will be on:

- Expanding our drone program to integrate new technology and enhance emergency response.
- Conducting additional training and exercises to improve coordination among emergency personnel.
- Strengthening community preparedness initiatives to ensure public resilience in times of crisis.
- Continuing our partnership with schools to further enhance safety measures and emergency preparedness.

We are committed to continuous improvement and stand ready to respond to any emergencies that may arise. Thank you to our dedicated team and community partners for your unwavering support and collaboration.

Respectfully submitted, Paul E. Storti, Emergency Management Director

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year 2024, the following is the list of permits by category, the number of permits issued by category, and the resultant permit fees collected by this department:

CATEGORY	# ISSUED	PERMIT FEES
Residential	395	\$152,676.83
Commercial	64	\$59,094.25
SheetMetal	8	\$904.00
Trench	43	\$1,340.00
Solid Fuel	2	\$70.00
Tent	24	\$875.00
Sign	28	\$1,065.00
Certificate of Inspection (CofI)	89	\$9,155.00
Electric	338	\$54,960.00
Plumbing	108	\$13,500
Gas	114	\$11,550
CO (Commercial)	2	\$150.00
TOTAL	1,215	\$305,340.08

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

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

In Fiscal Year 2024 we strengthened our commitment to providing personal and environmental health, and disease prevention educations to the community. You can eat at any one of the 140 annually permitted or 100+ temporary food establishments in Great Barrington and rest assured that the Health Department team has your back, and your stomach! All of our annual and

temporary food establishments go through a rigorous permitting process to ensure food handlers are well trained in proper food safety techniques. The Health Inspector visits each food establishment between one and three times per year. We expect a high level of food safety from our prepared food businesses and in turn, they expect our presence as inspectors and educators.

During FY24 the Health Department collected a total of **\$41,944.80** though permit, inspection, and violation fees:

FY24 Inspections		FY24 Permits Issued	
Title 5 Inspections & Percolation Test Witnesses	46	Septic System Installation Permits	15
Ch. 2 Sanitary Code Housing Inspections	29	New Well Drilling Permits	3
Food Establishment & Temporary Food Inspections	294	Annual and Temporary Food Permits	193
Animal/ Barn Inspections	5	Demolition Permits	5
Nuisance and Complaint	5	Solid Waste Hauler	3
Annual and Seasonal Public Pool Inspections	15	Annual and Seasonal Pool Permits	15
Recreational Camps for Children Inspections	6	Tobacco and Nicotine Products Permit	10

Other highlights include:

- Participation in a national Emergency Preparedness Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.
- The Health Agent sat on the Berkshire County Board of Health Association and was a governing member.
- The Health Agent attends and is a voting member of the Western Mass Public Health Association.
- From December 2023 to June 2024 our Health Agent provided mentorship and professional training to the new Environmental Health Inspector in Williamstown.
- Initiation of a composting pilot program at the Great Barrington Transfer Station.

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca Jurczyk, [Heath Agent](#)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works (DPW) includes the Divisions of Highway, Wastewater, Public Grounds (cemeteries, parks, and areas surrounding public buildings), and Public Buildings (facilities). The Department also manages Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling, and engineering design projects for the Town.

Highway Division: The Highway Division consists of 6 full-time employees. They are responsible for the operation and management of 70+ miles road, including plowing and other winter road maintenance, pavement repairs, roadside mowing and clearing, street sweeping, litter removal, line painting (70+ miles of roadway, plus 50+ crosswalks), traffic sign maintenance, re-establishing drainage ditches, reconstructing catch basins, servicing and maintaining all equipment, and overseeing all roadway capital improvement projects. This group also operates the town's transfer station and manages landfill closure requirements. They are also responsible for unscheduled work such as answering emergency calls for automobile accidents, oil spills, fallen trees, flooding, washouts, and road icing. The department is on call "24/7".

Roadway infrastructure is one of the Town's most valuable assets. Roads facilitate everything from critical emergency services to shopping, commerce, and recreation. One of the DPW's main goals is to develop and implement regular roadway maintenance schedules that will prevent deterioration, which leads to more difficult and costly repairs. Proper maintenance techniques will protect the Town's infrastructure for the long term, while upgrading substandard elements of our roadway network. By utilizing cutting edge winter maintenance techniques our Highway Division has reduced salt usage by 40-50%, resulting in a significant decrease in the amount of salt added to the environment and mitigating the amount of corrosion to roadway surfaces, bridges, and vehicles.

Buildings and Grounds: The Buildings and Grounds division consists of 7 full-time employees. They are charged with maintaining all of the public buildings in Town including: Town Hall, Mason and Ramsdell Libraries, Claire W. Teague Senior Center, Southern Berkshire District Court, Police Station, Great Barrington and Housatonic Fire Stations, and Housatonic Community Center. This includes regular cleaning, up-keep, and repairs of the interior and exterior of each building and the surrounding grounds, as well as maintenance of various types and models of utilities systems such as, heating, air conditioning, fuel, and alarm systems. They also conduct weekly maintenance and repairs to vehicles and equipment.

The Buildings and Grounds team is also responsible for approximately 91 acres across 6 cemeteries, 26 town parks and green spaces totaling over 80 acres of mowing, trimming, seasonal clean-up, and regular trash removal. In addition to year round facilities maintenance, they manage building emergencies and respond to fire and security alarms, they provide support to the Highway Department during winter maintenance, and construct picnic tables for town parks.

