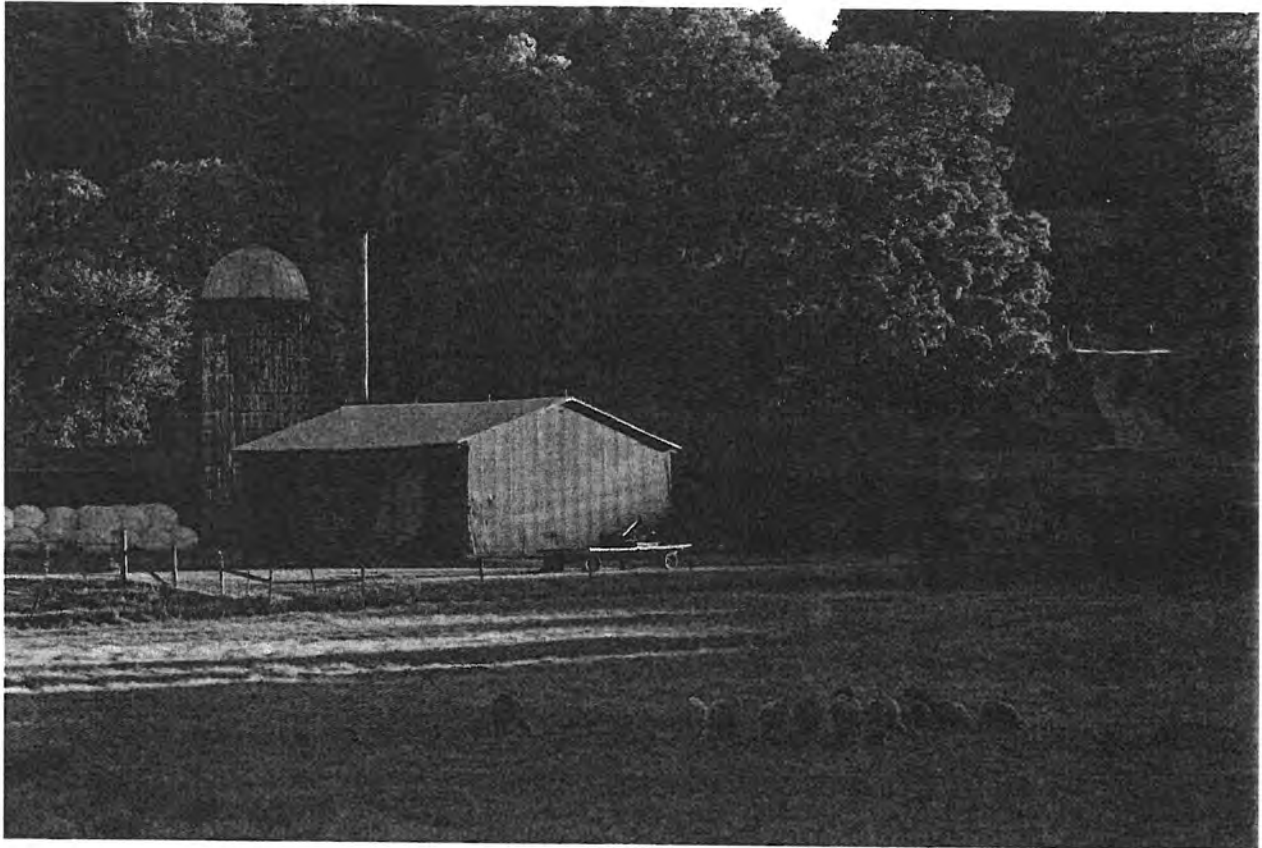


TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

MASSACHUSETTS



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ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,

2014

IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of the following former Town officials during the Fiscal year (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014) and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

Paul Hammer

Assessor's Office
December 2013

Joseph Aberdale, Sr.

Fire Department
January 2014

Frank Ptak

Fire Department
March 2014

Michelle Banach

School Secretary
March 2014

Judith Hagberg

Election Worker
April 2014

Lydia Gerard

School Cafeteria Cook
April 2014

Dorothy (Dot) Casey

Teacher
May 2014

Alice Siok

Secretary in Selectmen's Office
May 2014

Norman Roy

Election Worker
May 2014

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IMPORTANT CURRENT INFORMATION FOR USE IN 2015

Governor

Charlie Baker

United States Senators

Elizabeth Warren, Boston

Edward J. Markey, Boston

Congressman

Richard Neal, Springfield

First Congressional District

Councilor

Michael J. Albano, Springfield

Eighth Councilor District

State Senator

Benjamin Downing, Pittsfield

Berkshire Senatorial District

Representative in General Court

William "Smitty" Pignatelli

Fourth Berkshire Representative District

Annual Town Election

May 12th, 2015

Annual Town Meeting

May 5th, 2015

CURRENT UNITED STATES CONGRESS
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FACTS ABOUT GREAT BARRINGTON

Settled	1726
Incorporated	1761
Location	Southwest Corner of Massachusetts
Population	6,894 (Annual Town Census)
Legal Voters	4,276
Form of Government	Selectboard/Town Manager Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$13.56 Fiscal 2015
Public Schools	Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Police	Chief, Two Sergeants and Fourteen Patrol Officers Telephone: 528-0306
Town Highways	91.01 Miles, 162 Streets
Public Libraries	Mason Public Library Great Barrington Ramsdell Public Library Housatonic
State Forests	7,264 Acres
Altitude	721 Feet at Railroad Station
Area	45.86 Square Miles
Web Site	www.townofgb.org

TOWN OFFICERS

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard

Deborah Phillips	Term Expires 2015
Sean Stanton	Term Expires 2015
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2016
Daniel Bailly	Term Expires 2016
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2017

Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee

Frederick Clark	Term Expires 2016 (State Election)
Richard Dohoney	Term Expires 2016 (State Election)
Christine Reilly Shelton	Term Expires 2016 (State Election)
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expired 2018 (State Election)
William Fields	Term Expires 2018 (State Election)

Board of Health

Ron Majdalany	Term Expires 2015
Michael Lanoue	Term Expires 2016
Claudia A. Ryan	Term Expires 2017

Constables

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

Finance Committee

Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2015
Sharon Gregory	Term Expires 2015
Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2016
Leigh Susan Davis	Term Expires 2016
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2017

Great Barrington Housing Authority

Ariane Blanchard
Nan Wile
Ann Condon
Veronica Cunningham
Richard Needelman

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2019

Library Trustees

Kathleen Plungis
Emily Shaw – Resigned 2014
Edward Abrahams
Lauren E. Clark
Holly Hamer
Hilda Banks Shapiro
Adam Gudeon

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Moderator

Edward G. McCormick

Term Expires 2015

Planning Board

Jack Musgrove
Brandee K. Nelson
Suzanne Fowle Schroeder
Malcom Fick
Jonathan Hankin

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Zoning Board of Appeals

Madonna Meagher
Kathleen Kotleski
Carolyn Ivory
Ron Majdalany
Michael Wise

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

TOWN OFFICERS

CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Agricultural Commission

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

Animal Control Officer

Karen Jo Sicotte	Term Indefinite
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Animal Inspector

L. Locke Larkin	Term Expires 2015
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Assessor, Principal

Christopher Lamarre	Term Indefinite
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Board of Assessors

Christopher Lamarre	Term Indefinite
John Katz	Term Expires 2016
Bruce Firger	Term Expires 2017

Board of Registrars

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

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Thomas Hatch	Term Indefinite
Richard Needelman	Term Indefinite

Cemetery Commissioners

Robert Avery	Term Expires 2015
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2015

Marilyn Bisiewicz
Walter F. Atwood, III

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Chief Procurement Officer

Jennifer Tabakin

Term Indefinite

Community Preservation Committee

Edward Abrahams
Thomas Blauvelt
Jessica Dezieck
Martha Fick
Suzanne Fowle
Kathleen Jackson
William Nappo
Deborah Salem
Karen Smith

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
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Term Expires 2016

Conservation Commission

Lisa Bozzuto
Jessica Dezieck
Gaetan Lachance
Andrew Mankin
David Shanahan
Jeffrey Cohen

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017

Conservation Commission Agent

Shepley Evans

Term Indefinite

Council on Aging

Barbara Bailly
Amy Rutstein
David Rutstein
Grace Zbell
Eileen Gaarn
Michele Gilligan
Richard Needelman
Cara Holcomb
Jane Green

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Council on Aging

Polly Mann, Director
Rita Schumacher, Asst. Director

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Cultural Council

Marcia Stamell
Sherry Steiner
Hilda Banks Shapiro
Michael Wise
Rose Tannenbaum
Susan Pettee
Dan Thompson

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Design Advisory Committee

Edwin May
Stephen Dietemann
Gaetan LaChance
Stephen Leigh
Stephan Green
Lisa Landry
Malcolm Fick (Planning Board Member)
Jonathan Hankin (Planning Board Member)
James Mercer (Historic District Commission Member)

Ex-Officio
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015

Emergency Management Director

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

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Energy Committee

Brandee Nelson
Christopher Vlcek
Alana Chernila
Ryan Caruso
Beth Moser

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Fence Viewers

Harold Shaw
Bernard Drew
Kurt Barbieri

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015

Fire Department

Charles Burger, Chief
Terrance Chamberland, Deputy Chief
Steven Hall, Deputy Chief
Edward G. McCormick, Deputy Chief
David Benham, Captain
James Mead, Captain
Robert Hammer, Jr. Lieutenant
Darryl Marks. Lieutenant
Marc Palumbo, Lieutenant
Richard Aloisi
Alan Anderson
Justin Bona
Jacob Borden
Joseph Bozza
Derek Burger
Marco Cando
James Carr
Elias Casey
Max Ehrman-Shapiro
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Robert Gaughran
Randall Higgins
George Houghtlin
Sam Hungate
Christopher Laramée
Thomas Lovett, Jr.
Sean McMahon
Adam Mead
Brian Mead
Peter Montana
Chris Nelson
Justin Osak
Matthew Pevzner
David Renner
James Reynolds
Joshua A. Seile
Louis Stark

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Cameron Stephenson
Timothy Stevens
Joel Timm
John Woodard

Term Indefinite
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Term Indefinite

Gas Inspector

Robert L. Gennari
Robert Krupski, Deputy

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Great Barrington Technology Committee

Stephen Bohrer

Term Indefinite

Great Barrington Housing Authority Director

Barbara Heaphy

Term Indefinite

Health Agent

Mark Pruhenski- Resigned 2014
Jayne Smith

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Health Inspector

L. Locke Larkin

Term Indefinite

Historical Commission

Marilyn Bisiewicz
Gary Leveille
Malcolm Fick
Donald Howe
David Rutstein
Paul Ivory
William Nappo

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Historic District Commission

Holly Troiano

Term Expires 2015

Donald Howe
James Mercer
Patricia Ryan (Alternate)
Daniel Bailly
Barbara A. Syer

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Inspector of Buildings

Edwin May
Anthony Barnaba, Assistant
Ned Baldwin, Alternate Asst.

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Keeper of the Lock-up

William Walsh, Jr.

Term Indefinite

Library Director

Amanda DeGiorgis

Term Indefinite

Parking Clerk

Deborah Ball

Term Indefinite

Parks Commissioners

Stephen Bannon
Charles Bouteiller
Donovan Lally
Paul Gibbons, Chairman
Karen Smith
Anthony Troiano
Thomas Norton
Kathleen Plungis
Patricia Salvi

Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Planning Board (Alternate Member)

Jeremy Higa

Term Expires 2018

Plumbing Inspector

Robert Krupski
Robert Gennari, Deputy

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Police Officers

William Walsh, Jr., Chief
Paul Storti, Sergeant
William Bartini, Sergeant
Kristopher M. Balestro
James Bragdon
Adam J. Carlotto
Jonathan Finnerty
Richard Keefner
Jason LaForest
Paul Montgomery
Christopher Peebles
Joseph A. O' Brien
Chad Shimmon
Samuel Stolzar
Ryan Storti
Timothy Ullrich
Victor Zucco

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Police Officers, Special

Brian Arnold
Daniel Bartini
Richard Congdon
Dalton Griffin
Edward Hearn
Andreas Huertas
Ryan Quinto
Timothy Roy
Ryan Storti

Term Indefinite
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Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Details Only

Daniel Bersaw
Michael Bertelli
Richard Gardella
Paul Harvey
Craig Scott

Term Indefinite
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Sanitary Inspector

Mark Pruhenski – Resigned 2014
Jayne Smith

Term Indefinite
Term Indefinite

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Vacchina

Term Indefinite

Sign Officer

Edwin May

Term Indefinite

Town Accountant/Financial Coordinator

Lauren M. Sartori

Term Indefinite

Town Clerk

Marie Y. Ryan

Term Indefinite

Town Collector

Sandra C. Larkin

Term Indefinite

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Town Manager

Jennifer Tabakin

Term Indefinite

Town Treasurer

Sandra C. Larkin

Term Indefinite

Tree Committee

Laurily Epstein	Term Expires 2015
Dennis Gibbons	Term Expires 2015
Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2016
Jessica Wikle	Term Expires 2016
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2016
Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2017
Beth Moser	Term Expires 2017

Tree Warden

Michael Peretti	Term Indefinite
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Truck Weighers

Daniel Bersaw	Term Indefinite
Paul Storti	Term Indefinite

Veteran's Agent

Laurie Hils	Term Indefinite
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Wire Inspector

Theodore Piontek	Term Indefinite
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Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate Members)

Donald Hagberg	Term Expires 2016
John Katz	Term Expires 2015

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES

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

COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

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

Agricultural Commission	Call of Chairman
Board of Assessors	Call of the Chairman
Board of Health	First Thursday of Each Month at 7:30 P.M.
Cemetery Commission	Call of the Chairman
Community Preservation Committee	Call of the Chairman (At GB Fire Station, State Road)
Conservation Commission	Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M.
Council on Aging	Last Wednesday of Each Month at 1:15 P.M. (At the Senior Center, Main Street)
Cultural Council	Call of the Chairman
Design Advisory Committee	Call of the Chairman
Energy Committee	Call of the Chairman
Finance Committee	Call of the Chairman
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee	Every 3 months at 6:30 PM (Meetings rotate throughout Towns)
Historical Commission	Call of the Chairman
Historic District Commission	Third Thursday of Each Month @6:30 P.M.
Housing Authority	Third Thursday of Each Month at 2:15 P.M. (At Bernard Gibbons Drive)
Library Trustees	Second Thursday of Each Month at 5:30 P.M. (At the Mason Library, Main Street)
Parks Commission	Second Monday of Each Month at 5:00 P.M. (At the Mason Library, Main Street)
Planning Board	2 nd and 4 th Thursday's of Each Month at 7:00 P.M.
School Committee	Typically Twice a Month at 7:00 P.M. (Location to be determined each meeting)
Selectboard	Typically 2 nd & 4 th Monday's at 7:00 P.M., Call to verify
Tree Committee	First Wednesday of Each Month at 5:15 P.M. (At the Mason Library, Main Street)
Zoning Board of Appeals	Call of the Chairman

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD AND TOWN MANAGER

This fiscal year, the Great Barrington Selectboard welcomed newly elected Daniel Bailly to the Board, congratulated Stephen Bannon on his reelection and recognized the committed service from Board member Alana Chernila who finished her term. On July 1, 2013, the Great Barrington Selectboard appointed Jennifer Tabakin to serve as Town Manager, who relocated from New York City with her family.

Summer 2013

A top priority was to finalize the design documents for the Main Street Reconstruction project. In July, the Town held a Main Street community workshop to address outstanding issues and provide presentation materials to illustrate the design concept, planting plans and logistical details. At the same time, the Town worked to obtain agreements for sidewalk easements for the Main Street project. The final design documents were provided to Mass DOT in November 2013, with the procurement phase following and the contract being awarded in July 2014. The other large infrastructure project in 2013 was the completion of Castle Hill Avenue drainage project, a large investment in upgraded utilities.

Throughout the summer of 2013, the Town conducted negotiations with Massachusetts Trial Court for a ten-year lease of Dewey School. The lease provided the Town with additional funds to offset the cost of the improvements the Town will do to maintain and upgrade the building.