During FY24 the buildings and grounds team continued to focus on standardizing maintenance schedules and methods, and developing systems to improve efficiency, and ensure the longevity and reliability of Town facilities, property, and equipment. The ultimate goal is to preserve historic buildings and valuable green spaces while reducing costs.

The entire DPW team takes great pride in making all Towns property shine. I would like to thank the entire department, particularly Paula Ely, John Malumphy, and Steve Larkin, for their excellent work in FY24.

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

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

During FY24 the wastewater treatment facility processed 455.1 million gallons of wastewater and 2.86 million gallons of septic tank waste. Additionally 2,339,900 pounds of sludge cake and grit were processed and disposed of off-site. During this period, the treatment facility discharged a high quality effluent to the Housatonic River, removing

93.7% of the biochemical oxygen demand and 96.5% of the suspended solids.

The wastewater collection system and the six sewage pumping stations were regularly inspected and maintained. We are currently undergoing an extensive upgrade to four of the six sewage pump stations replacing outdated equipment. Projected

pump station project completion date is the fall of 2024.

The results of our continuous inflow and infiltration study indicated areas of concern where extraneous water was infiltrating the sewer system. We completed the Christian Hill sewer lining project which encompassed lining approximately 5,937 feet of sewer main and 21 sewer manholes. This corrective measure will allow for less infiltrating flow being treated at the wastewater facility.

Each year millions of gallons of storm water is improperly drained into Great Barrington's sanitary sewers. During storm events this contributes to overloading the sanitary sewer system and the wastewater treatment facility. Studies have shown much of this problem may come from sump pumps which improperly discharge into laundry tubs, floor drains, or through other connections to the sanitary sewer. Residents can assist with decreasing the amount of inflowing water by abiding to the Great Barrington Sewer User Ordinance:

SECTION II - Building Sewers and Connections

10. Prohibited runoff connections.

No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of runoff or

groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

We are again asking the public to please dispose of baby wipes, cleaning wipes, flushable wipes, and medical wipes in the trash. These items have become a serious issue at the wastewater pumping stations by clogging pumps and equipment. Wastewater Treatment Facility staff are spending numerous hours a week addressing pump failures that are directly attributed to wipes. The wastewater treatment facility's operating costs and, ultimately the sewer user rates are directly affected by wipes and inflow issues. Sewer users can directly assist by disconnecting illegal sump pumps and depositing wipes into trash bins.



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

TOWN CLERK

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2023 and ended June 30, 2024 there was a State Primary Election, a Special Town Meeting, and the Annual Town Meeting.

	Registered Voters	# of Voters	% Voted
State Primary Election March 5, 2024	5,032	1,111	24%
Special Town Meeting Election October 23, 2023	5,025	470	10.7%
Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2024	5,018	253	5%

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 6, 2024 with voters acting on 28 articles. There were 3 zoning bylaw changes and 2 citizen petition articles. The most notable articles were citizen petition article 27 and article 18. Article 27 was a petition to promote and uphold the spirit and values of Community Policing. Article 18 outlined projects that were approved pursuant to the Community Preservation Committee Fund and included the following projects:

- Affordable Housing Trust Fund;
- Community Development Corp of South Berkshire;
- Construct Inc.
- Marble Block Realty
- Mason Library steps
- Great Barrington Historical Society
- Grove Street Park

There were 137 births, 127 deaths, and 51 marriages recorded during the fiscal year 2024. The Clerk's office issued 889 dog licenses, 91 business certificates (DBA's) and processed 174 public record requests. The Annual Census was approximately 7,000 with 5,018 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington at the end of the fiscal year.

Both the Assistant Town Clerk and myself recognize and thank the Election Wardens, Poll Workers, Board of Registrars and Volunteers that assist the Clerk's Office throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Joshua Risen, [Town Clerk](#)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

As of June 30, 2024 there were 4,881 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

Party	#	of
	Voters	
America First Party	1	
American Independent	2	
Constitution Party	1	
United Independent Party	19	
Democratic	1808	
Green Party USA	2	
Green Rainbow	6	
Libertarian	13	
Republican	244	

Inter 3rd Party	2
Socialist	2
Unenrolled	2778
Working Families	2
World Citizen Party	1

The annual census/street list was completed in May of 2024. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2024 was 6,982.

Respectfully submitted, Joshua Risen, Town Clerk

Marie Ryan, Linda Coons & Ellen Smith,
Board of Registrars

2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM
600 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD
MAY 6, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Great Barrington qualified to vote in Town Meetings proceeded to vote at the above named meeting place with the following results. The meeting was duly called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Moderator Michael Wise who welcomed everyone to the Town Meeting. Mr. Wise stated that there was a quorum present and noted the return and service of the warrant. Mr. Wise requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectboard member Leigh Davis read the following Official Land Acknowledgement: “As we gather this evening for our annual town meeting, where we will decide upon the future direction of our community, it is important that we also look to, and learn from, the lessons of the past. We want to acknowledge that we gathered on the traditional lands of the Mohican People, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We commit to continuing to learn how to become better caretakers of the land we inhabit, to understand the history and traditions of those who cared for it before us, and to learn from the successes and failures of preceding generations, in the pursuit of a more just, equal, Great Barrington.”