The summer of 2013 was the last year that the GB Farmer's market operated at the train station. Due to its success and popularity, the market required a new location to provide additional space for vendors and parking. That summer, the bandstand concerts added additional musicians to their summer series in the evenings. August of 2013 welcomed the return of SummerFest to downtown to bring back the festive street celebration. Throughout the summer and fall, the Selectboard held strategic planning meetings to set an active agenda for the year and helped the Town Manager learn the local issues and concerns; meet residents, local organizations and merchants.

Fall 2013

In September, the final design of the first phase of the wastewater treatment plant repairs progressed and final construction documents were out to bid in January 2014.

In October, 2013, the Selectboard and Planning Board approved the Master Plan, marking a significant milestone for the three-year comprehensive planning process. The GB Master Plan outlines a comprehensive vision and strategic approach to address the ways to preserve and strengthen the quality of our lifestyle, environment and community in our Town. This plan sets an important framework for the future of our Town.

In the Fall of 2013, the Selectboard, with the community, addressed a wide range of policy issues. This included concerns about the federal grant application for funds for a school resource officer to serve in the Berkshire Hills Regional School District. The Selectboard was engaged in discussions regarding the potential plans for the 57-acre Great Barrington Fairgrounds, which was purchased by Bart and Janet Elsbach to be developed by the non-profit Fair Ground Redevelopment Project. In September, the Town joined the Rest of River coalition, with six other towns to establish regional policy positions to address the local impacts of General Electric's cleanup of the Housatonic River. In November, the Selectboard considered the various land use and legal concerns regarding the potential location of a medical marijuana facility in our downtown area. In October, the Selectboard held a second strategic planning meeting, which set a productive framework for work ahead.

Throughout the year, the Town supported the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire (CDC) development of the 100 Bridge Street project, including providing design feedback, evaluation of infrastructure needs and general promotion of the site to create and retain local jobs and affordable housing. The Town also held coordination meetings with Iredale Mineral Corporation (IMC), the CDC and Canton Development to address

barriers to redevelopment of Searles. In the Spring of 2014, IMC purchased the former Searles High School property and the Town received its final payment.

Winter 2014:

In January, the Town's FY15 budget process started with the Selectboard and Finance Committee's review of the capital program. In the winter, the Town Manager for Selectboard, started the negotiation process with the Town's three labor unions, including the Department of Public Works, the Library and the Police Department. In January, Town officials attended several meetings about Monument Mountain High School Renovation project.

In the winter, the Selectboard supported the Solarize Mass initiative and appointed a Solar Coach to provide information to local homeowners on installing solar panels through a State grant program that offered financial incentives and assistance. A coordination meeting was held at Crissey Farm on the program and Great Barrington had record attendance at the meeting compared to other municipalities, supporting our commitment to solar power and allowing hundreds of homes to benefit from this initiative.

In the winter, the preparation for the Main Street reconstruction continued with a Placemaking Workshop sponsored by the Town, the Chamber of Commerce and Lee Bank. Experts from Project for Public Spaces held a workshop for merchants and property owners on ways to promote lively street and business activities during construction.

On March 1, 2013 the Selectboard led the implementation of the new plastic bag bylaw, which bans the use of single-film plastic bags in Town. The approach involved coordination of a collaborative marketing strategy, involving the creation of a logo by the Monument Mountain High School art students and strategy meetings with all local grocery stores. In March, the Selectboard held a joint press conference with Price Chopper, Big Y, Berkshire Coop and Guido's to announce this new environmental commitment. Joining the grocery store owners was the National Grocery Store Association, a group that historically had been against similar regulations in other locations, but recognized the importance of sustainability in our community. As the year progressed, all of us became accustomed to bringing our bag to the grocery store and adapted to the change. Our grocery stores in Great Barrington demonstrated a bold commitment to the environment.

Spring 2014:

Major paving and drainage work started in Housatonic, reflecting an investment of close to \$1 million. In May 2014, the Town sold the Castle Street Fire Station, following a long negotiation process, which included a final agreement on the joint access to the alley west of the building. In June, the Town received news that it was awarded close to \$1M in Community Development Block Grant funding for housing rehabilitation and drainage work for the Village of Housatonic in a joint project with the Town of Sheffield. That summer, a press conference was held in Housatonic with Governor Deval Patrick and Berkshire Delegation announcing the grant.

In May, the Town Meeting approved the Town budget, which reflected several changes in department structures and the results of the final negotiated Union contracts. In the Buildings Department, to meet demand and improve service to the public, an Assistant Building Inspector position was created and an on line permit system was implemented. The Library created a second Assistant Director position to replace a senior staff position, as a way to promote staff collaboration and improve management.

The Main Street Reconstruction Project started in the Spring of 2014. Local contractor J. H. Maxymillian Inc. was awarded the job. Regular construction updates and information is provided by the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. In May, 2014, the Great Barrington Farmer's Market opened at the new location the GB Fairgrounds. In August, the car show in downtown was held. Construction on the Main Street project between Castle and Elm Streets was closed for the peak summer seasons of July and August.

FINANCES

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The following is a report from the Assessors for the Fiscal Year 2014.

Fiscal Year 2014 Recapitulation:

A. <u>Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation</u>		\$ 24,619,489.50
B. 1. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation		448,242.39
2. State & County Cherry Sheet Charges		71,373.00
3. Overlay		167,779.17
Total Amount to be Raised		\$ 25,306,884.06
C. <u>Estimated Sources Appropriated</u>		
Estimated Receipts – State Cherry Sheet	\$ 1,001,898.00	
Total Estimated State Receipts		<u>\$1,001,898.00</u>
Estimated Receipts – Local		
1. Motor Vehicle	\$ 420,000.00	
2. Other Excise (Meals & Room)	\$ 270,000.00	
3. Penalties & interest on taxes & excise	40,000.00	
4. Payment in lieu of taxes	2,000.00	
5. Rentals	87,062.00	
6. Dept. of Revenue-libraries	15,000.00	
7. Dept. of Revenue-cemeteries	10,000.00	
8. Other Dept. of Revenue	315,938.00	
9. Licenses & Permits	55,000.00	
10. Fines & Forfeits	35,000.00	
11. Investment Income	<u>20,000.00</u>	
	\$ 1,270,000.00	
12. Enterprise Funds	<u>\$ 1,815,921.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,815,921.00</u>
D. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:		
1. Free Cash	\$415,500.00	
2. Other Available Funds	\$118,459.50	
Total Available Funds		<u>\$ 533,959.50</u>
E. <u>Other Revenue Sources Appropriated</u> to Reduce the Tax Rate		
1. Free Cash appropriated before 6-30-11	\$2,350,000.00	
2. Other Source	\$7,843.00	<u>\$ 2,238,475.69</u>
F. Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources		<u>\$7,375,421.50</u>

<u>Tax Rate Summary FY 2014</u>		
A. Total Amount to be Raised		<u>\$25,306,884.06</u>
A. Revenue Sources	\$ 7,375,421.50	
B. Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy	\$17,931,462.56	

<u>TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2014</u>				
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY %</u>	<u>VALUATION BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY BY CLASS</u>
RESIDENTIAL	78.3594	\$1,036,208,286	13.56	\$14,050,984.36
OPEN SPACE	0.	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	17.8482	\$236,020,636	13.56	\$3,200,439.82
INDUSTRIAL	0.7945	\$10,506,107	13.56	\$142,462.81
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.9979</u>	<u>\$39,644,216</u>	13.56	<u>\$537,575.57</u>
TOTALS	100.0000	\$ 1,322,379,245		\$17,931,462.56

<u>TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2013</u>				
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY %</u>	<u>VALUATION BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY %</u>
RESIDENTIAL	79.2628	\$ 1,078,673,891	13.14	\$ 14,173,774.93
OPEN SPACE	0.	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	17.2894	\$ 235,289,215	13.14	\$3,091,700.29
INDUSTRIAL	0.7336	\$9,982,800	13.14	\$131,173.99
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.7142</u>	<u>\$36,937,621</u>	13.14	<u>\$485,360.34</u>
TOTALS	100.0000	\$ 1,360,883,527		\$ 17,882,009.55

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Lamarre
Principal Assessor

Board of Assessors
Bruce Firger, Member
John Katz, Member

TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF TAX</u>
1. Pinewood Realty Trust	\$11,550,280	\$ 156,621.80
2. Massachusetts Electric	\$ 10,067,960	\$ 136,521.54
3. KIMCO Gt. Barrington 609 Inc	\$ 9,409,500	\$ 127,592.82
4. Educational Consultants	\$ 7,635,100	\$ 100,325.21
5. Berkshire Bank	\$ 7,376,100	\$ 100,019.92
6. Stockbridge Road Realty LLC	\$ 6,386,450	\$ 86,600.26
7. Butternut Basin	\$ 6,155,950	\$ 83,474.68
8. KSNS Stockbridge Rd Realty Trust	\$ 5,688,250	\$ 77,132.67
9. Kenneth Alpart & Jennifer Bonjean	\$ 5,056,236	\$ 68,562.56
10. Verizon New England	\$ 4,100,300	\$ 55,600.07

FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2014

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>BY CLASS</u>	<u>TAX</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>LEVY BY</u> <u>%</u>
RESIDENTIAL	66.5096	\$450,080,272	\$0.70	\$315,056.19
OPEN SPACE	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL	30.2148	\$204,468,135	0.70	\$143,127.69
INDUSTRIAL	0.5343	\$ 3,615,507	0.70	\$ 2,530.85
PERS. PROPERTY	<u>2.7413</u>	<u>\$ 18,550,717</u>	0.70	<u>\$ 12,985.50</u>
TOTALS	100.0000	\$ 676,714,631		\$ 473,700.23

FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2013

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Lamarre
Principal Assessor

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

To the Honorable Select Board:

I am honored to herewith submit my report as Town Accountant for 2014 which includes the following statement of net position as of 6-30-14 from the 2014 annual audited financial statements. The complete report and other additional financial information is on the Town website at www.townofgb.org.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2014

<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2013</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Abatements</u> <u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Transfers</u> <u>Tax Titles</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2014</u>
Real Estate						
2014		17,406,934.24	(117,808.20)	(111,139.71)	(16,555,135.70)	622,850.63
2013	676,881.21	5,338.78	-	(30,375.55)	(651,844.44)	-
						-
	676,881.21	17,412,273.02	(117,808.20)	(141,515.26)	(17,206,980.14)	622,850.63
Personal Property						
2014		549,079.01	(4,209.67)		(522,237.63)	22,631.71
2013	17,670.87		(1,445.27)		(8,174.42)	8,051.18
2012	8,040.60		(32.80)		(792.32)	7,215.48
2011	3,588.70				-	3,588.70
2010	2,364.51				(1,016.10)	1,348.41
2009	586.83		(4,281.33)		4,281.33	586.83
						-
	32,251.51	549,079.01	(9,969.07)	-	(527,939.14)	43,422.31
Motor Vehicle						
2014		689,492.09	(14,626.10)		(618,621.12)	56,244.87
2013	62,679.78	66,908.92	(9,944.27)		(109,467.98)	10,176.45
2012	11,983.97	-	(295.26)		(4,644.31)	7,044.40
2011	7,487.13		(97.08)		(1,122.84)	6,267.21
2010	6,059.07	-			(776.46)	5,282.61
2009	5,743.24	-			(301.78)	5,441.46
2008	7,646.07		-		(177.19)	7,468.88
2007	6,137.94				-	6,137.94
2006	4,771.78	-			-	4,771.78
2005	5,936.47	-	-		-	5,936.47
2004	4,941.68				-	4,941.68
2003	4,432.27				-	4,432.27
2002	4,976.80				(25.00)	4,951.80
2001	4,891.58				(80.00)	4,811.58
2000	3,689.19				(37.50)	3,651.69
1999	4,422.11					4,422.11
1998	8,496.89					8,496.89
1981-1997						-
	154,295.97	756,401.01	(24,962.71)	-	(735,254.18)	150,480.09

Other Collections

Municipal Lien Certificates	5,975.00
Tag Sale Permits	420.00
Parking Tickets	6,620.00
Parking Ticket Late Penalties	755.00
Mark & Clear Charges	4,460.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	14,765.00

Sewer Collections

User Fees	1,704,704.02
Nightsoil	205,579.50
Connections	-
Penalties	15,227.61
Liens	52,635.76

Recycling	32,868.79
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I respectfully submit the following reports consisting of outstanding tax balances and monies collected by the Great Barrington Tax Collector's Office and Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year 2014.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra C. Larkin
Treasurer/Collector

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2014

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	676,881.21	17,412,273.02	(117,808.20)	(141,515.26)	(17,206,980.14)	622,850.63
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2013	17,670.87		(1,445.27)		(8,174.42)	8,051.18
2012	8,040.60		(32.80)		(792.32)	7,215.48
2011	3,588.70				-	3,588.70
2010	2,364.51				(1,016.10)	1,348.41
2009	586.83		(4,281.33)		4,281.33	586.83
	32,251.51	549,079.01	(9,969.07)	-	(527,939.14)	43,422.31
Motor Vehicle						
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2011	7,487.13		(97.08)		(1,122.84)	6,267.21
2010	6,059.07	-			(776.46)	5,282.61
2009	5,743.24	-			(301.78)	5,441.46
2008	7,646.07	-	-		(177.19)	7,468.88
2007	6,137.94				-	6,137.94
2006	4,771.78	-			-	4,771.78
2005	5,936.47	-	-		-	5,936.47
2004	4,941.68				-	4,941.68
2003	4,432.27				-	4,432.27
2002	4,976.80				(25.00)	4,951.80
2001	4,891.58				(80.00)	4,811.58
2000	3,689.19				(37.50)	3,651.69
1999	4,422.11					4,422.11
1998	8,496.89					8,496.89
1981-1997	154,295.97	756,401.01	(24,962.71)	-	(735,254.18)	150,480.09

Other Collections

Municipal Lien Certificates	5,975.00
Tag Sale Permits	420.00
Parking Tickets	6,620.00
Parking Ticket Late Penalties	755.00
Mark & Clear Charges	4,460.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	14,765.00

Sewer Collections

User Fees	1,704,704.02
Nightsoil	205,579.50
Connections	-
Penalties	15,227.61
Liens	52,635.76
Recycling	32,868.79

TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2014
JULY 1, 2013 to JUNE 30, 2014

STATE TREASURER

State Owned Land	\$	242,155.00
Abatement to Blind		-
Abatements to Elderly		25,455.00
Lottery		657,381.00
Hotel/Motel Tax		419,732.47
Meals Tax		246,806.86
Other Revenue		108,649.22
Fines & Forfeitures		25,398.55
Total State Revenue	\$	1,725,578.10

TAX COLLECTOR

Personal Property Taxes	\$	532,245.48
Real Estate Taxes		17,174,617.96
Motor Vehicle Excise		737,111.03
Interest Penalties		116,352.85
Collector's Fees		14,765.00
Interest and expense Penalties		30,538.03
Minicipal Lien Certificate		5,975.00
Tag Sale Permits		420.00
Parking Tickets		6,620.00
Parking Late Fees		755.00
Mark & Clear Fees		4,460.00
Research Charges		1,835.00
Misc. Other		25,508.70
Recycling Fees		32,868.79
Total	\$	18,684,072.84

TOWN TREASURER

Tax Liens Redeemed	\$	80,268.54
Penalties on Tax Liens		13,815.44
Payment in lieu of Taxes		42,900.83
Earnings on Investments		19,940.34
Bad check charge		75.00
Bond interest		3,485.10
Bond Proceeds		107,401.98
Misc. Other		229,698.97
Total	\$	497,586.20

SELECTMEN

Alcohol Licenses	\$	48,370.86
Other Licenses & Permits		16,264.70
Total	\$	64,635.56

TOWN CLERK

Birth Certificates	\$	4,830.00
Marriage Certificates		2,510.00
Death Certificates		9,270.00
Dog Licenses		8,505.00
UCC Filing Fees		5,350.00
Marriage Intentions		2,275.00
Other		1,576.65
Total	\$	34,316.65