The Moderator introduced himself. Mr. Wise reviewed the emergency exit procedures and explained that the meeting was being taped by CTSB for viewing at a later date. The Moderator also asked the cell phones be silenced. He introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Jennifer Messina, Town Accountant Allison Crespo, Town Manager Mark Pruhenski and Town Counsel David Doneski. He also announced the Selectboard members on stage which were Stephen Bannon, Leigh Davis, Eric Gabriel, Garfield Reed and Benjamin Elliott and the Finance Committee members which were Philip Orenstein, Anne O’Dwyer, Richard Geiler and Madonna Meagher.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Wise. The meeting will be governed by the Constitution, Massachusetts General Laws, the Bylaws of the Town of Great Barrington and Town Meeting Time will be a reference guide. Only registered voters of the town may participate in the meeting unless permission is granted by the moderator. He did state that several non-voters did receive his permission to attend and speak tonight on certain articles. 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. Before anyone addresses the Town Meeting, he/she must proceed to the microphone and when recognized by the moderator state their name and address. Mr. Wise requested that voters speak only once per motion and limit their comments to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the merits of the motion and should not be repeated. Each voter has received a warrant, a neon pink card and a packet of yes/no cards. Mr. Wise will instruct voters when these are to be used and what color to use if needed. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the auditorium and they will report their numbers at the microphone when ready. The Moderator reviewed the different voting methods and procedures that would occur for all the business that evening.

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

VOTED AT 6:08 PM

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

VOTED AT 6:08 PM

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

ARTICLE 1: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town set the FY2025 spending limits for Town revolving funds as set forth in the Warrant, namely, Plumbing Inspections \$25,000, Wiring Inspections \$65,000, Gas Inspections \$20,000, Parks and Recreation \$20,000, and Council on Aging Transportation \$80,000.

VOTED AT 6:22 PM

ARTICLE 2: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town amend Chapter 36 of the Great Barrington Code, Revolving Funds, by adding a new fund to section 36-1 for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations as set forth in the Warrant, and to set the FY2025 spending limit for the fund at \$20,000.

VOTED AT 6:24 PM

ARTICLE 3: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 as indicated below:

Elected Officials' Salaries:

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

VOTED AT 6:24 PM

ARTICLE 4: (majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of departments in the Town for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

General Government

Town Manager/Selectboard	\$ 473,409
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	100,200
Financial Coordinator/Town Accountant	204,425
Technology	330,500
Assessors' Office	234,611
Treasurer/Collector	275,931
Human Resources	78,934
Town Clerk/Elections	158,944
Conservation Commission	47,173
Planning Board	5,610
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,250
Office of Planning/Community Development	180,510

Public Safety

Police Department	2,138,261
Fire Department	897,477
Communications/Emergency Management	24,461

Building Inspector	473,901
Animal Control	11,000

Department of Public Works

Buildings and Grounds	1,003,838
Highway	1,990,234

Cultural/Recreation/Human Services

Health Department	146,443
Human Services	0
Council on Aging	246,766
Veterans' Affairs	176,429
Libraries	654,955
Parks & Recreation	83,825
Various Boards/Commissions	21,000

Miscellaneous

Insurance	1,797,506
Debt Service	3,378,034
Retirement	1,230,281
Celebrations & Events	12,500

Total General Fund Budget \$ **16,378,408**

The Moderator stated he would go line by line and asked for the voters to call out hold if they wanted to discuss items. There were holds on five budget lines (Human Resources, Planning Board, Police Department, Libraries & Debt Service). The Moderator stated that since there were no holds on the remaining twenty five budget lines that a vote would be taken on those lines first.

VOTED AT 6:30 PM

There were holds placed on the following items:

Human Resources- Charles Williamson and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this item.

Planning Board- Pedro Pachano spoke on this article. He made a motion and it was seconded by Karen Smith to increase the Planning Board budget from \$5,610 to \$6,610 for an increase of **\$1,000**.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the amendment presented by Mr. Pachano.

AMENDMENT PASSED AT 6:33 PM

Police Department- Louis Stark, Police Chief Paul Storti and Erica Mielke spoke on this item.

Libraries- Louis Stark and Library Director Dawn Jardine spoke on this item.

Debt Service- The following people spoke on this item: Erik Bruun, Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Town Accountant Allison Crespo, Philip Orenstein, Anne O'Dwyer, Michael Monroe, DPW Superintendent Joseph Aberdale and Peter Franck.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the remaining 5 items.

Human Resources- \$78,934
 Planning Board- Increase of \$1,000 to total **\$6,610**

Police Department- \$2,138,261

Libraries- \$654,955

Debt Service- \$3,378,034

VOTED AT 6:49 PM

ARTICLE 5: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein & Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Karen Smith, that the sum of \$4,705,359 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring various items of capital equipment, as follows:

(i) purchasing shields for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$26,300 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.

(ii) purchasing radios for the Police Department at an approximate cost of \$8,375 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.

(iii) purchasing and equipping a new police cruiser at a cost of approximately \$70,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.

(iv) acquiring new rolloff containers for the Department of Public Works for the Transfer Station, at an approximate cost of \$25,934 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.

(v) acquiring two new zero turn mowers with attachments for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$36,750, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town raise and appropriate said funds.

(vi) purchasing and equipping a new vehicle for the Fire Department at a cost of approximately \$67,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(vii) purchasing and equipping a new wood chipper for the Department of Public Works at a cost of approximately \$82,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(viii) acquiring a new truck for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$115,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(ix) acquiring a new transit vehicle at approximate cost of \$22,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(x) making various buildings and grounds improvements, including the Courthouse, Great Barrington Fire Station, Mason and Ramsdell Libraries, Police Station, Town Hall, emergency improvements to buildings

town-wide, and related architectural, engineering and planning services, at an approximate cost of \$1,354,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$1,234,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000, and that \$95,000 be transferred from available grant funds; provided, however, that such borrowing shall be contingent upon approval, at an election, of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion.

(xi) making various street and bridge improvements at an approximate cost of \$2,745,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$1,745,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, that \$900,000 be transferred from Chapter 90 funds, so-called, and \$100,000 be transferred from available grant funds.

(xii) making parks improvements at an approximate cost of \$153,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, \$95,000 be transferred from available grant funds, and the Town raise and appropriate \$58,000.

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

The Moderator went through all 12 items within the article and asked that voters call out hold for any discussion. Four items had holds. The Moderator then went through each item for discussion on the items.

The following items had holds:

- (i) Jovanina Pagano and Police Chief Paul Storti spoke on this item.
- (iii) Eileen Mooney spoke on this item.
- (vi) Louis Stark, Fire Chief Scott Turner and Philip Orenstein spoke on this item.
- (vii) Charles Williamson and DPW Superintendent Joseph Aberdale spoke on this item.

Anne O'Dwyer wanted to clarify that in warrant article 5 it should state 1 police cruiser and 1 transit vehicle, not two of each.

Erik Bruun spoke again and stated he had questions about the debt. Philip Orenstein spoke to this matter.

Charles Williamson made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to amend Article 5 and remove the wood chipper (vii) from the list.

The Moderator then called for a vote on the amendment as presented.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 7:11 PM

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on all 12 items in the article and stated it would be done through a secret ballot vote using the purple yes/no card and that it needed to be a 2/3rds majority.

VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 7:21 PM
YES –189 NO – 27

ARTICLE 6: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Salaries	\$ 554,683
Expenses	1,058,480
Insurance/Benefits	235,810
Miscellaneous/Transfers	292,824
Debt Service	<u>1,011,498</u>
Total Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget	\$3,153,295

VOTED AT 7:16 PM

ARTICLE 7: (2/3 majority secret ballot)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Karen Smith, that the sum of \$2,650,000 is appropriated to pay costs of undertaking various capital projects and acquiring capital equipment in the Wastewater Department, as follows:

(i) retaining engineering services at an approximate cost of \$850,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town authorize the use of \$850,000 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

(ii) retaining mitigation services for CMOM (Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance) and Infiltration/Inflow at an approximate cost of \$200,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town authorize the use of \$200,000 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

(iii) rehabilitating and/or replacing various sewers and manholes at an approximate cost of \$100,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town authorize the use of \$100,000 of Retained Earnings in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

(iv) developing and implementing Pump Station upgrades at a cost of approximately \$1,500,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The Moderator went through all 4 items within the article and asked that voters call out hold for any discussion. There were no holds but the following people spoke on this article:

John Grogan Louis Stark Town Counsel David Doneski
Charles Williamson Joseph Aberdale

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the article and stated it would be done through a secret ballot vote using the pink yes/no card and that it needed to be a 2/3rds majority.

VOTED by 2/3rds SECRET BALLOT AT 7:35 PM
YES –204 NO – 16

ARTICLE 8: (majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Million, Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Five Dollars (\$20,644,805) for the

operating assessment, and Three Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand and Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$396,067) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Twenty-One Million, Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars (\$21,040,872) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon made a presentation on this article.

Charles Williamson spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 7:35 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 9: (majority)

On a motion by Eric Gabriel and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate \$80,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2025 tuition and transportation costs for out of district vocational education, in accordance with Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTED AT 7:36 PM

ARTICLE 10: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town authorize the use of \$3,675,000 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2025.

VOTED AT 7:37 PM

ARTICLE 11: (4/5 majority)

On a motion by Anne O'Dwyer and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town authorize the payment of prior fiscal year(s) invoices from the FY24 operating budgets of the Selectboard, Technology, Police and Insurance Departments, in the amounts set forth below.

Selectboard:	\$36.09 to Carr Hardware	Account Number:	01122-54200
	\$9,561.46 to KP Law, PC	Account Number:	01122-53020
Technology:	\$1,259.68 to Priority Dispatch Corp	Account Number:	01136-53000
Police:	\$1,825.00 to Priority Dispatch Corp	Account Number:	01210-57100
Insurance:	\$105.00 to Work Care (01/31/22)	Account Number:	01945-57500
	\$105.00 to Work Care (02/28/22)	Account Number:	01945-57500
	\$52.50 to Work Care (06/30/22)	Account Number:	01945-57500
	\$52.50 to Work Care (10/31/22)	Account Number:	01945-57500
	\$52.50 to Work Care (12/30/22)	Account Number:	01945-57500
	\$1,750.00 to Ancora Psychological LLC	Account Number:	01945-57500

The Moderator stated that this article had to be a vote by 4/5th's majority. The Moderator then asked for a vote on this article.