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Permits		3,007.40
Alarms		45,575.00
Mutual Aid	\$	200.00
Insurance Reports		647.00
Revolving Fund Charges		9,155.24
Drug Reimbursement		-
Total	\$	58,584.64

INSPECTORS

Building Inspector	\$	104,589.34
Weights & Measures	\$	1,265.00
Total		105,854.34

LIBRARY

Fees		4,900.30
Fines		18,280.38
Ramsdell Computer		-
Total	\$	23,180.68

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Historic District Commission	\$	28.50
Zoning Board of Appeals		1,200.00
Assessors		1,320.00
Conservation Commission		729.80
Planning Board		1,550.00
Planning/Community Developmt		1,052.00
Board of Health		47,854.00
Fire Department		14,589.77
Cemetery		11,808.96
Total	\$	80,133.03

REVOLVING FUND RECEIPTS

Electrical Inspector	\$	3,023.66
Gas Inspector		693.27
Plumbing		1,217.05
Total		4,933.98

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

User Fees	\$	1,757,339.78
Connection Fees		-
Septic Nightsoil		205,579.50
Interest Income		10,499.78
Interest Penalties		15,227.61
MWPAT revenue		10,380.61
Returns & refunds		-
Sewer Rate Relief		435.00
Bond Premium		7,655.58
Total	\$	2,007,117.86

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra C. Larkin
Town Treasurer

FISCAL YEAR 2014 POLICE PAYROLL

NAME	SALARY	OVERTIME*	REVOLVING**	TOTAL
Asante, Godwin	19,354.50			19,354.50
Balestro, Kristopher	63,083.10	8,915.72	6,320.51	78,319.33
Bartini, William	70,926.47	16,046.32		86,972.79
Bragdon, James	62,475.80	2,454.36	-	64,930.16
Carlotto, Adam	60,398.76	18,583.88	8,246.52	87,229.16
Finnerty, Jonathan	60,201.84	12,530.57	6,943.60	79,676.01
Keefner, Richard	66,129.14	4,466.29	521.28	71,116.71
LaForest, Jason	57,793.21	18,355.22	6,612.96	82,761.39
Montgomery, Paul	68,895.66	25,027.94	34,110.42	128,034.02
O'Brien, Joseph	61,696.30	15,086.28	4,373.18	81,155.76
Peebles, Christopher	58,744.07	9,887.03	173.76	68,804.86
Shimmon, Chad	61,460.58	14,861.50	3,077.44	79,399.52
Stolzar, Samuel	59,002.25	19,255.70	5,934.12	84,192.07
Storti, Paul	71,102.95	22,887.78	3,993.08	97,983.81
Storti, Ryan	15,557.97	6,041.36	9,715.22	31,314.55
Ullrich, Timothy	62,357.75	27,815.08	6,769.84	96,942.67
Walsh, William Jr.	82,654.27			82,654.27
Zucco, Victor	64,083.63	8,401.96	1,625.60	74,111.19
TOTAL	\$ 1,065,918.25	\$ 230,616.99	\$ 98,417.53	\$ 1,394,952.77

NAME	SPECIAL DETAIL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
Arnold, Bryan	5,196.54	517.88	5,714.42
Bartini, Daniel	25,279.08	6,939.24	32,218.32
Bersaw, Daniel		4,680.65	4,680.65
Bertelli, Michael	729.60	-	729.60
Congdon, Richard	13,396.68	521.28	13,917.96
Gardella, Richard		15,005.81	15,005.81
Harvey, Paul		2,961.60	2,961.60
Hearn, Edward	10,352.18	-	10,352.18
Quinto, Ryan	6,447.20	1,216.32	7,663.52
Roy, Timothy	3,537.70	578.37	4,116.07
Scott, Craig		7,447.01	7,447.01
Storti, Ryan	14,620.80	-	14,620.80
TOTAL	\$ 79,559.78	\$ 39,868.16	\$ 119,427.94

* Overtime includes State Grants.

** Revolving is paid by outside contractors.

FISCAL YEAR 2014
PERSONS TO WHOM MONEY WAS PAID
SALARIES AND WAGES

Abrahams, Edward D	197.58	Dymek, Patricia	112.00
Allen, William	992.00	Ely, Paula	54,216.80
Aloisi, Richard	1,692.85	Evans, Shepley	15,915.36
Anderson, Alan	3,157.50	Evans, Yonynah	252.00
Arienti, Judith	48.00	Farnum, Susan	624.00
Attarian, Cheryl	23,817.83	Fields, William	198.00
Atwood, Marlene	1,070.00	Firger, Bruce	600.00
Atwood, Thomas	1,000.00	Fitzpatrick, Kevin	440.00
Austin, Darryl	58,914.00	Gaughran, Robert	2,200.00
Avery, Maureen	40.00	Gennari, Robert	6,440.82
Bailly, Barbara	984.00	Gibbons, Paul	40.00
Bailly, Bruce	132.00	Gilligan, Mary Michelle	36.00
Bailly, Daniel	1,500.00	Gore, Bryan	52,226.22
Bailly, Jennifer	38,357.18	Greene, Paul	2,474.52
Ball, Deborah	44,432.82	Hagberg, Judith	400.00
Ball, Michael	53,068.33	Hall, Steven	5,875.00
Bannon, Stephen	1,500.00	Hamer, Holly	452.00
Bara, Irene	40.00	Harrison, Laurie	38,174.71
Barnard, Jane	11,940.74	Higgins, Randall	1,320.00
Barry, Marion	48.00	Holcomb, Jeanne	1,112.00
Becker, Cara	2,829.88	Hotchkiss, Dorothy	112.00
Benham, David	340.00	Houghtlin, George	4,625.00
Bisiewicz, Marilyn	112.00	Hungate, Robert	1,100.00
Blechman, Andrew	1,302.42	Hunt, Edward	12,354.48
Bona, Justin	1,540.00	Ingram, William	62,443.89
Bozza, Joseph	2,760.00	Ivory, Carolyn	112.00
Briggs, Louise	48.00	Ivory, Paul	198.00
Brinker, William	1,500.00	Johnsen, Joan	31,240.29
Brown, Donna	36,865.12	Katz, John	600.00
Brown, Ryan	380.00	Keefner, Joseph D.	380.00
Budz, Elizabeth	112.00	Kotleski, Kathleen	112.00
Burger, Charles	68,627.31	Krupski, Robert	12,877.13
Burt, Clinton	55,280.34	Kujawski, Patricia	202.00
Bushka, Annemarie	8,191.76	Kuziemko, Helen	50,147.46
Casey, Elias	1,480.00	Kuziemko, Matthew	1,096.00
Chamberland, Terrance	4,000.00	Lagowski, Robert J	4,054.08
Coons, Christine	200.00	Lamarre, Christopher	72,162.14
Coons, Linda	18,040.52	Larkin, L. Locke	5,075.21
Coons, Richard	68.00	Larkin, Lois A	112.00
Curtiss, Madeleine	48.00	Larkin, Sandra	79,549.83
Davis, Stephen	8,305.25	Lovett, Thomas	5,575.00
Degiorgis, Amanda	43,469.14	Magelaner, Jessica	49,469.92
Deviny, Kathleen	23,497.24	Malumphy, John	50,510.10
Dezieck, Jessica L	48.00	Mann, Pauline	41,820.00
Drew, Bernard	1,479.19	Marks, Darrell	18,456.25
Drumm, Timothy	71,024.44	Martin, James	12,532.69
Dumont, Peter	412.50	May, Edwin	57,156.92
Dymek, Frederick	112.00	McCormick, Edward	2,400.00

McFall, Molly V	8,690.85	Seile, Joshua	3,632.50
McMahon, Sean	2,980.00	Sermini, Elizabeth	64.00
McMeekin, Linda	112.00	Sewall, Amanda	2,093.95
Mead, Brian	1,980.00	Shaw, Kimberly	16,500.66
Mead, James	3,400.00	Shepardson, Sheila E	48.00
Meier, Elizabeth R	10,375.53	Shimmon, Michele	198.00
Meltzer, Leslie	32,772.80	Shimmon, Richard	8,767.04
Morelli, Bruce	112.00	Smith, Ellen	20,126.50
Morey, Jerry W	39,786.24	Smith, Terry	20.00
Moser, William	352.00	Sokul, Joseph	77,882.65
Needelman, Richard	588.00	Soule, Margaret S	800.00
Nelson, Christopher	1,100.00	Soules, David	54,603.21
Nourse, Sharon	33,426.40	Soules, Lee	47,343.54
Osak, Justin	1,260.00	Soules, Peter	64,361.18
Ostrander, John	47,352.02	Sparks, Corey	48,558.89
Palumbo, Marc	1,640.00	Stanton, Sean	1,500.00
Parsons, Stephen	51,726.00	Stark, Louis	760.00
Peretti, Michael	5,000.00	Stevens, Timothy	1,260.00
Pevzner, Matthew	60,968.85	Strommer, Carol	38,160.78
Phillips, Deborah	1,500.00	Strommer, Stephen	1,104.00
Pickert, Edward	51,500.67	Tabakin, Jennifer	116,691.21
Piontek, Theodore	30,018.06	Tarnawa, Francis	7,500.00
Plungis, Kathleen	462.00	Thomson, Charles	59,832.00
Premierlan, Lawrence	88.00	Tossavainen, John	64.00
Pruhenski, Mark	56,694.75	Trombley, Marcia R	48.00
Rembisz, Donald	48.00	Vacchina, Paul	3,700.00
Rembold, Christopher	71,690.56	Van Sant, Olivia	10,000.00
Reynolds, James	380.00	Vogel, Terry	60,598.99
Rivest, Charles	53,235.85	Warner, Katherine	26,586.61
Robitaille, John	50,499.02	Wichmann, Carolyn	31,631.66
Ryan, Marie	47,337.59	Woodard, John	220.00
Sartori, Lauren	88,462.16		
Scapin, Victor	68,215.46	TOTAL	2,883,001.94

FISCAL YEAR 2014
PERSONS TO WHOM MONEY WAS PAID
NON-SALARY OR WAGES OVER \$600

5-Alarm Fire	4,092.31	Berkshire Record	12,963.22
Able Tool & Equipment	4,525.06	Berk. Regional Planning Comm.	18,993.26
A. J. Abrams Co.	973.00	Berk. S.Regional Comm. Center	56,703.72
AFLAC	30,603.00	Berkshire Visiting Nurse Assoc.	2,000.00
AFSCME Council 93	12,529.77	Big Toys	31,152.54
AMS Imaging	685.00	Big Y Foods	2,718.49
A. W. Chesterton	696.05	Bilmar Small Animal Hospital	779.68
Aaron Becker	1,419.97	Biosafe Systems	4,620.00
Acrison	1,419.97	Blackboard Inc.	6,704.00
Affiliated Computer	3,995.00	Blackstone Audiobooks	1,634.50
Air Equipment LLC	1,473.20	Bluetarp Financial, Inc.	1,942.85
Airgas East	635.55	Borden & Remington, Corp.	38,809.13
Alert Scientific	680.00	Borges Construction	117,824.70
All American Fence	5,975.00	Borgnis & Son	770.00
Allied Electronics	685.85	Boston Mutual Life Insurance	2,076.88
Amazon	5,237.18	Boston Mutual Insurance	8,811.00
American Fire Equipment	6,595.20	Brentwood Industries, Inc.	2,279.04
American Forest Products	5,743.20	Bulkley Richardson & Gelinas	815.85
American Legion Post #127	900.00	C&C Hydraulics, Inc.	1501.32
American Playground Corp.	5,743.20	C. N. Wood, Inc.	107,395.34
Ann Marie Genco	964.23	CSS Ventures	24,908.00
Arthur P. Jones & Associates	11,104.00	C.T. Swicker	630.19
Atlantic Coast Polymers	4,138.20	CTC, Inc.	1,729.95
Atlantic Coast Trailer Sales	3,533.00	CW Mars	18,901.00
Automatic Door Doctor	3,067.50	Caligary Supply	11,936.47
B-G Mechanical Service	1,741.00	Canaan Auto	18,385.66
Bacher Corp. of CT	1,001.83	Carberry Auto Parts	897.73
Baker & Taylor	3,544.22	Carolyn Calandro	742.00
Baker & Taylor Entertainment	1,706.24	Carr Hardware & Supply	17,864.36
Barrington Outfitters	700.00	Carrott Top Industries	2,524.81
Bart Truck Equipment Co.	2,881.00	Center for Ecological Technology	4,131.00
Baystate Elevator	7,279.00	Center Point Large Print	2,804.10
Beaver Solutions	624.00	Century Bank	238,420.40
Ben Funk, Inc.	3,479.84	Christopher Lamarre	670.10
Berkshire Communicators	871.47	Christopher Rembold	761.49
Berk. Community College	892.50	Chubb & Son	73,182.00
Berk. Cty Retirement Syst.	993,538.32	Cintas	8,366.95
Berk. County Sheriff's Dept.	1,126.63	City of North Adams	600.00
Berkshire Gas	58,594.29	Cleanfreak.com	990.18
Berkshire Graphics	1,062.55	Cole Parmer Instument	1,433.37
Berkshire Grown	1,700.00	Commonwealth of MA	1,650.00
Berkshire Health Group	1,127,286.00	Comm. of MA Environ. Protection	12,610.00
Berk. Hills Reg. School Dist.	11,983,456.79	Comm. of MA Police Training	2,500.00
Berk. Law Enforcement Coun.	2235.00	Community Health Program	3,000.00
Berk. Public Health Alliance	2,000.00	Commonwealth Guardrail	2,883.51

Communtiy Software Consortiun	2,000.00	Garrison Fire & Rescue	9,472.36
Construct	3,300.00	Gasket, Seal & Packing	1,232.15
Cranes Outdoor Power Equip.	17,954.07	Gaylord Brothers, Inc.	1,611.63
CT Fire Acadamy Bookstore	1,113.02	General Code	7,995.00
Cummins Northeast	3,043.54	Gennari Plumbing & Heating	1,176.02
D.E. Wilber Electrical	8,221.58	George Guerrero	920.00
David Grover	4,200.00	Gilmore's Heating	34,680.07
Debbie O'Carrol	600.00	Godwin Asante	1,302.78
Deckers' Autobody	1,349.36	Grainger	6,362.46
Demco	1,803.81	Granite City Electrical Supply	1,235.73
DeRosa Dohoney LLP	1,417.50	Great Barrington Auto Supply	1,241.96
Devries Building Supply	2,720.86	Great Barrington Bagel	696.00
Dist. Dept. of Vets Services	27,604.60	Gt. Barrington Fire Distsrict	538,559.58
Doug Schmolze	785.00	Gt. Barr. Land Conserv.	1,000.00
Dresser Hull	678.08	Great West Life	113,874.35
Dukes Root Control	4,914.69	Green & Robinson	34,900.00
EMS Training of the Berkshires	600.00	Gregory Simpson	2,812.54
Eagle Shoe Repair	4,652.10	Guardian Uniform & Supply	15,908.38
Eastern Bank	4,213.89	Hampden Bank	150,177.63
Ed Harrington, Inc.	5,234.90	Harland B. Foster	1,434.58
Edwards Angel Palmer Dodge	23,200.00	Haupt Tree Company	59,976.95
Edwin May	1,231.17	Health Resources	2,530.50
Elder Services	1,040.00	High Pressure Systems	1,260.00
Election Systems & Software	740.56	Honda Lease Trust	1,452.14
Elizabeth Freeman Center	4,000.00	Hous. Basin Sampling & Testing	1,309.00
Emerg. Services Marketing	850.00	Housatonic Water Works	36,257.30
Envirosystems, Inc.	5,534.90	Housatonic Welding	4,205.01
Eric Aber	5,600.00	Individual Laundry	1,222.00
Erika Maassen Etal	1,440.46	Industrial Controls Distributors	3,388.38
Estate of Sadie Ely	1,725.00	Ingram Library Services	46,820.34
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.	3,643.37	Integration Partners Corp.	905.00
F. R. Mahony & Associates	5,411.52	Int'l Acad. of Emer. Dispatch	1,060.00
Fairview Hospital	2,000.00	International Salt Co.	217,733.51
Federal Express Corp.	826.83	Interstate Arms Corp.	6,780.00
Finnerty & Stevens	4,000.00	Irecalc Mineral Cosmetics	82,846.70
Fire Tech & Safety	1,778.98	JMP Environmental Consulting	2,470.00
Firearms Record Keeping	7,612.50	JWC Environmental	21,211.09
Firematic Supply Co.	3,616.50	Jack Goncalves & Sons, Inc.	220,359.94
Fisher Scientific	4,503.96	Jacquier Welding	3,331.63
Fleetpride	824.50	Jamie Miller	2,814.00
Foremost Promotions	603.58	Jennifer Tabakin	9,731.05
Foresight Land Services	3,900.00	Jerry Smith	1,400.00
Forest Park Zoological Soc.	780.00	Joe Wilkinson Excavating	75,025.90
Fort Miller Co.	7,225.00	John Broderick Jr. Masonry	8,990.70
Frost Manufacturing	976.56	John's Garage	6,758.63
Fuss & O'Neill	67,791.00	John S. Lane & Son, Inc.	6,294.02
G. & M. Enterprises	2,572.00	Johnson Ford	1,493.71
Gall's	1,007.50	Junior Library Guild	4,332.00
Jureck Brothers	3,153.25	Midwest Tapes	13,621.70