**VOTED 4/5ths MAJORITY AT 7:39 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 12: (majority)

On a motion by Garfield Reed and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town appropriate \$205,326 from Free Cash to support the operation of the Southern Berkshire Ambulance service (Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc.).

Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:40 PM

ARTICLE 13: (majority)

On a motion by Benjamin Elliott and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town appropriate and transfer \$200,000 from Sale of Real Estate Fund to pay for Courthouse upgrades.

Pedro Pachano and Town Manager Mark Pruhenski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:42 PM

ARTICLE 14: (majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate \$25,000 from Free Cash and appropriate and transfer the sum of \$125,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund, for a total of \$150,000, to fund planning and design phase services for Ramsdell Library improvements, said sum to be expended by the Town for library assessment, planning, feasibility and/or design; and vote to apply for, accept, and expend Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (“MPLCP”) grant funds in support of such improvements.

The following people spoke on this article:

Patrick Hollenbeck	Ruby Chang	Trevor Forbes
John Nelson	Jan Wojcik	John Breasted
Brandee Nelson	Stephen McAllister	Karen Smith
Malcolm Fick	Town Manager Mark Pruhenski	

Malcolm Fick made a motion to amend this article by replacing the words “improvements” with “planning and design phase.”

Town Counsel David Doneski stated he needed to check with the state on that motion to determine if it could be amended that way.

The following people then spoke on the original motion:

Michelle Loubert	Ellen Lahr	Sharon Gregory
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Town Counsel stated that the voter could remove the word “improvements” at the end of the motion and replace it with “planning and design phase”.

Fick agreed with that amendment to the motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The Moderator then asked for a vote on the amendment by Mr. Fick.

AMENDMENT PASSED AT 8:17 PM

The Moderator asked for further discussion and Denise Forbes then spoke on this article.

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on the main motion with the amendment.

VOTED AT 8:17 PM

ARTICLE 15: (majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate and transfer \$10,556.32 from Free Cash for deposit into the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund.

VOTED AT 8:18 PM

ARTICLE 16: (majority)

On a motion by Philip Orenstein and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town hereby rescinds the following amounts that have been authorized to be borrowed by vote of Town Meeting, but which are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were initially approved:

<u>Unused</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Approval</u>	<u>Warrant</u> <u>Article</u>	<u>Original Purpose</u>
\$22,803	05/06/2019	7	Various Building Improvements
3,843	06/22/2020	6	Parks Equipment
3,950	06/06/2022	5	Highway Truck with Snowfighter Package
3,633	06/06/2022	5	Roadside Mower
27,350	06/06/2022	8	High Pressure Sewer Cleaner

VOTED AT 8:20 PM

ARTICLE 17: (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses in FY25 and for payment of debt service and costs related thereto for the Memorial Field improvement project authorized by vote of the June 6, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY25 revenues for Historic resources reserve	\$67,500
From FY25 revenues for community housing reserve	\$67,500
From FY25 revenues for open space/recreation reserve	\$0

Appropriations:

From FY25 revenues for debt service on Memorial Field project, and costs related thereto	\$71,000
From FY25 revenues for administrative expenses	\$12,000
Balance of FY25 revenues for FY25 budgeted reserve	\$457,000

VOTED AT 8:21 PM

ARTICLE 18: (majority)

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY25 and from the fund balance the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation	
		FY25 Revenues	Fund Balance
<i>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</i>			
1 Town – Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$23,000	-	\$23,000
2 Construct, Inc.	\$250,000	\$250,000	-
3 Marble Block Realty	\$110,000	\$50,000	\$60,000
4 <u>Marble Block Realty</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	-	\$150,000
Subtotal, Affordable Housing	\$533,000		
<i>HISTORIC RESOURCES</i>			
5 Town – Mason Library steps	\$95,000	\$95,000	-
6 Great Barrington Historical Society	<u>\$77,000</u>	\$77,000	
Subtotal, Historic Resources	\$172,000		
<i>OPEN SPACE & RECREATION</i>			
7 Town – Grove Street Park	<u>\$95,000</u>	\$95,000	-
Subtotal, Open Space & Recreation	\$95,000		
TOTAL	\$800,000		

Assistant Town Manager/ Director of Planning & Development Christopher Rembold spoke briefly about the projects in this article.

The Moderator then asked if there were any questions about the proposed items.

Eileen Rosenthal, Jan Wojcik Sharon Gregory and Christopher Rembold spoke on item 4 (Marble Block Realty).

Sharon Gregory asked to make an amendment to this article. She made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to strike item 4 from the article.

The Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment but others asked to speak on the amendment.

John Breasted, Pedro Pachano and Leigh Davis also spoke about item 4. Craig Barnum, Marble Block Realty, then spoke about his project in detail.

After no further comments the Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 8:38 PM

The Moderator then stated he was going to go back through each item in this article one at a time and if anyone had questions the item(s) could be discussed.

Daniel Seitz made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience, to divide out each item in this article and vote on each item separately. The Moderator asked for a vote on this motion.

MOTION FAILED AT 8:40 PM

The Moderator proceeded with going through each item one at a time. There were questions on item 2 (Community Development Corp of South Berkshire). The following people spoke on this item:

Daniel Seitz
Krystyna Kurzyca

Jim Harwood
Karen Smith

Stephen Bannon
Denise Forbes

After no further discussion the Moderator asked for a vote on all items as presented in the main motion.

VOTED AT 8:50 PM

Pedro Pachano called point of order regarding the type of vote (majority vs. 2/3 majority) on the next two zoning articles. Town Counsel David Doneski spoke on this matter.

The Moderator stated that if the votes are close on the next two articles and he thinks that it might not be the majority, he will ask for a hand count by the tellers to confirm that each one has met the 2/3rds majority requirement.

ARTICLE 19: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Pedro Pachano and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town amend Section 11.0 and Section 3.1.4 of the Zoning Bylaw and add a new section 8.11 to the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in Article 19 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Amend Section 11 to add the following definition:

Coliving residential development: A building or part thereof that contains sleeping units where residents share bathrooms or kitchen facilities or both.

Add new section 8.11 as follows:

8.11 COLIVING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

8.11.1 Purpose. The purpose of this section is to encourage the development of Coliving, a housing option that generally is more affordable to residents because typical housekeeping facilities are shared in common with other residents. Coliving developments generally have no more than two persons per unit and typically comprise one or two rooms per unit.

8.11.2 General. Coliving, as defined in Section 11.0 of this bylaw, may be permitted by right or by special permit as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations, Section 3.1.4. Other residential uses may be permitted on a Coliving residential development site to the extent they are permitted in the underlying district. All Coliving developments shall require site plan approval in accordance with Section 10.5.

8.11.3 Requirements.

1. Area: Individual Coliving units shall have a minimum of 150 square feet of net usable floor area.
2. Management: All Coliving development projects shall require the filing of a management plan with the Planning Board at the time of site plan application. The management plan shall contain management policies, maintenance plans, rental procedures, tenant rules, security procedures, trash collection and recycling services policies, and contact information of management and owner, and the plan shall be updated as necessary and filed concurrently with annual inspections.
3. Common bathrooms: Common bathrooms must be located on any floor with units that do not have their own full bathrooms. Common bathrooms shall contain at least a) one water closet for up to eight occupants on the floor, (b) one lavatory for up to eight occupants on the floor, and (c) one bathtub or shower for up to eight occupants on the floor. For occupancies greater than eight, the minimum ratio of one water closet, lavatory and bath or shower to eight occupants shall be retained.

4. Common cooking and kitchen facilities: Complete common cooking facilities/kitchens shall be provided if any unit within the project does not have a kitchen. Any area that may be used for common cooking and food preparation must be defined in building plans and shall meet the applicable health and building codes, licensing, and inspection requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Great Barrington Board of Health.
5. Parking: Off-street parking for residents shall be provided at a rate of at least one space for each Coliving unit. Employee parking shall be provided at a rate of at least one space per two employees.
6. Bicycle parking: Projects shall provide at least one bicycle parking space per four units. The bicycle parking spaces shall allow for the secure storage of bicycles, shall be protected from the weather, and shall be located in a clearly designated, safe and accessible location.
7. Laundry facilities: Projects with up to 10 units shall have a minimum of two washers and two dryers provided in a separate room in the development. For projects with more than 10 units, additional washers and dryers shall be provided at a rate of a minimum of one washer and one dryer for every 10 units.
8. Common Space: Projects shall have at least 10 square feet of common usable open space per unit; no project, however, shall provide less than 200 square feet, each, of common outdoor space and common indoor open space. Maintenance areas, laundry facilities, storage (including bicycle storage), and common hallways shall not be included as usable indoor common space. Landscape areas that are less than eight feet wide shall not be included as outdoor common space.
9. The Planning Board may, by special permit pursuant to Section 10.4, authorize a deviation from the requirements of this section.

Amend Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, to add a new row A(12) as follows:

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT ¹														
		R1 A	R1 B	R 2	R 3	R 4	B	HV C	B 1	B 2	B2 A	B2 X	B 3	MX D	I	I2
A. Residential uses																
(12)	Coliving development	Y	Y	S B	Y	S B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	S B	Y

Pedro Pachano spoke on this article.

The Moderator stated that this article had to be a vote by 2/3rds majority. The Moderator then asked for a vote on this article.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 8:57 PM

ARTICLE 20: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town amend Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Proposed deletions are struck through
 Proposed additions are underlined

Permitted Use		ZONING DISTRICT ¹														
		R1 A	R1 B	R 2	R 3	R 4	B	HV C	B 1	B2	B2 A	B2 X	B 3	MX D	I	I2
A. Residential uses																
(1)	Dwelling, single unit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	S B	S <u>B</u> Y
(2)	Dwelling, two- and three-unit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
(3)	Dwelling, multi-unit															
	4 to 8 units	SB	SB	S B	S B	N	Y	SB <u>Y</u>	S <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>	Y	SB	Y	Y	Y	N <u>S</u> <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>	S <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>
	9 units or more	N	N	N	S B	N	S <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>	SB <u>Y</u>	N	SB ² <u>Y</u>	SB	SB <u>Y</u>	Y	SB <u>Y</u>	N <u>S</u> <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>	S <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>
(7)	Mixed use	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	S <u>B</u> <u>Y</u>	SB <u>Y</u>	SB	Y	Y	Y	P B	Y

The following people spoke on this article:

Malcolm Fick
Sharon Lewis

Daniel Seitz
Brandee Nelson

Michael Monroe
Louis Stark

Barbara Matz
Pedro Pachano

Louis Stark made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience to amend the article as follows: under HVC leave 4 to 8 and 9 units or more within HVC as is, requiring special permit.