K-Log, Inc.	2,297.79	Miller's Petroleum	1,101.83
KME Fire Apparatus	56,129.78	Moore Medical Corp.	4,540.45
Kelly, Grainger & Parsons	1,500.00	Morse Watchman	1,725.00
Kofile Preservation	3,426.93	Motion Industries	1,109.99
Komline-Sanderson	2,592.75	Mount Everett Sanitation	5,170.00
Konica Minolta Bus. Solutions	8,163.24	Municipal Emergency Serv.	25,282.74
Kopelman & Paige	64,362.84	Murphy & Company	3,149.30
Kwik Print	9,058.01	N.E. Environmental	28,720.00
L.B. Corp.	16,515.00	N.E. Interstate Pollution Ctrl.	945.00
LHS Associates, Inc.	4,608.63	N.E. Wisconsin Tech College	700.00
L. Locke Larkin	672.18	National Fire	1,165.50
Lane Construction Corp.	39,513.36	National Fire Fighter Corp.	1,531.29
Lauren Sartori	603.77	National Grid	354,310.29
Lawrence Charette Electric	965.00	New England Emergency Equip.	3,063.95
Lee Audio 'N Security	4,521.77	New England Newspapers, Inc.	1,240.01
Lee Hardware	2,533.00	Northeast Fasteners	1,490.66
Lee Hearing Aid	3,895.00	Northeast Painting Association	37,000.00
Leigh Nelson	4,365.00	Northeast Slope Mowing	2,000.00
Liberty Chevrolet	34,576.00	Northern Safety, Co.	667.55
Lipton Energy	154,717.52	Northern Tool & Equipment	1,374.70
Locks and More	1,259.40	O'Connell Oil Assoc.	70,518.26
Long Pond Rd. Trust	1,441.37	Olde Village Monogramming	777.25
Lubrication Engineers	1,514.40	Osterman Propane	1,810.68
Lynn Vadnais	1,626.00	P&P Installation	16,495.00
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	69,656.00	Partac Peat Corp	5,402.10
MIIA Property & Casualty	157,491.23	Perma Line of New England	9,472.35
MIIA Workers' Comp.	27,579.68	Peter Dillon	3,302.45
Macfarlane Office Products	7,252.11	Pete's Sales & Service	610.00
Maintenance Man, Inc.	8,855.00	Phoenix Enviro Labs	904.00
Marcotte Ford Sales, Inc.	1,447.88	Pinewood Realty Trust	30,500.00
Margaret Cherin	2,850.00	Pitney Bowes	21,086.21
Margaret Kotarba	1,852.77	Pittsfield Communication Sys.	7,104.41
Marie Ryan	1,930.79	Pittsfield Fire & Safety	1,947.90
Markings, Inc.	25,306.24	Pittsfield News	4,303.69
Mark Pruhenski	2,901.05	Pittsfield Overhead Door Co.	1,841.42
MA Assoc. Conserv. Comm.	749.00	Polsinello Fuels, Inc.	1,317.00
MA Chiefs of Police	884.00	Precision Autocraft, Inc.	7,884.55
MA Coalition of Police	8,520.00	Preferred Print Solutions	2,892.03
MA Dept. of Revenue	2,460.00	Propet Distributors, Inc.	834.05
MA Div. of Unemployment	16,911.06	Quill Corporation	8,687.14
MA Municipal Mgmt. Assoc.	2,408.50	R. H. White	8,284.58
MA Police Accreditation	1,250.00	R.I. Baker Company, Inc.	8,723.92
MA Water Pollution Control	1,330.00	R.W.'S Inc.	1,170.00
Massachusetts Municipal	1,808.00	Railroad Street Youth Project	26,322.84
Matthew Bender & Company	2,645.94	Real Estate Research Consult.	5,000.00
Mayflower Valuation LTD	800.00	Recorded Books, Inc.	1,932.81
McVac Environmental Serv.	2,165.63	Republic Services #955	1,980.00
Melanson Heath & Co.	20,500.00	Resort & Conf. Ctr. / Hyannis	631.14
Retrofit Technologies, Inc.	2,436.53	Theodore Ptak	2,155.25

Ribco Supply	4,692.19	Thomson Gale	4,893.65
Richard Eldredge Training	1,900.00	Tighe & Bond	170,038.73
Robert Trautmann	2,987.42	Time Warner Cable	7,251.81
Robin O'Herin	750.00	Timothy Drumm	649.70
Rock Solid Marble & Granite	2,730.00	Toce Brothers	6,824.27
Rose Builders	5,200.00	Town of Amherst	740.00
S. & A. Wholesalers	7,479.88	Town of Egremont	695.04
SW Roofing and Gutters	600.00	Town of Great Barrington	7,345.00
Safety-Kleen Corp.	1,473.80	Town of Sheffield	1,383.28
School Outfitters	1,386.65	Tritech Software Systems	11,285.00
Segal	4,000.00	Tyler Technologies	25,823.88
Sentry Uniforms	1,483.35	US Bank	7,500.00
Seward's Tires	9,909.72	US Bank NA	1,805,663.60
Shakespeare & Company	650.00	US Treasury DHHS, CMS	3,021.60
Shoppers' Guide	3,066.30	Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services	28,325.00
Simplex Grinnell	5,300.00	Unified Life Insurance	801.84
Simplex Time Recorder	2,728.00	United Bank	253,583.65
Slack Chemical Co.	16,267.88	Universisty Products	936.90
So. Berk. Chamber of Comm.	2,915.00	Valley Communications	7,464.69
So. Berk. Elderly Trans.	58,112.00	Valley Roll-Off	23,716.38
So. Berkshire Power Equip.	1,327.97	Verizon	23,400.05
So. Berk. Registry of Deeds	1,943.00	Verizon Wireless	8,758.36
Southworth Milton, Inc.	1,237.08	Virtual Town Hall	2,450.00
Standard & Poor's	7,225.00	Volunteers in Medicine	4,000.00
Stanton Equipment	3,171.14	W. B. Mason Company	12,380.02
Staples	7,889.61	W.E. Aubuchon	757.93
Steve's Auto Repair	1,774.42	WSS, Inc.	89,300.00
Steven Waller	920.00	Ward's Nursery	4,042.34
Sub-Surface Surveys	1,051.00	Webster Landscaping	753.08
Sullivan Associates	742.72	West Farm Equipment	697.66
Superior Industrial	4,494.24	West Group	2,347.10
Superior Spring & Manuf.	3,110.50	Whalen Nursery	1,585.00
Superior Trademark, Inc.	863.49	Wheeler & Taylor, Inc.	3,201.00
Surpass Chemical	7,967.08	Wilkinson Appraisal Assoc.	5,250.00
Symbol Arts	770.00	William Woods	1,330.07
Synagro Northeast	101,864.81	Windy Hill Farm	1,608.70
TNL Auto Supply	2,128.29	Witmer Public Safety Group	1,238.25
Terminex	991.00	Xavus Solutions	1,200.00
The Brien Center	1,000.00	Yeomans Chicago Corp.	2,797.43
The Food Bank of W. MA	1,541.60	Zee Medical Service	1,503.98
The Gorman Group	3,794.30	Zwack, Inc.	58,370.20
The Teaching Company Sales	1,418.80	TOTAL	21,631,613.50

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Mission and Objectives: The Great Barrington Finance Committee shall provide advice and assistance to the Town Manager, Select Board and other town officials on financial matters by efficiently identifying, analyzing and making recommendations on financial matters that have a material impact on the well-being of the Town of Great Barrington. In summary, the Massachusetts Department of Revenues states the Town Finance Committee is the “watchdog of taxpayers”. In Massachusetts, finance committees review budgets and make recommendations to the citizens at Town Meetings. They must approve any transfer of money from the Town’s reserve fund. Great Barrington’s by-laws also require the Finance Committee to hold public hearings before any Town Meeting on any warrant article that proposes spending money or disposing of any Town property.

The Finance Committee decided to institute more frequent meetings to review the Town’s finances and to participate in other town-wide initiatives. Town by-laws regarding the Finance Committee are loosely defined and thus limit its authority on policy-making matters in favor of the Select Board, but does not limit its ability to make recommendations.

Highlights this year:

Finance Committee members have worked to increase the comprehensive and transparent nature of the Town’s finances in an effort to develop a more informed and participating community. It has focused on both expense issues and potential revenue initiatives to increase the efficient use of tax dollars. Presented below are some of the major items:

- **Transparency.** Requested that the Town and School District provide easy and timely access to all financial reports to facilitate Finance Committee analyses
- **Report Coherence.** Requested Town Manager provide more coherent financial reporting, showing the full cost of services and combined capital expenditures and indebtedness (including our portion of School District expenses) for which the Town is responsible.
- **Town Planning and Demographics.** Invited the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to review trends and projections that would help to put into perspective infrastructure and expense planning. Further work with the Town Planner and Town Clerk ensued to inform our short- and long-term decisions and to reconcile differences between Town statistics and the National Census. In addition, this and other assessor research was preliminary to considering the implications of a residential exemption. This work is ongoing.
- **Tax Collection.** Continued to request the Town Manager/Treasurer reduce uncollected real estate taxes and provide more regular reporting. This led to the sale of delinquent properties.
- **OPEB Liability.** With input from an independent citizens’ inquiry, researched the evolving GASB reporting requirements for municipalities; raised the issue of the unfunded liabilities for the Town and the BHRSD.
- **Economic Development.** Urged Select Board to create an experimental Committee to focus on several sectors to increase revenues including: Tourism (by enhancing marketing programs); Small Businesses (by encouraging development of business services); manufacturing and distribution sectors (by ensuring we promote town facilities (water, sewage, etc.); and New Services (identifying opportunities through joint ventures, technology incubation, etc.)
- **School District Expenses.** Urged Select Board to revise the District Agreement in order to recapture the excess School allocation due to late State-derived data (the Town was overcharged \$200,000). The Agreement has no provisions for this recapture this overcharge. A consequence is that the Town now has a higher base against which it compares its future allocations.
- **Community Preservation Committee (CPA/CPC).** Changed the article at last Town Meeting to include a representative of the Finance Committee on the CPA.

- **Finance Committee Membership.** The Committee thanked outgoing Vice Chair, Mark Lefenfeld for his outstanding service, and welcomed Michael Wise, our newest member. Both the Chair and Vice Chair attended the Association of Town Finance Committee Conference in Franklin, MA to receiving training and updates on current State-wide issues.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Gregory, Chair Person
Michael Wise, Vice Chair
Walter F. Atwood, III
Thomas Blauvelt
Leigh Davis

HISTORIC

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Historic District Commission has continued to work with the property owners of the district to preserve the value of member properties and the historic beauty of Great Barrington.

During 2014 the Historic District Commission has assisted member owners with a variety of issues including signage and repairs. Successful repairs have been completed or begun at the First Congregational Church, Searles Castle and Town Hall. At the First Congregational Church repairs have been done to the roof of the church and the manse. Repairs to an historic balcony have begun at Searles Castle and repairs to the base of the Winged Victory statue in front of Town Hall have been approved.

The Historic Marker program that was begun last year is now ready to be implemented. To introduce the program, public ceremonies will be held to dedicate the markers for Town Hall and the Mason Library this spring. These first two markers have been given by the Historic District Commission to initiate the program and serve as examples of the marker program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Howe
Chair, Historic District Commission

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

In FY14 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

1. Fulfill the general purposes of the Historical Commission to protect and develop Great Barrington's historic resources.
 - Served on Master Plan and Community Preservation committees.
 - Reviewed and edited Historical and Cultural Resources section and Historic Resources Map of Master Plan.
 - Attended *Making the Most of the Main Street Reconstruction* workshop, Massachusetts Historical Commission Historic Preservation conference and the *Old Towns/New Country: The First Years of a New Nation* workshop sponsored by The Massachusetts Historical Society and the Berkshire Historical Society.
 - Answered various local history inquiries from researchers.
2. Manage and care for town museum collection in accordance with professional museum procedures.
 - Hired part-time archivist to continue the preparation of inventories and finding aids and the proper storage of priority archival material in Town Historical Collection. Prepared institutional history of the town historical archives to provide context and background for this important project.
 - Arthur Dutil, Museum Facilities and Security Consultant, toured collections facility and made recommendations for its care and configuration.
 - Completed first draft of *Finding Aid for the Great Barrington Historical Commission Collection, 1733 – 1967 [bulk 1800-1920]*.

- Completed accession inventory and Deed of Gift for major donation of late 19th-early 20th century Great Barrington artifacts, photographs, newspapers and library and archival materials relating to Amos Baldwin, from Mrs. John Mahaney, Santa Cruz, CA. The varied collection of material, from the estate of his daughter, Ruth Baldwin, provides a rich insight into late 19th century Great Barrington and his family.
 - Received gift of Bicentennial Parade trophy from St. Peter Church.
 - Ramsdell Working Group, an *ad hoc* committee formed by the Town Manager, held meetings to adopt measures to help accommodate the storage, work and program needs of the library. Commission and Historical Society, who share use of the second floor of the Ramsdell Library.
 - Confirmed that the town historical collection is under-insured in its fine arts policy coverage. When completed, the Commission's inventory project will serve as the basis for an appraisal and adjustment of coverage.
 - Town transferred surplus personal computer to the Commission for collection inventory project.
 - Historic weapons expert completed appraisal of firearms, swords and Native American artifacts in collection.
 - In response to the Historical Commission's assessment of the plight and condition of the largely obscure, but significant, town historical collection, and initiatives affecting the care of the collection by the library board and town manager, the Commission prepared two reports: *Use-Square Footage Needs Matrix for Ramsdell Library* and *Preliminary Planning and Considerations For Spaces For Town of Great Barrington Museum Collection*. The reports outline the technical requirements and specifications of the space(s) needed for the proper management and care of the town collection. They also evaluated the current and potential future spaces for storage and management of the collection. It is the Commission's intention that this information will provide the basis for the town to make informed decisions in charting the future disposition of this valuable asset.
3. Market historic assets: develop programs that heighten public appreciation of the town's rich architectural and historical resources.
- Presented second year of Smartphone walking tour of Great Barrington's Main Street business district. Printed and distributed 750 color brochures to promote the program. Added Great Barrington Trails option and "Discovery" activities for kids to walking tour menu.
 - Worked with Historic District Commission in drafting an historic structure marker program for the town.
 - Commission members interpreted Great Barrington history through public events, published articles and a book. David Rutstein presented lecture, "Searles Castle: Before and During Construction, 1883-1888: a Pictorial History" to the Great Barrington Historical Society and contributed regular local history articles to the *Grapevine*. Gary Leveille authored a new book, *Legendary Locals of the Southern Berkshires*. Both historians interviewed on Travel Channel segment about Searles Castle
 - Installed temporary exhibition of objects from the recently donated Ruth Baldwin collection in Mason Library. This sampler of late 19th-early 20th century objects, saved by Amos M. Baldwin (1856-1913) and his daughter Ruth (1895-1989), provided a personal picture of life in Great Barrington at the turn of the 19th century.
4. Historic Preservation: promote the preservation of significant structures in town
- Submitted letters of support for Monument Mills Revitalization's application for Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for proposed redevelopment of Monument Mills (various c. 1850-1917).
 - The Ramsdell Library (1906-08) in Housatonic was named to the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the nation's historic sites and structures worthy of preservation. The Commission submitted a letter of endorsement to the Massachusetts Historical Commission
 - Rescued ceramic bricks and steel ladder rungs from Great Barrington Manufacturing Co. smokestack, razed as part of site rehabilitation project, for inclusion in town museum collection.
 - Secured updated estimates for conservation treatment of *Newsboy* statue and fountain in preparation for CPA grant application.