Leigh Davis and Trevor Forbes spoke regarding Mr. Stark's amendment.

The Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment presented by Mr. Stark.

AMENDMENT FAILED AT 9:11 PM

After no more discussion the Moderator asked for a vote on the article as originally presented and stated it had to be a vote by 2/3rds majority.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:11 PM

ARTICLE 21: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Jacqueline Kain and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town amend Section 6.3.5 of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Proposed deletions are struck through

Proposed additions are underlined

6.3.5 Maintenance of landscaped areas. The owner of the property used for nonresidential purposes shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of all landscaping materials installed in accordance with this section and shall have a continuing obligation to comply with the provisions set forth herein. All plant

materials required by this bylaw shall be maintained in a healthful condition, and trees planted as required by this bylaw shall be replaced if they die with a tree at the original planting size.

Jacqueline Kain spoke on this article.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:12 PM

ARTICLE 22: (majority)

On a motion by Eric Gabriel and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to grant to Berkshire Natural Resources Council certain perpetual land use rights, under a Trail Easement Agreement, for the construction, use, and maintenance of a recreational foot trail across portions of the Town-owned cemetery property on Blue Hill Road and Rogers Road, to provide for a connection from Rogers Road to the Thomas and Palmer Reserve, as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled “Proposed Trail Easement;” and to authorize the Selectboard to take all actions and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

**VOTED AT 9:13 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 23: (majority)

On a motion by Garfield Reed and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town authorize the Selectboard and the Parks Commission to grant to WDM Properties, LLC, perpetual easements for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, repairing and replacing electrical, sewer, stormwater, and telecommunications infrastructure in the area between Meadow Street and the former Housatonic School, across the northeast portion of the Town park, as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled “Proposed Utility Easement;” and to authorize the Selectboard and Parks Commission to take all actions and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

Jan Wojcik spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:15 PM

ARTICLE 24: (majority)

On a motion by Benjamin Elliott and seconded by Christopher Rembold, that the Town acquire by donation a parcel of land containing approximately 149 acres owned by the General Electric Company, said land being shown on Assessors’ Map 5 as Parcel 8, and shown as “Lot 2B” on a plan recorded as Plat File P-7 at the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds on June 27, 2008, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; and to authorize the Selectboard to take all actions and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

Eric Gabriel, Louis Stark, Brandee Nelson and Christopher Rembold spoke on this article.

**VOTED AT 9:18 PM
(UNANIMOUS)**

ARTICLE 25: (2/3 majority)

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of approximately 1,069 square feet of property within the roadway known as Elm Court to the Selectboard for the purpose of transfer or conveyance to the owner of the abutting property located at and known as 9 Elm Court, W.E.B. DuBois Center for Freedom and Democracy Inc., formerly known as Clinton Church Restoration, Inc., said area of property being shown on a plan entitled “Proposed License Area Plan prepared for Clinton Church Restoration, Inc. 9 Elm Court,” dated July 14, 2023 prepared by Foresight Land Services, Inc., Pittsfield, MA, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the

Selectboard to take all actions and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith; and that the Town accept as a public way the altered layout of Elm Court as shown on said plan.

VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 9:19 PM

ARTICLE 26: (majority)

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend Chapter 142 of the Town Code, Sales, Special, as shown in Article 26 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Proposed deletions are struck through

Proposed additions are underlined

Sales, Special

1. § 142-1 Permit required. – Tag Sales

~~Tag sales and sales of similar nature within the Town of Great Barrington will be allowed by permit from the Board of Selectmen twice a year, two days each, within the calendar year, at any location.~~

It shall be unlawful for any person, group, unincorporated association, firm or corporation to conduct a tag sale, garage sale, rummage sale or its equivalent without a permit issued by the Town Clerk.

§ 142-2 Sale of certain property prohibited.

No person shall sell or offer for sale, at any tag sale, any property other than personal property. The sale of animals, firearms or ammunition, hazardous materials, or any other goods the sale of which is restricted by the Massachusetts General Laws is prohibited.

§ 142-3 Application form.

Application for a permit to conduct a tag sale, garage sale, rummage sale or its equivalent shall be made to the Town Clerk on forms furnished by the Town Clerk and shall set forth, under oath, such information as the Town Clerk may require.

§ 142-4. Permit issuance.

Permits required by this chapter shall be signed by the Town Clerk and be affixed with the Seal of the Town, shall be numbered in order as granted, and shall state the date and time of expiration.

§ 142-5. Permit fee.

The fee required by this chapter for the first and second permit shall be ten (\$10) dollars. The fees for additional permits will be set by the Selectboard. Any fee change will be by vote at a public hearing of the Selectboard.

§ 142-6 Permit contents; duration of sale.

The permit shall contain the date, time, and location of the sale and the person, group, unincorporated association, firm or corporation conducting the sale.

§ 142-7. Hours of Operation.

Sales shall start no earlier than the hour of 8:00 am and shall not extend beyond sunset.

§ 142-8. Display of permit.

The person, group, unincorporated association, firm or corporation conducting a sale which requires a permit under this chapter shall at all times during said sale cause the permit to be visibly displayed upon the premises.

§ 142-9. Limitations.

- A. It shall be unlawful for a person, group, unincorporated association, firm or corporation to conduct a tag sale, garage sale, rummage sale or its equivalent at any one residence more than on four separate occasions in any calendar year, or for a duration of more than three consecutive days for each sale.
- B. In a multi-dwelling unit, each household may conduct a tag sale on no more than three separate occasions in any calendar year, for a duration of not more than three consecutive days for each sale.
- C. Any person that is not the owner of record of the property must obtain written permission of the owner. The written permission must be submitted at the time of the application to the Town Clerk.

§ 142-10. Signs.

Temporary signs advertising the tag sale may be erected up to five (5) days before the sale and must be in accordance with Zoning Bylaw requirements, and shall be removed not more than 24 hours after the close of any tag sale. Signs that create a nuisance or threat to public safety are prohibited and shall be removed at the request of the zoning enforcement official or any Great Barrington police officer.

§ 142-11. Parking.

The person, group, unincorporated association, firm or corporation conducting a sale shall be responsible for orderly parking and traffic flow. The Great Barrington Chief of Police or any Great Barrington police officer authorized by him/her may establish and enforce temporary parking restrictions necessary to the safe and orderly flow of traffic and the passage of emergency vehicles. If parking or traffic flow conditions create a threat to the safety of the public, the tag sale event may be terminated at the request of a Great Barrington police officer.

§ 142-12. Violations and penalties.

The Great Barrington Chief of Police and Great Barrington police officers authorized by him/her as a designee have the authority to take down signs or close an event for public safety problems and may issue a ticket (non-criminal) for any violation of this bylaw. Violations include selling items which are not personal property, holding sales more than four times per year, or holding sales on more than three consecutive days.

The Great Barrington Chief of Police and Great Barrington police officers are authorized to enforce this bylaw by issuing noncriminal citations as provided in MGL c. 40, § 21D. The penalty for any violation of this bylaw shall be as listed below:

A.

- (1) First offense: A written warning shall be given. The sale shall be closed upon issuance of the warning.
- (2) Second offense: The sale shall be closed and a non-criminal citation in the penalty amount of \$50.00 shall be issued.
- (3) Third offense and any subsequent offense: The permit shall be revoked and the sale shall be closed, and a non-criminal citation in the penalty amount of \$100.00 shall be issued.

B. Any person, group, unincorporated association, firm or corporation to whom a non-criminal citation has been issued shall not be eligible for another permit for a period of one calendar year.

Ellen Lahr and Police Chief Paul Storti spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:21 PM

ARTICLE 27: (citizen's petition)

To promote and uphold the spirit and values of Community Policing to which the Great Barrington Police Department (GBPD) has committed, and to enable trained professionals to fulfill the stated missions of their respective schools, libraries, and educational organizations, the GBPD will follow best practices of referring questions and complaints about educational materials to the relevant oversight bodies and their appropriate legal counsel. Specifically, the GBPD will refer any and all initial assessments, investigations, and evaluations of materials utilized in the course of said trained professionals conducting recognized educational practices to the oversight bodies (district committees, trustees, boards) and their policies.

Erica Mielke made a motion and it was seconded by someone in the audience, for this body to support this language and create a resolution.

Erica Mielke, Police Chief Paul Storti and John Breasted spoke on this article.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this resolution.

VOTED & ADOPTED AT 9:31 PM

ARTICLE 28: (citizen’s petition-zoning)

To ask Town residents to vote to amend Zoning Bylaw §9.11 as set forth below, and to amend the Zoning Map accordingly:

1. *Amend a portion of Section 9.11, Mixed Use Traditional Zone (MXD) as follows:*

9.11.2 Location. The MXD shall consist of the land shown on the 2015 Town of Great Barrington Assessors’ Map 22 as Parcels 2, 3A, 4-13, 18-63, 66-88, *Map 24 as Parcels 6, 7A, 7C,* and Map 25 as Parcels 1-4.

2. *Amend the Zoning Map by placing the following parcels in MXD zone, as follows: the land shown on the 2016 Town of Great Barrington Assessors’ Map 24 as Parcels 6, 7A and 7C*

Purpose of the Amendment: In order to address Great Barrington’s Housing needs, the owners of the properties at 33 Silver St. and 35 Silver St. seek at Town Meeting to permit multi-unit dwellings on the properties. Prior to Town Meeting, the owners of each property shall record deed restrictions prohibiting non-residential commercial uses of the properties.

The following people spoke on this article:

John Lewis	John Van Wagner	Brandee Nelson
David Unger	Robert West	Roger Belanger
Madonna Meagher	Christopher Rembold	Town Counsel David Doneski

Brandee Nelson did state that the Planning Board did have a hearing regarding this article but they did not make a recommendation on it.

Linda Shafiroff spoke about the zoning in this area and what they were looking to do with this area of Silver Street if this zoning bylaw change was approved.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on this article. He did state that it required a 2/3rds majority vote.

2/3rds MAJORITY FAILED AT 9:44 PM

Mr. Wise made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by someone in the audience.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer L. Messina
Town Clerk

Total Registered Voters: 5,018
Total Voters: 253 (5%)