- Initiated research of architectural and social histories of the mothballed Housatonic School (1909) as first step for Massachusetts Historical Commission certification of eligibility for listing on the National Register. This will qualify the building for consideration for historic tax credits, enhancing the RFP for its development.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

HUMAN SERVICES/ CULTURAL

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

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers.

During FY 2014 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 42 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2014 Submitted 7/01/13-6/30/14	Pmt Due in FY 2015 -FY 2014 - 75%
Great Barrington	\$144,398.97	\$108,299.22

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

Applications for VA Health Care	56
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	108
Other Request (DD 214s/Markers/Medals)	54
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	53
Assisted with Dr. appointments	37
Home and Office Visits	445
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1545

For FY 2014 District budget has been reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place.

Great Barrington's apportionment towards the FY 2014 DVS budget was \$27,604.60– this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils
District Director

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Selectboard:

This report covers the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30 2014.

The Purpose of the Cultural Council is to provide grants to support the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences for the direct benefit of the residents of Great Barrington and Housatonic. Sources of revenue come from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The council receives no financial support from the Town of Great Barrington. Grants are awarded after being reviewed by the council typically from \$50 to \$500.

During the Fall of 2013 the council considered 53 applications of which 26 were awarded totaling \$4316. A complete list of grants awarded is available at the Selectboard office in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Steiner Co-Chair

Council Members: Hilda Banks Shapiro (Co-Chair), Lee Rogers (former Co-Chair until 6/30/14), Marcia Stamell, Rose Tannenbaum, Michael Wise, Jonathan Williams (former Co-Chair until 6/30/14).

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION CORP.

To The Honorable Selectboard:

S.B.E.T.C. has been providing transportation to seniors, 55 years of age and older and disabled persons of any age for 29 years. We are a life-line for many people in Southern Berkshire County which allows them to reside in their homes which then enhances their quality of life and emotional well-being.

The towns we serve in Southern Berkshire County are: Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington/Housatonic, Clayton/Hartsville/Mill River/New Marlborough/Southfield, Otis, Sandisfield, Sheffield/Ashley Falls and Monterey. SBETC would like to thank the towns for their continued support, without their support we could not do what we do! Our annual mailing has been a success for another year, thank you all for your donations. A special thanks goes out to: The Barrington Foundation, The Thursday Morning Club, Sheffield Kiwanis, Rotary Club of Great Barrington, Katharine & Winthrop Crane Foundation, Steve's Auto Repair, who keep our vehicles in top shape, all of those who supported our fundraiser and all of those who lost a loved one and were generous enough to remember us. We received a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Berkshire Bank Foundation and the MarTap Grant. We also received an Incentive and Formula Grant from the Town of Great Barrington. If anyone has not been mentioned please accept our apologies and know that you are also greatly appreciated.

Again this past year we were very busy, making 14,761 trips and covering 49,849 miles. We are a true door to door service; we call ourselves "caregivers on wheels". We will shovel your path if needed, tie shoes, button coats, carry

groceries, etc. Most of our travels are taking seniors, disabled of any age and nursing home persons to doctor and dentist appointments, physical therapy, hairdressers, shopping, to the hospital or to the Senior Center for lunch and activities and to Adult Day Care at Fairview Commons. Working with Berkshire Travelers we took trips to Hancock Shaker Village, Bright Lights, Culinary Institute and two plays at McHayden Theatre in Chatham in NY.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Valinaggi, E.D.

Board of Directors: Grace Zbell, Chairperson: Hilda Banks Shapiro, Vice Chairperson Jane Green & Amy Rutstein, Great Barrington; Barbara Whalen, Alford; Bruce Bernstein, Egremont; Prudence Spaulding, New Marlborough; Pat Ryan, Otis; Linda Riiska, Sandisfield; David Smith, Jr., Sheffield and Cynthia Weber, Monterey. FY'14

REPORT OF THE CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

To The Honorable Selectboard:

The goals of the Claire Teague Senior Center are to serve the needs of the senior population of Great Barrington by providing resources such as recreational, educational, social, and nutritional and entitlement assistance.

A milestone this year is the town's approval for a full time assistant director position. This newly created position will provide much needed administrative support for the director and will allow for more outreach and services for Great Barrington seniors.

The Senior Center has increased its choice of exercise classes including two new TAP dancing classes, Squeaky Sneakers and Cross Training. The bingo and computer rooms were given a fresh coat of paint and a new look. Both bathrooms have been remodeled; the lobby walls have our art class participants work displayed. The Senior Center acquired a new digital piano from a generous donor. We offered eight trips during the year in which over 160 participants. A new discussion group "News and Views" was a great success with lively topics and discussions. The senior center continues to have a healthy number of support groups, social and recreational events as well as health and wellness activities. The popular AARP Free Tax Preparation Assistance continues to provide a much-needed service for our seniors.

I want to express my thanks to all of the volunteers, staff and seniors who make the Claire Teague Senior Center a wonderful resource and place to visit. We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for seniors and persons with disabilities through advocacy and services.

ACTIVITY MEASURES:	Unit of Measure	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Forecast 2015
Elder Nutrition				
Home delivered meals	# meals served through Elder Services	8400 6200	5749 4941	6,500 5000
Brown Bag	# food bags distributed	1,200	1,200	1300
Exercise	# exercise participants	70	80	90
Health Clinics	# clinic participants	80	75	85
Support Groups	# group participants	225	225	240
Education	# Participants in educational programs	135	150	140
Social	# participants	280	285	280
Health Insurance Counseling	#One on one insurance counseling sessions	500	800	800

Respectfully Submitted,

Polly Mann
Director

Great Barrington Council on Aging: Barbara Bailly Chair; David Rutstein Vice Chair, Richard Needelman, Treasurer and Secretary, Eileen Gaarn, Amy Rutstein, Cara Holcomb, Michelle Gilligan and Grace Zbell

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARIES

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I hereby submit the report of the Great Barrington Libraries (Ramsdell and Mason) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Friends and Trustees:

Both the Friends of The Great Barrington Libraries and the Library Trustees have continued to contribute many hours creating & hosting events, including the popular First Thursday Films and the Creative Film Series at Mason and Ramsdell Libraries. The Friends generously bought passes to local museums for use by library patrons and arranged several successful book sales during the year.

Staff:

2014 saw the departure of library director Kate Deviny as well as the arrival of Elizabeth Meier and Molly McFall. Jessica Magelaner admirably stepped in as Interim Director and the entire staff pulled together again during the shortages. The staff is a resilient and hard working group and their ability to work under a variety of conditions is a credit to the library and the town.

Notable:

The libraries have continued to serve as a regular meeting space for Town and local organizations including Parks and Rec., the Cultural Council, the Great Barrington Tree Committee, the Brien Center and the Southern Berkshire Thyroid Support group. Our meeting rooms and quiet rooms were used nearly 2,300 times this year.

Mason Library once again offered one-on-one computer sessions with Assistant Director Jessica Magelaner. These continue to be well-attended, with spaces often reserved up to a month in advance. Ramsdell Library hosted a watercolor instruction class which evolved into a weekly drop-in painting session.

Our computers were used nearly 750 times at Ramsdell and 20,000 times at Mason Library. Both libraries serve as an important technological resource in their respective communities.

The Great Barrington Libraries joined the Massachusetts Library System-sponsored national CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) for our third year. We had 218 registered children who read over 100,000 minutes. The theme for this year was "Dig into Reading", which encouraged children to explore the world outside and underground. There were weekly activities where children learned about archaeology, created under the sea creatures, met with and learned about animals that live underground and helped with a community garden at Ramsdell as well as regular reading-themed programs. In total, the libraries offered 46 children's summer reading programs, with 778 persons attending.

Hours and Visitors:

Ramsdell Library continued to open Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 12-6pm, Wednesday 12-8:30pm and Saturday 10-5pm. Ramsdell Library was open a total of 1,693 hours and had 8,374 patrons visit.

Mason Library was open 10-7pm Monday –Friday and 10-3pm on Saturday. Mason Library was open a total of 2,483 hours with 131,433 visitors.

Circulation:

Great Barrington Libraries total circulation for FY 2014: 147,891 items.

	Adult	Young Adult	Children	Total
Mason	74,691	5,430	52,741	132,862
Ramsdell	11,575	406	3,048	15,029

Holdings:

Total Holdings: 107,954 (this includes an increase in the number of eBooks available via C/W MARS)

- Mason Library holds 84,852 items.
- Ramsdell Library holds 23,102 items

Materials Purchased in 2014: Mason					
Adult Books	1,902	Children's Books	1,659	YA Books	199
Adult Audio Books	239	Children's Audio Books	121	YA Audio Books	11
Adult DVDs	475	Children's DVDs	281	YA DVDs	59
Adult Serials	737	Children's Serials	67	YA Serials	4

Materials Purchased in 2014: Ramsdell					
Adult Books	1,252	Children's Books	434	YA Books	49
Adult Audio Books	85	Children's Audio Books	15	YA Audio Books	15
Adult DVDs	195	Children's DVDs	63	YA DVDs	-
Adult Serials	323	Children's Serials	2	YA Serials	12

Programs/Events:

GB Libraries sponsored a total of 434 events/programs and had approximately 4,913 people attend these events.

Finances:

On July 1, 2013, GB Libraries had \$34,636.10 in State Aid money. We spent \$12,288.13 last year and received \$10,237.54. As of July 1, 2014 we have \$33,923.52 in that account. This account largely pays for programs and advertising for programs. The Trustees of the Great Barrington Libraries govern the spending of State Aid.

Through fines and fees the Libraries were able to turn back to the town \$23,181.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to all of the employees, volunteers, Trustees and Friends of the libraries for their support, cooperation and hard work throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda M. DeGiorgis
Director

REPORT OF THE FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The committee met three times in 2014, the December meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Due to a Time-Warner corporate decision, oversight of Massachusetts towns covered by T-W changed from Albany to Maine. We were introduced to Shelley Winchenbach and Melinda Poore, T-W representatives who would be responsible for our towns. The proposed purchase of Time-Warner by the Comcast Corporation was the major focus of the year. In June, Comcast managers from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts met with us to extol the benefits of their corporation and to ask for local consent for the merger. This group could not speak to prices or channel offerings. The Select Boards of each of the five towns have voted for this consent. At present, this merger has not yet taken place. It is a slow process and the FCC has not yet completed their research.

Concerns about Massachusetts stations being blacked out and questions about the Berkshires being in the Albany market are on hold pending FCC deliberations. We are waiting for the merger decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Hatch
Great Barrington Representative
5 Town Cable Advisory Committee

REPORT of COMMUNITY TELEVISION for the SOUTHERN BERKSHIRES

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The staff and Board of Directors of CTSB are thrilled that our magnificent new building is working so well. There's a buzz in the community about CTSB that feels wonderful and is a tribute to the men and women who make it possible. Our parking lot is frequently full, indicating a high level of activity, which we haven't seen before.

We moved into our new building in June 2014 and have been growing ever since. Our station membership has increased by over 50% in the past year, and we've trained many members in the techniques of recording and editing shows for broadcast. Of course, this yields more quality shows on the air, thus encouraging our community to develop and present shows.

The Training Center—one of the most attractive features of our new building—inspired us to change our name to **CTSB Production and Training Center**. Operations Manager Erica Spizz is developing new, advanced training classes for those who have already attended the basic course and are seeking additional skills. High school students in our area are now developing shows as they learn video production processes. Monument Mountain High School is the leader, having created MMTV years ago. We're hoping that their leadership will provide the impetus for other schools to use CTSB for video work.

My regular interactions with our professional staff have convinced me that we are indeed lucky and blessed with such outstanding people: Leo Mahoney, Station Manager; Erica Spizz, Operations Manager; and Steven Borns, Production Coordinator. Coral Cook joined us this past year in a part-time administrative position, and she's a key contributor to our progress to date. The staff is very encouraging and supportive of everyone who has expressed interest in developing a TV show.

My vision for CTSB is that it becomes the video portal for South County, and we're well on our way to achieving this goal. Our building at 40 Limestone Road in Lee is open Monday thru Friday from 9 to 5, so please stop by to view the station's new home and meet the staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Ryan
CTSB Board President

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 the Planning Board held regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Additional meetings were scheduled, as necessary.

The Master Plan was adopted by Planning Board, with endorsement by the Board of Selectmen, in October 2013. Informed by the new Master Plan, multiple revisions to the zoning bylaws were drafted by the Planning Board. Two-family and accessory dwelling units were made by right, instead of by special permit. Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, in keeping with the new state law, were defined as a use and allowed by right in certain zones. The hotel/motel room cap was revised to facilitate possible redevelopment of certain historic structures. Language was clarified in the Water Quality Protection District. All zoning amendments were adopted by the Annual Town Meeting, passing by at least a two-thirds majority vote, and have been approved by the Attorney General.

Over the course of the year, the Planning Board endorsed ten ANR (subdivision approval not required) plans that created a total of seven new building lots.

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

The Master Plan was given special recognition by the American Planning Association - Massachusetts Chapter (APA-MA) Awards Committee and in December 2013 was voted to receive a Comprehensive Planning Award of the year. The award honors a plan, program or process of unusually high merit.

The make-up of the board has changed. Ethan Culleton chose not to seek re-election. Malcolm Fick, our Associate Member, was elected to fill his seat. Jeremy Higa was just (January 2015) appointed as our new Associate Member.

The lawsuit against The Planning Board and members of the Board of Selectmen, collectively and individually, brought by abutters to the Highfield on South Main development project, which was granted a special permit in 2008, was finally dismissed April 29, 2014 for lack of action by the plaintiffs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Hankin, Chairman
Suzanne Fowle, Vice Chairman
Jack Musgrove
Brandee Nelson
Malcolm Fick
Jeremy Higa, Associate Member
Kimberly Shaw, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TOWN PLANNER

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Town Planner (Department of Planning & Community Development) provides support and technical assistance to applicants, homeowners, businesses, Town staff and Boards regarding planning, zoning, and community and economic development matters. For the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 (FY 14) activities included:

The Town's first Master Plan since 1997 was approved by the Planning Board and Selectboard in October 2013. It sets the Town's framework for conservation, development, planning, and capital investments. We were honored to receive the state's highest planning award this year—the American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter (APA-MA) bestowed the Comprehensive Planning Award to honor the Great Barrington Master Plan as a plan, program or process of unusually high merit. The Town's 15-member, 100% volunteer, Master Plan Committee deserves our thanks for the three years of hard work. Congratulations!

Guided by the Master Plan's recommendations, I worked with the Planning Board to craft a series of zoning amendments, approved by Town Meeting 2014, to encourage additional lower cost housing and promote economic development. Two-family and accessory dwelling units were made by right. The hotel/motel room cap was revised to facilitate possible redevelopment of historic structures. The coming year will focus on zoning for Housatonic.

I continue to coordinate the Town Manager's Development Review Team (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief), which meets twice monthly to review permit and development proposals and provide guidance to homeowners and businesses. A total of 17 special permits were received and reviewed in FY 14. Proposals included the renovation and reuse of the former St. James Church on Main Street, the renovation and reuse of the Fairgrounds, and the construction of a 2.5 megawatt solar electric facility on land south of the Rising Mill. Fourteen applications for Planning Board site plan review were received and reviewed. These included renovations and expansions for commercial businesses and institutions throughout town, as well as two-family residences and accessory dwelling units. Finally, the 44-unit Barrington Brook received its subdivision plan approval in the summer of 2013, and construction began in 2014.

In the fall of 2013, the Castle Hill Avenue storm drainage improvements were completed, thanks to a major grant from Mass DEP. The new storm drain, deep catch basins, and stormwater treatment unit have combined to remove 33 tons of sediment from stormwater entering Lake Mansfield. Removal of this sediment and the pollutants it carries is a major step forward in protecting the Lake's water quality. We also applied to the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (a fund supported by the sale of three conservation license plates) for a water quality monitoring program. If funded, this will be a two year educational and research partnership with Bard College at Simon's Rock.

This office assisted the DPW Superintendent and Town Manager in finalizing the design of the Main Street project. Mass DOT bid the job in early 2014. Related to Downtown planning, in February 2014 we received a grant from Mass DHCD to help form a partnership of merchants, property owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the Town, and to develop a downtown-focused plan for programs, marketing, and improvements.

Also in February we applied for a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant, in partnership with Sheffield and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The grant will establish a housing rehabilitation program to serve low to moderate income owner-occupants, and will fund stormwater infrastructure engineering in Housatonic. (In July 2014 Governor Patrick chose Housatonic as the venue to announce that our application was approved!)

Finally, the Town's Community Preservation Committee convened in the fall of 2013 to begin its duties of implementing the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in Great Barrington. I staff the Committee and guide its planning, administrative and project functions, in addition to my duties as Town Planner. The first CPA applications will be considered in late 2014 for Town Meeting approval in May 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Rembold, AICP, Town Planner

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I am pleased to present this report from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The CPC was formed by Article 16 at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2013, pursuant to MGL Ch. 44B, in order to implement the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which was adopted by Great Barrington voters in 2012.

It was voted that the CPC would consist of the five representatives as required by State law (Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Parks Commission, and Planning Board) plus 4 additional representatives: (Finance Committee, Selectboard, and 2 citizens who are not members of any other board).

Members as of June 30, 2014 was:

Citizen at Large, Martha Fick
Citizen at Large, Kathleen Jackson
Conservation Commission, Jessica Dezieck
Finance Committee, Thomas Blauvelt
Historical Commission, Bill Nappo
Housing Authority, Deborah Salem
Parks Commission, Karen W. Smith
Planning Board, Suzanne Fowle
Selectboard, Ed Abrahams (succeeding Andrew Blechman)

The CPC first met in November 2013. Karen W. Smith was elected as Chair and Jessica Dezieck as Vice Chair. The CPC met 10 times between November 2013 and June 30, 2014. At the second meeting, the CPC held a workshop session led by the Community Preservation Coalition about how to implement the CPA and adopt a Community Preservation Plan.

At the May 2014 Town Meeting the CPC briefed the assembly on its activities and recommended that Town Meeting adopt the minimum 10% reserves each for affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation.

In May 2014, after several months of meetings and a public hearing, the CPC adopted its first Community Preservation Plan, per MGL Ch. 44B. It describes the CPA, guides the use of CPA funds, and guides applicants seeking CPA funds. It also provides an outline of the community preservation needs of the town and the types of projects the CPC will consider for funding. The CPC also adopted a funding application and established an application deadline and timetable.

As of the closing date of this report, no CPA projects have been reviewed. Applications are due in the fall of 2014 and the CPC expects a large number of applicants from each CPA category.

I would like to thank the Town Planner for his guidance of the CPC's planning work as well acting as administrative staff. Finally, the CPC members have proven extremely dedicated. It has taken a substantial amount of effort to get up to speed, and each member has proven more than equal to the task.

For the Community Preservation Committee,

Karen W. Smith, Chair

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Conservation Commission is charged with the following:

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

Last year, the Conservation Commission reviewed and/or issued:

- 18 Wetland Protection Act Requests for Determination of Applicability
- 18 Wetland Protection Act Notices of Intent
- 2 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Requests for Determination of Applicability
- 1 Berkshire Scenic Mountains Act Notice of Intent
- 8 Enforcement Orders
- 4 Special Permits
- 2 Beaver Permits
- 7 Certificates of Compliance
- 3 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 14 Recommendations to various Town Departments or Boards
- 196 Non permit related outreach, letters, site visits and consultations

Earlier this year, Amanda Sewall, our Conservation Agent, announced her intention to move on to new endeavors but stayed on to support the Commission until a new Agent could be hired. The Commission is grateful to Amanda for her dedication to the Town's conservation effort. Shepley Evans, former Conservation Chairman in Stockbridge, signed on as Agent in September.

The Commission continues to have active membership on the Lake Mansfield Alliance and we support the Lake Mansfield Improvement Taskforce whenever possible. Likewise, a representative of the Commission serves on the Community Preservation Committee, and the Commission collaborates with numerous local conservation councils,

boards and citizen groups in order to fulfill our role in open space planning and the long term clean-up and restoration of the Housatonic River. We have participated enthusiastically in the Town Master Planning process and look forward to an enlightened ecological future for Great Barrington.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Mankin, Chair
Jessica Dezieck, Vice Chair

REPORT OF THE LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE (LMITF)

To the Honorable Selectboard:

In 2014 the LMITF continued its work in planning for and supporting the implementation of improvements in the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area with the goal of providing for public safety, use and accessibility, water quality improvements, protection of the watershed and stewardship of the resource area. I am pleased to provide the following report.

Great emphasis and many hours were given to considering improvement options to best to provide for the protection and improvement of the water and natural resource areas as well as support recreational use, public safety and community access. On May 21, 2014, LMITF provided for a site visit which included Task Force Members and members from related boards and commissions, the DEP Circuit Rider and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Senior Planner, Lauren Gaherty. On September 29, 2014, LMITF presented on current conditions and concerns at the joint meeting of the Select board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force.

After thorough consideration, The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force requests and advises that funding be allocated to hire a multi-disciplinary team to engage the community in defining its goals for the Lake Mansfield Recreation area and to provide the town with well-developed alternative options (costs, permitting, and impacts) for future work. The Task Force urges the select board to support the \$40,000 request in this year's capital budget put forward by the DPW Superintendent. A hired consultant team will be able to provide detailed cost estimates for the different phases (design, construction, permitting) for future capital improvements for the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area. A formal request for planning support and a comprehensive Lake Mansfield Recreation Area report was submitted to the Select board in February 2015.

In addition, the following observations, accomplishments, and assessments were reviewed.

I. Water Quality Improvements and Assessments:

- a. Sediment removal from catch basins installed with the new Castle Hill Avenue storm drain system, demonstrated the efficacy of the new system. Since installation of the new drainage system in August, 2013, the DPW Superintendent calculates that 33 tons of sediment has been captured. Before the drainage improvement this sediment and associated pollutants would go directly into the lake. Water protection labels have been installed on the improved filtration drainage basins in partnership with the Housatonic Valley Association.
- b. The unpaved parking area at the beach continues to contribute sediments the lake in form of unfiltered run-off during storm events. Unmitigated storm water is also a concern along Lake Mansfield Road and where Knob Hill Road enters Lake Mansfield Road in the boat launch area.

- c. The summer season's water testing results, provided weekly by The Town's Health Agent, showed that Lake Mansfield waters were healthy for swimmers throughout the 2014 swimming season.
- d. In July 2014 the Massachusetts Environmental Trust awarded the Town of Great Barrington a grant of \$30,000 to support a water quality monitoring program at Lake Mansfield in a collaborative project with Bard College at Simon's Rock, the Berkshire Environmental Research Center (BERC), and the Lake Mansfield Alliance (LMA).

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

- a. The mowing policy developed for the Lake Mansfield Recreation Area aimed at supporting sensitive habitat area and encouraging plant growth that can help prevent erosion was followed in 2014
- b. A two year program to eradicate invasive phragmites through contract with JMP Environment Consulting was completed in 2014. The treatment program, utilizing a carefully targeted herbicide applied by syringe to cut plant stalks, was approved and funded through the Conservation Commission. Though results were very good, a small recurrence of the invasive plant will need future treatment.

II. Use and Accessibility –Recreational use of the lake, beach area, forest trails and Lake Mansfield Road increased again in 2014. Although the greatest number of users is noted in the summer season, the Recreation Area is a popular destination throughout the year. The accessible trail system in the conservation forest is used by many community members and visitors in all season. A listing of the recreational opportunities is available at www.Lakemansfield.org.

- a. The strong summer programming provided through the Parks Commission is essential to our safe and well maintained waterfront. In summer 2014 a total of 16,848 beach visits were documented.
- b. The Parks Commission and Lake Mansfield Alliance collaborated to fund the installation of new changing rooms adjacent to the porta-let area. The work was coordinated by the DPW Superintendent.
- c. Lake Mansfield Alliance (LMA), a project of Great Barrington Land Conservancy, engaged volunteers in the care of the recreation area and provided \$2,400 in funding support. Efforts included support for new changing areas, sponsoring the annual clean-up day, volunteer days for community and student groups, regular trail maintenance, clearing of fallen trees due to storm damage, hand-pulling and cutting of invasive species, installation of new trail signage and community outreach and education. A Greenagers trail crew was hired by LMA for a day of summer trail maintenance. In addition, LMA maintains an informative Lake Mansfield website, produces an annual Lake Mansfield newsletter and provides for recreational opportunities including guided hikes, summer yoga and winter snowshoeing.
- d. The town worked at resolving private ownership of approximately 400 square feet in the boat launch. Clear ownership is needed to move forward with future drainage and access improvements.

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

- a. Concern over the continuing road degradation and the imperative of supporting safe use along Lake Mansfield Rd are of primary concern to the task force.

IV. **Continued work In the Coming Year** - Currently LMITF has one open position (citizen at large) as Ron Dlugosz resigned after seven years of committed service.

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

Provided in behalf of LMITF,



Christine Ward, Chair

2014 Task Force Members:

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

REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Throughout this fiscal year The Energy Committee (EC) once again encouraged the Town to fulfill the paperwork requirements in order to procure the Green Community grant (\$142,700.00) that was awarded to GC back in July 2012. Guardian Energy Management Solutions prepared a memo of understanding (MOU) for energy conservation measures in July of 2013. The proposal was revised in November, and signed by the Town in the winter/spring of 2014. Guardian was then able to prepare the analysis of payback required by the DOER, and create design-build proposals for several projects. These were reviewed and accepted over the summer, and begun in the following fiscal year.

During this fiscal year the Solarize Mass program also came to fruition, with Malcolm Fick serving as the solar coach with support from the Energy Committee, particularly Beth Moser. The Town moved quickly with fulfilling the requirements of this project for the DOER, and the public interest was tremendous. Great Barrington had one of the highest levels of participation per capita.

Our committee of (7) has shrunk by attrition over the next fiscal year, and is of this date currently comprised of (5) members.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vlcek, Chairman
Beth Moser, Secretary
Brandee Nelson
Alana Chernila
Ryan Caruso

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

We sent two letters to Congressman Neal to express our concern for the Trans Pacific Partnership bill that could limit our community agricultural freedom.

We supported a land access forum organized by Berkshire Grown.

We wrote for and received a grant from the Ag Com of Massachusetts to support the land access forum.

Met with the Great Barrington Land Conservancy and discussed how conservation and agriculture could have a better relationship.

Created Ag Com website: <http://gbagcom.weebly.com>

Planning to put on an "Options" forum for local farmers to learn about other options for growing and raising food.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Pryjma
Chair

REPORT OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

During the fiscal year 2014 the Great Barrington Tree Committee met regularly on the first Wednesday of every month excepting February and June. The July meeting was held on the second Wednesday due to the Independence Day holiday. No additional meetings were scheduled.

The Committee had one membership change. Vice Chairman Steve Adams resigned his position in March after moving out of Great Barrington, leaving the committee with 9 members. The committee has discussed a resolution amendment decreasing its membership. Dennis Gibbons continued as chairman and Michael Wise continued as the secretary. Throughout the year the Committee continued to fulfill its resolution.

The tree Committee was successful in completing the Tree City USA application and the Town was awarded Tree City USA status for 2013, the 2nd consecutive year. This accolade is an important achievement in securing grant money from the state and other national organizations for tree related endeavors. The Committee is committed in continuing to remain a Tree City USA and has begun to compile necessary information for next year's application.

The tree inventory continued with the assistance of DCR representatives in an effort to make the management of the Great Barrington urban forest more efficient. The Committee was provided with a tablet to aid in the collection of relevant data for completing the tree inventory. Inventory was collected on Stockbridge Road north from Castronova Park to the Price Chopper Shopping Plaza.

An educational exhibit was created and displayed in the lobby of The Mason Library. It consisted of recommended literature, examples of native tree cuttings for identification purposes and invasive and destructive pest information as well as tree health care pamphlets free to the public. The Pamphlets are now available in the kiosk at Town Hall.

In addition to these accomplishments the Tree Committee and the Town celebrated Arbor Day with an official Arbor Day Proclamation as well as several volunteer initiatives including: the installation of one new tree, a

Ginkgo, donated by locally owned Ward's Nursery and installed by Committee Chairman Dennis Gibbons in the Water Street Cemetery after a small ceremony, pruning of publicly owned shade trees by Haupt Tree Company also in the Water Street Cemetery, and tree related artworks created by local student artists from Monument Valley Middle School and the Renaissance Art School that were exhibited in the Berkshire Bank lobby and The Mason Library on Main Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Gibbons,

Chairman

Steve Adams, Vice Chairman (resigned March 2014)

Michael Wise, Secretary

Maria Ahlin

Hilda Banks Shapiro

Lisa Bozzuto

Beth Moser

Susan Sheridan

Jess Wikle

Laury Epstein

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Selectboard:

If fiscal year 2013 had little business for the Zoning Board of Appeals, fiscal year 2014 more than made up for it. The board held a dozen hearings between July 2013 and June 2014.

The ZBA granted special permits to Berkshire Aviation Enterprises, for a deck and disabled access to its office building at Walt Koladza Airport (an abutter subsequently filed an appeal with Superior Court); Marvin Albert and Anne Johnston-Albert, for an addition on a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling on Berkshire Heights Road; Aaron and Caroline Becker, to convert a small dwelling on Rosseter Street into a business use and build a porch on the rear; James B. Ketchen, to construct a fire escape on a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling on Castle Hill Avenue; Robert and Mary Ann Norris, to move a garage wall closer to the setback line during renovations at a dwelling on Prospect Street; John and Sue Corcoran, to construct a family room on a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling on Lake Avenue; WDM Properties, to convert a contractor's yard into warehouse/storage and other use at a property on Crissey Road; and L&S/Lipton Mart, to build an addition onto an existing Mobil gas station on Stockbridge Road.

A special permit application from Housatonic Solar I for a solar installation in Housatonic was withdrawn.

The ZBA denied a special permit to Matthew Dodds, to rebuild a garage on Anderson Street, the board failing to attain sufficient majority to find the proposed construction would meet legal requirements for an exception.

The board granted a variance to Stephen Bennett for property on Long Pond Road, to construct a two-car garage within a setback due to ledge and wetlands considerations.

Lynn Hutchinson brought two appeals before the ZBA. Both involved cutting trees and brush within a Water Quality Protection District at Long Pond and issues of enforcement. The first appeal was ultimately dismissed, as agreed by the applicant, and the second was denied. The applicant subsequently filed an appeal in Land Court.

Vice-Chairman Ivory presided at the Hutchinson hearing, Chairman Majdalany presided at the others.

Respectfully,

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Selectboard:

The Great Barrington Police Department is organized into a Chief, two sergeants and fourteen police officers. The sergeants work on both night shifts. On shifts not covered by a command staff member, we institute an officer-in-charge system to supervise the officers. We also have seven reserve officers.

The following is a list of arrests, investigations and activities by the Great Barrington Police Department for Fiscal Year 2014:

911 Calls:	2,343
Arrests:	171
Protective Custody:	45
Accidents:	257
Breaking & Entering:	40
Larcenies:	183
Shoplifting:	13
Malicious Destruction:	49
Assaults:	88
Sexual Assaults:	32
Stolen Vehicles:	5

Fines collected from parking tickets: \$7,375

Revenue from issued firearm licenses and junk car permits: \$3,207

Fines returned from the courts for motor vehicle citations & other fines: \$25,399

Revenue from administrative fees assessed for paid details: \$9,155

Revenue from regional dispatching/lock-up agreements: \$200

Alarm permits and false alarm charges: \$45,575

Grants:

Grant from District's Attorney's Office for Berkshire County Law Enforcement Task Force investigations: \$32,052

Federal grant for body armor: \$2,000

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant to purchase portable radios: \$4,435

State 911 Department toward dispatcher salaries and dispatch furniture: \$31,629

State 911 Department for Emergency Medical Dispatching Training: \$9,546

I'd like to mention some of the highlights and projects the department has worked on in the past year.

This past year we used the bicycle patrol to its fullest extent yet. I've heard many positive comments from people that liked the idea of something new and different. It covered the Skate Park, River Walk and had a strong downtown presence.

Sharon Nourse, our longtime Parking Enforcement Officer retired after eighteen years of service. She performed a difficult task with enthusiasm and with a smile. Sharon also performed many other services for us including payroll, processing tickets, issuing firearm licenses and budget preparation. She also was instrumental in working on our accreditation efforts. All of us will miss Sharon and we wish her well in retirement.

Animal Control Officer Olivia VanSant resigned after performing a great job in this difficult position. She was very dedicated to what is a part-time position. Olivia pulled together fielding complaints, checking on dog licenses and general enforcement of pertinent Town by-laws. Thank you Olivia!

Kim Shaw also left Town employment for employment with another town. Kim worked tirelessly on our accreditation efforts and was very instrumental in helping us obtain "Certification", the halfway point in this process.

Richard Congdon retired from service after eighteen years as a Reserve Police Officer. Officer Congdon was extremely competent and always available when we needed him. He always acted professionally and he was a great asset to our department. We were fortunate to have him with us and I want to thank him for his service.

Our webpage was overhauled with many new features and much more information was added. Jenn Bailly, from the Selectboard/Town Manager's Office, was very helpful in this endeavor. We also worked with the State 911 Department to lay the ground work for "Next Generation 911". This will be a major upgrade to the Communications Center that will allow 911 centers to receive and process cell phone calls, text messages and photos.

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

The Main Street Reconstruction Project presented many challenges but the first phase of the project went well. We will continue to work with all stakeholders to minimize disruptions to our downtown. We will continue attending weekly meetings involving the State DOT, Maxymillian, the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce and other Town officials to discuss issues and resolve problems.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Walsh, Jr.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Honorable Selectboard:

This is the Great Barrington Emergency Management Agency Report for Fiscal Year 2014:

We continued to collaborate with local schools and colleges developing safety plans to better respond to critical incidents. This included regular meetings with the Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Emergency Management Team, participating in school drills and school familiarity tours for all officers.

All officers also went on campus familiarity tours of Bard College at Simon's Rock.

We coordinated with the fire department and local EMS response to Ebola issues. This included outfitting cruisers with personal protective equipment for police officers and developing response policies.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Walsh, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Great Barrington Fire Department responded to 614 incidents in Fiscal Year 2014, making it our second busiest year ever. The breakdown by category is shown:

Structure Fires:	16
Other Fires:	34
Rescues:	24
Haz-Mat:	58
Medical:	196
Service:	72
False Alarms:	185
Other:	29

The importance of fire alarms was demonstrated several times during the year. In one instance the Fire Department was dispatched for a fire alarm activation at a private school. Units arrived to find a fire in the laundry room. Thanks to the alarm and quick work by fire personnel most of the damage was contained to one room, saving multiple dorm rooms, offices, and the school's computer server. Then, a week later, the Fire Department responded for an alarm activation in a large, four story building housing multiple businesses and apartments. The fire was found in a fourth floor apartment. Once again, thanks to the fire alarm system and excellent work by Great Barrington firefighters, most of the damage was contained to one apartment. All but one of the tenants were able to occupy their unit the next day. Although it can be frustrating at times responding to many false alarms the systems serve a valuable purpose.

Expanding and improving our technical rescue service has been a goal of the Fire Department and proved to be important as our capabilities were put to the test throughout the year. Multiple long, difficult, searches were done in coordination with Great Barrington Police. On several occasions our rope rescue team was needed for rescues and recoveries off of the many mountains in the area. New techniques and extensive training resulted in safer and more rapid rescues.

The Department believes its training is the most important component to providing quality service to the community. The Great Barrington Firefighters dedicated over 4600 hours of training throughout the year. Training consists of classes from the Massachusetts Fire Academy, conferences taught by nationally recognized experts, and weekly Department drills. During the year two firefighters earned Firefighter I and II certification, another was certified as a Fire Officer and Hazardous Materials Responder (Operations Level), while four others earned their EMT licenses. Also, I became one of the first western Massachusetts chiefs to earn Fire Chief Credentialing.

The Great Barrington Fire Department works hard to find ways to maintain and improve the level of service to the community while struggling with decreased manpower. One of the primary methods of increasing our level of service is the reliance on mutual aid from other communities and we are thankful to be surrounded by departments ready and willing to assist. However, this creates the need for standardization of policies and training to facilitate interoperability. We are a county leader in that regard. A major success was implementing a radio communications policy which was adopted by Berkshire County Fire Chiefs. Standardized communications has proved to be a large help in multi-agency incidents.

Firefighters dedicated many hours compiling 130 pages of specifications for the design and construction of the town's new tower ladder. The goal is a versatile and reliable apparatus which will serve the town for 25 years.

Fire prevention continues to be a priority for the Department. A total of 841 inspections were performed, all of which are required by Massachusetts General Law. Inspections generated \$14,590 in revenues. The following breakdown shows the inspections by type:

Periodic Safety	343
Liquor License:	52
Smoke/CO Detection	112
Sprinkler System	9
Fire Alarm Systems	15
Blasting/Fireworks	7
Tank Removal	17
Oil Furnaces	32
Propane Tanks	36
Tanker Trucks	13
Plan Reviews:	80
Inspections, Other:	125

We are always looking to recruit more firefighters. If you are interested, talk to a firefighter you know, stop in the station, or call 413-528-0788 for more information. It is a challenging and rewarding way to serve your community.

I would like to thank the community for its support and the officers and members of the Department for their hard work and dedication. This is what makes the Great Barrington Fire Department a truly outstanding resource ready to respond to whatever the need is in our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Burger
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Board of Health and the Health Department continued to provide high quality services to the Town of Great Barrington during FY14 with only a modest 1.7% increase in budget. The Health Department issued permits for a wide variety of activities related to public health. They also conducted the inspections and complaint follow-up that

is necessary to both protect the health of the Town's occupants and ensure compliance with our various public health codes and regulations. A summary of these permits and inspections are listed below.

We are happy to report that we were also able to continue to provide 5 flu clinics to our residents with the help of Fairview Hospital, the Berkshire Public Health Alliance and the Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps (BMRC). This would not have been possible without the help of our community partners. This year, the public clinics were held at the Housatonic Community Center, Great Barrington Fire Station, Town Hall and the Monument Valley Middle School.

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

In FY14 the Board of Health issued the following Permits & Licenses:

- 170 Food Establishment Permits
- 105 Temporary Food Permits
- 22 Septic System Construction Permits
- 5 Well Construction Permits
- 17 Lodging Establishment Permits
- 19 Public and Semi-Public Pool Permits
- 15 Tobacco Sales Permits
- 4 Camp Permits
- 6 Beaver Trapping Permits
- 17 Septic Installer Permits
- 17 Septage and Garbage Hauler's Permits
- 42 Trench Permits
- 5 Body Art Practitioner/Establishment Licenses

In all, 444 licenses and permits were processed and a total of \$47,854.00 in permitting and inspectional fees was collected. A record 497 food inspections were also completed this year.

In addition to the above, 23 Animal Inspector incidents were handled and a total of 21 Barn inspections were completed as required for the Department of Agricultural Resources, Bureau of Animal Health.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne E. Smith- Health Agent -Great Barrington Board of Health

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I hereby submit to you the Inspector of Buildings Report FY 2014

<u>BUILDING PERMITS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
New Structure	17	\$23,968.00	\$ 3,507,770.00
Add/Alt/Repair	139	\$35,913.00	\$ 5,488,420.00
Commercial	53	\$15,819.00	\$ 2,319,826.00
Windows/Siding/Insulation	74	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 377,195.21
Roofing	69	\$ 4,763.00	\$ 800,213.00
Stoves/Liners	21	\$ 735.00	\$ 35,144.00
Signs	75	\$ 2,485.00	\$ 0.00
Demo/Selective Demo	16	\$ 970.00	\$ 99,700.00
Tent	19	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
Photovoltaic	13	\$ 2,188.00	\$ 363,265.00
Pools	05	\$ 400.00	\$ 179,850.00
Fences	00	0.00	\$ 0.00
Sheds	02	\$ 273.00	\$ 39,000.00
Shell/Antenna/Foundation	08	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 162,000.00
Totals:	<u>511</u>	<u>\$ 92,349.80</u>	<u>\$13,372,383.21</u>

In Addition to Building Permits:

(74) Periodic Inspections	\$4,998.00
(42) Annual Liquor License Inspections	\$3,040.00
(16) Trench Permits	\$ 600.00
(16) Sheet Metal	\$ 665.00
Other Fees	\$ 268.94
Total Other Fees:	\$9,571.94

Total Turned over to Treasurer in FY14 - \$101,921.74

Respectfully Submitted,

Edwin A. May
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Selectboard:

During the year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 this department issued 129 permits, did 218 onsite Inspections and collected \$13,385.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Selectboard:

During the year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 this department issued 125 permits, did 131 on site Inspections and collected \$7,865.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Gennari
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Selectboard:

During the year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 this department issued 304 permits, did 550 onsite Inspections and collected \$33,020.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Piontek
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures. 87 retail scales were inspected and certified. There were also 76 gasoline pumps that were tested and certified.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Vacchina
Sealer of Weights and Measures

PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I am pleased to submit for your review the annual report of the Department of Public Works for FY 2014. The Department of Public Works (DPW) includes the Divisions of Highway, Wastewater, Public Grounds (cemeteries, parks, and public buildings grounds) and Public Buildings (facilities). The Department also manages Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling and Engineering design projects for the Town. The annual report for the Wastewater Division will be covered in a separate document.

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

Public Grounds Division: (Cemeteries, parks, public building grounds) along with providing support for the Highway Department during winter maintenance activities, maintains approximately 130 acres $\pm$ of cemeteries (7), parks and green areas and building grounds throughout the Town. This includes weekly maintenance and repairs. Other work done by the division includes building picnic tables for park areas, erecting bleachers and repairing facilities in and around park areas. The Division is also responsible for the sale of cemetery lots and provides assistance during services.

Public Buildings Division: Maintains the public buildings in town including; Town Hall, Mason Library, Ramsdell Library, Claire W. Teague Senior Center, Southern Berkshire District Court, Police Station, Great Barrington Fire Station, Housatonic Fire Station and the Housatonic Community Center. The staff of the division provides daily support and responds to building emergencies and alarms when necessary. The staff provides additional support for the highway division during winter maintenance activities.

The Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Center continues with the new hours of operation established in FY 2013. The facility is now open Friday (8:00A – 3:00P), Saturday (7:00A – 3:00P) and Sunday (10:00A – 3:00P). A new fee structure for annual stickers and garbage bags was also established during the year. The Town continues to hold two Bulky Waste Collections days during the year for the residents. The Town also participates in the Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program with continued support and participation from Great Barrington residents. Comprehensive collection days for South County residents and several mini collection days are held throughout the year.

The DPW completed several planned road and improvement projects including the paving of Van Duesenville Road, Main Street, Pleasant Street, Depot Street and High Street all in Housatonic. Approximately 1,200 feet of new drain lines, drain manholes and catch basins were installed along Main Street in Housatonic. Drain line repairs and a new sidewalk were completed on Pleasant Street in Housatonic. New equipment purchased by the Department included a Trackless MT Sidewalk machine and a F550 Class truck.

Due to the severe winter in FY13/FY 14 the MassDOT released monies for pavement repairs. The town was awarded \$66,000 and made repairs to a section of Monument Valley Road.

Annual contracts managed by the Department include:

- FY 14 Custodial Supplies
- FY 14 WWTP Chemicals – Various suppliers
- FY 14 Sludge Management Contract
- FY 14 Catch Basin Cleaning

- FY 14 Refuse Collection (buildings)
- FY 14 Diesel Fuel
- FY 14 Heating Oil
- FY 14 Gasoline (87 Octane)
- FY 14 Elevator Service
- FY 14 Building Alarm Services
- FY 14 Building Sprinkler Systems Service
- FY 14 Landfill monitoring
- FY 14 Uniform Services
- FY 14 Backup Generators annual maintenance contracts
- FY 14 Annual Boiler Maintenance

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph W. Sokul
DPW Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

To The Honorable Selectboard:

The Wastewater Department received at its treatment facilities some 363 million gallons of wastewater and 230,000 gallons of septic tank waste from July 2013 thru June 2014. The treatment of the wastewater removed 96% of the biological oxygen demand and 98% of the suspended solids before it was discharged to the Housatonic River. Additionally, some 1,200 tons of sludge cake was processed and removed off site.

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

All pumps and equipment were maintained throughout the fiscal year.

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

Sewer main was replaced on Castle Street and several hundred feet of sewer line were cleaned of debris and inspected

The department developed cost savings measures by flow pacing chemical additions, reduction of run time of various pumps and utilizing high efficiency motors. This program is ongoing and will have energy saving options as it progresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Drumm
Wastewater Superintendent

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Parks and Recreation Commission has overview of and responsibility for the various parks and playgrounds of the town. We are grateful for the financial support provided us by the citizens of Great Barrington at the Annual Town Meeting.

We are supported in our efforts to maintain the parks by the cemetery division of the DPW and extend our gratitude to the DPW and to the cooperation we receive from Joseph Sokul. Maintenance of the parks and playgrounds is often difficult and time-consuming, but we continue to rely on the manpower provided us by the DPW and its various divisions.

We are indebted to the citizens who have supported our mission by countless volunteer hours. Among the many volunteer groups are members of the Great Barrington Little League, the Lake Mansfield Alliance, the Greenagers, the Great Barrington Garden Club and the Great Barrington Millers Adult Baseball Team. Without their support and efforts we would be unable to provide our citizens with the opportunity for enjoyable sporting and recreational activities.

This past year we continued to focus on the upgrade of our various parks, most notably the Alice Bubriski Memorial Playground at the Housatonic Commons. We have installed new playground equipment for our younger citizens and will continue to add suitable age-appropriate equipment for all citizens, young and old alike. We will continue to solicit the advice and counsel of the many users of the Commons and all contributions and volunteer aid will be gratefully accepted.

We continue to offer summer playground activities at several of our parks: the Lake Mansfield beach, the Memorial Field skate park, and the Housatonic Commons. We annually contract with the South Berkshire Community Center to provide our programs and are thankful for their support and oversight of these areas.

Additionally, we have constructed a changing area at the Lake Mansfield beach. This was accomplished with the financial assistance of the Lake Mansfield Alliance. We will continue to maintain the beach area and the surrounding recreational land of this beautiful site.

A new water line was installed to the Olympian Meadows complex. This new line will allow the Great Barrington Little League to operate their concession stand, a necessary part of their many fund-raising activities. In addition we have supplied infield mix which their volunteers have used to maintain their several playing fields.

With the installation of the water line we have the capability to possibly construct new toilet facilities, a project which is presently under consideration for the future.

We are continuing to study additional equipment upgrades for Olympian Meadows, Giggles Playground at the Great Barrington Town Hall, and the Grove Street Park. Further, we are reviewing the handicapped accessibility at Memorial Field and other parks as well as continual maintenance problems which have arisen at Memorial Field.

Again, we thank the citizens of Great Barrington for the opportunity to serve their recreational needs and, of course, their financial support at the Annual Town Meeting. We are always open to suggestions and gratefully accept all offers of volunteer support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gibbons, Chairperson

TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Selectboard:

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2013 and ended June 30, 2014 there was a Special School District Election and the Annual Town Election as well as the Annual Town Meeting.

	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>%Voted</u>
Special School District			
Election Nov 2013	4458	1558	35%
Annual Town Meeting May 2014	4357	435	10%
Annual Town Election May 2014	4357	1396	32%

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Mahaiwe Theatre again in 2014. The Annual Town Meeting was held May 5th, 2014 with voters (10%) acting on 25 warrant articles, including several bylaw changes. The articles of note were: a new Zoning Bylaw allowing Medical Marijuana Centers in town, updates to the Town Charter, and a Citizen Petition to move the Annual Town Meeting back to Monument Mountain for the Annual Town Meeting in 2015. The zoning articles were all approved by the Attorney General's Office.

There were 82 marriages, 165 births and 159 deaths recorded during the fiscal year. The Annual Census was 6894 with 4,276 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington at the end of the fiscal year.

Fees amounting to \$36,274.46 were turned over to the Treasurer for the sale of birth, marriage and death records, the filing of marriage intentions, the recording of business certificates, fuel storage registrations, pole locations, the sale of zoning bylaws, photo copies, raffle permits, and dog license fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ryan, CMC. CMMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AT MAHAIWE THEATER
14 CASTLE STREET
MAY 5, 2014 AT 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Great Barrington qualified to vote in Town Meetings proceeded to vote at the above named meeting place with the following results. The meeting was duly called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Moderator Edward McCormick who welcomed everyone to the 254th Great Barrington Annual Town Meeting. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening but will make a determination later in the meeting if this is not possible and the meeting will be adjourned to the next night. Mr. McCormick stated that there was a quorum present and noted the return and service of the warrant. He announced that the meeting is being taped for broadcast at a later date. Mr. McCormick requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Honor Guards from the Adams-Budz Post and Girl Scout Troop #11259 (Paige Lussier, Olivia Netzer, Olivia Ruggiero, Tess Climo, Sadie Brownson, Bailey Carlson, Abby Dohoney and Mary Formel). A moment of silence was requested for the following town officials who passed away from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; Helen Koneazny, Virginia Cunningham, Rose Zarcone, Virginia Mattson, Agnes Cobb, Thomas "Tom Jay" Jaworski, Ruth "Dee Dee" Brownson, Linda Jean Daloni, Virginia M. Passetto, Anthony Pruhenski and Arlene Dezieck. Mr. McCormick introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Lauren Sartori, Town Council David Doneski, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Selectman Chair Sean Stanton, Selectmen: Deborah Phillips, Stephen Bannon, Andrew Blechman, Daniel Bailly; Finance Committee Members: Sharon Gregory, Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Mark Lefenfeld, Leigh Davis and Walter Atwood, III.

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

Mr. McCormick then introduced Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin who presented a power point slide presentation in regards to the Fiscal 2015 proposed budget.

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

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

VOTED AT 6:25 P.M.

ARTICLE 1:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by Paul Gibbons, voted that the Town authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

- a. Plumbing Inspector (\$15,000.)
- b. Wire Inspector (\$40,000.)
- c. Gas Inspector (\$15,000.)
- d. Town Code Printing (\$10,000.)
- e. Parks Commission (\$5,000.)
- f. Recycling/Green Product Sales (\$5,000.)
- g. Cemetery (\$5,000.)
- h. Fire Inspectors (\$5,000)

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, §53 E 1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

VOTED AT 6:26 PM

ARTICLE 2:

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by Lauren Sartori , voted that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:
Selectmen: \$7,500

VOTED AT 6:27 PM

ARTICLE 3:

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

VOTED AT 6:28 PM

ARTICLE 4:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the sum of \$857,280 is appropriated to (i) pay the costs of various roadway and drainage improvements at a cost of approximately \$500,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (ii) pay the costs of Town buildings improvements at an approximate cost of \$65,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iii) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new police cruiser at a cost of approximately \$35,280, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (iv) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping one new Loader for the use of the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$160,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (v) pay the costs of acquiring and equipping one new dump truck for the use of the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$97,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Mr. McCormick then proceeded to explain that this article had to be voted by a 2/3rds majority and by secret ballot.

June Johnson and Robin Helfand spoke on this article.

The Moderator then asked the voters to proceed to the ballot boxes located on the sides of the theater downstairs and upstairs as well as a box in the back of the theater. He told voters to use their pink yes/no ballot slips.

**VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 6:47 PM
YES – 275 NO – 80**

ARTICLE 5:

On a motion by Mark Lefenfeld and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,400 for the following General Fund Capital Items, and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash for the following Waste Water capital items:

General Fund**Town Manager/Selectmen**

Grants/Economic development	20,000
Total	20,000

Public Works

Remediation-highway garage	25,000
Bike path feasibility	20,000
Total	45,000

Parks

Improvements	45,000
Total	45,000

Fire Department

Fire computer system	19,400
Total	19,400

Total Capital-General Fund**129,400****Waste Water Enterprise Fund Capital**

Improvements	370,000
Mobile CTV unit	80,000

Total Capital-Waste Water Enterprise Fund**450,000**

Mr. McCormick read each line item and instructed the voters to call out "hold" on any items they which to hold and discuss. He read each line item and there were no holds.

VOTED AT 6:39 PM**ARTICLE 6:**

On a motion by Mark Lefenfeld and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing year as detailed in the FY15 Annual Budget for the General Fund.

Mr. McCormick read the total for each department line items and asked for anyone that requires a hold for discussion on a particular item to call out "hold". There were no holds placed and he then asked for a vote on the entire budget.

VOTED AT 6:44 PM**ARTICLE 7:**

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year as detailed in the FY15 Annual Budget for the Sewer Fund.

Lauren Sartori made a motion to amendment to this article. She asked for Line 268 (transfer to the General Fund) of this budget to be eliminated to change the total budget to \$1,768,555. The purpose of this amendment is to comply with the Department of Revenue budgeting requirements for enterprise funds. This was seconded by someone in the audience.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 6:46 PM

Mr. McCormick then called a vote for the article as amended.

VOTED AT 6:47 PM

ARTICLE 8:

On a motion by Walter Atwood, III and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the sum of \$13,200,000 is hereby appropriated to pay costs of making sewer system improvements, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorize to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1), and Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; to authorize the Treasurer to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to authorize the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen, in connection therewith, to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement or project regulatory agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and to authorize the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen to execute such documents as the Trust shall require in conjunction therewith, and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

John Grogan spoke on this article.

Mr. McCormick explained this article had to be by a 2/3rds majority and a secret ballot. The Moderator then asked the voters to proceed to the ballot boxes located on the sides of the theater downstairs and upstairs as well as a box in the back of the theater. He told voters to use their blue yes/no ballot slips.

**VOTED 2/3rds MAJORITY AT 7:37 PM
YES – 281 NO – 80**

ARTICLE 9:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million, One Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$12,113,258.00) for the operating assessment, and Four Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$499,905.00) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Twelve Million, Six Hundred Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$12,613,163.00) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

Mr. McCormick explained the Berkshire Hills Regional School Districts agreement with the three towns (Stockbridge, West Stockbridge and Great Barrington). Then, School Superintendent Peter Dillon proceeded to do a power point presentation on the school budget.

The following people spoke in this article:

James Harris	Sharon Gregory
Sara Burke	Peter Dillon
Patrick Fennell	

Peter Klinkowski made a motion to amend this article by proposing to keep the school budget flat by eliminating \$560, 123 from the assessment to Great Barrington. This was seconded by someone in the audience. The following people spoke on this amendment:

Peter Dillon	Sam Ernst
Richard Dohoney	Walter Atwood, III
Stephen Bannon	Sharon Gregory

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 7:17 PM

The following people spoke on this article:

Roger Belanger	Peter Dillon
June Johnson	Michelle Gilligan
Charles Williamson	Eugene Warford
Michelle Loubert	John Grogan
Leigh Davis	

Walter Atwood, III asked for the article to be by secret ballot. Mr. McCormick then asked the audience if they wanted a secret ballot and more than 20 people requested it. Mr. McCormick then asked voters to proceed to the ballot boxes using their white yes/no ballot slips.

VOTED AT 7:47 PM
YES – 242 NO – 162

ARTICLE 10:

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$100,000 from the Pension Reserve Fund to reduce the FY15 appropriation required under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for the Berkshire Regional Retirement System.

VOTED AT 7:38 PM

ARTICLE 11:

On a motion by Leigh Davis and seconded by Lauren Sartori, voted that the Town authorize the use of \$2,225,314.00 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2015.

VOTED AT 7:38 PM

ARTICLE 12:

On a motion by Karen Smith and seconded by Paul Gibbons, voted that the Town appropriate from the **Community Preservation Fund** annual revenues the following amount recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses in fiscal year 2015, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 21,525
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Reserves:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 43,050
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From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 43,050
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From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 43,050
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From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$ 279,825
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Karen Smith made a power point slide presentation on this article.

VOTED AT 7:42 PM

ARTICLE 13:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend Sections 6.1.9, 6.2.8, and 6.3.6 of the Zoning Bylaw, relating to parking and landscape regulations, as shown in Article 13 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jonathan Hankin read the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:44 PM

ARTICLE 14:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend Section 7.10.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, relating to Hotel and Motel room limits, by adding a new item 3, providing for authorized modification of room limits, as shown in Article 14 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jonathan Hankin read the Planning Board report on this article. The following people spoke on this article:

Richard Dohoney

Andrew Blechman

David Magadini made a motion for an amendment and it was seconded by someone in the audience. The amendment was:

Amendment to article 14 regarding room limits

Be it amended under 7.10.2 Room limits to include the following new item of conditions and regulations:

4. The number of rooms that are counted toward the maximum limit in the zoning districts listed in 7.10.2 of this bylaw shall in addition to the used hotel rooms shall include at least 3 hotel rooms that are designed for occupancy by one person. These single-occupancy-hotel-rooms shall be counted as 1 room for the first 3 rooms, and as 1 room for each 2 additional single-occupancy-hotel-rooms, thereafter of the single-occupancy-hotel-room. The Planning Board may impose conditions which encourage the building of these single-occupancy-hotel-rooms, while meeting the need of availability, for one-person-hotel-rooms, at affordable prices on a regular basis. These conditions may include restrictions on prices for single-occupancy-hotel-rooms, in exchange for permission to build additional units in accord with the counting procedures described above, to provide the increased availability of single-occupancy-hotel-rooms to all persons who need a single-occupancy-hotel-room.

Town Planner Chris Rembold and Planning Board Member Jack Musgrove spoke on this amendment.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 7:56 PM

The following people spoke on this article:

Jack Musgrove

James Stark

Andrew Blechman

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:59 PM

ARTICLE 15:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town amend Sections 8.1 and 3.1.4 of the Zoning Bylaw, relating to two-family residential uses, as shown in Article 15 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jonathan Hankin read the Planning Board report on this article. The following people spoke on this article:

Janet Bouteiller

Chris Rembold

James Stark
Malcolm Fick

Jack Musgrove

VOTED AT 8:05 PM

ARTICLE 16:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town amend Section 8.2 and Section 11.0 of the Zoning Bylaw, relating to Accessory Dwelling Units, as shown in Article 16 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jonathan Hankin read the Planning Board report on this article. The following people spoke on this article:

June Johnson

Chris Rembold

VOTED AT 8:08 PM

ARTICLE 17:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Jonathan Hankin, voted that the Town amend Section 11.0 of the Zoning Bylaw, Definitions for the Stream and Lake Protection Zone, as shown in Article 17 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jonathan Hankin read the Planning Board report on this article. The following people spoke on this article:

John Bugsch
Suzanne Fowle Schroeder

Chris Rembold

VOTED AT 8:12 PM

ARTICLE 18:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by Jack Musgrove, voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding to Section 11.0 Definitions, revising Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, and inserting a new Section 7.18 to provide for the definition and regulation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, as shown in Article 18 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Planning Board Member, Jonathan Hankin read the Planning Board report on this article. The following people spoke on this article:

Karen Smith
Jack Musgrove

Chris Rembold

Patrick Fennell made a motion to amend the article on Section 7.18.4, #1, line one from 200 Feet to 1000 feet. This was seconded by someone in the audience. The following people spoke on this amendment:

Jack Musgrove
Brandee Nelson

Michelle Loubert
Chris Rembold

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 8:23PM

The following people spoke on the article:

June Johnson
Jack Musgrove

Michelle Loubert

Town Planner Chris Rembold then showed a map of where the dispensaries could be located in the town. Karen Smith made a motion to amend the article on Section 7.18.4, #1, on line one from 200 feet to 500 feet. This was seconded by someone in the audience. Jonathan Hankin and Dan Ruderman spoke on this amendment.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 8:29 PM

The following people then spoke on the article:

Lee Rogers
Jack Musgrove
Bill Meier

Chris Rembold
William Walsh, Police Chief
Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 8:34 PM

ARTICLE 19:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act to amend the Town Charter by replacing the existing charter, as set forth in Chapter 184 of the Acts of 1992, with a new charter in the form set forth in the report of the Charter Review Committee, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Michael Wise, Charter Review Committee Member made a motion to amend the article and it was seconded by Karen Smith. His motion was to insert after the last comma; as corrected by substituting the following language for Section 2, second sentence: "Two members' terms shall begin at the annual election in 2015, two members' terms shall begin at the annual election in 2016, and one member's term shall begin at the annual election in 2017."

David Magadini spoke on this amendment.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:40 PM

David Magadini made a motion to table this article and it was seconded by someone in the audience.

MOTION TO TABLE DEFEATED AT 8:42 PM

Mr. McCormick then asked for a vote on the article.

VOTED AT 8:43 PM

ARTICLE 20:

On a motion by Deborah Phillips and seconded by Sean Stanton, voted that the Town amend Chapter 4, Article III of the Town Bylaws, in order to reduce the membership of the Great Barrington Conservation Commission from seven members to five members, as shown in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

This article was asked to be passed over at this time.

MOTION TO PASS OVER VOTED AT 8:43 PM

ARTICLE 21:

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

VOTED AT 8:44PM

ARTICLE 22:

On a motion by Stephen Bannon and seconded by Karen Smith, voted that the Town amend Chapter 35 of the Town Bylaws, Section 35-6, second sentence, in order to increase the membership of the Parks and Recreation Commission from up to seven members to up to nine members, as shown in Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

VOTED AT 8:45 PM

ARTICLE 23:

On a motion by Patricia Ryan and seconded by Paul Gibbons, voted that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Great Barrington develop a scope for the feasibility and impact of converting the present flat fee billing system for the Town of Great Barrington sewer users to a system based primarily on the actual metered water consumption, to implement such a study and to invite qualified consultants to submit proposals (RFP) addressing said scope.

Patricia Ryan stated that this was being presented by the Wastewater Rate Setting Committee (Michelle Loubert, Hans Heuberger, Patricia Ryan and James Stark) and then she made a power point slide presentation.

The following people spoke on this article:

Patricia Ryan	Sean Stanton
Michael Wise	Kurt Kruger
Daniel Bailly	Brandee Nelson
Sharon Gregory	Charles Williamson

VOTED AT 8:56 PM

ARTICLE 24:

This article was asked to be passed over at this time in regards to accepting Kalliste Hill as a town road. Motion to pass over made by Sean Stanton and seconded by Karen Smith.

VOTED AT 8:56 PM

ARTICLE 25:

On a motion by Carolyn Ivory and seconded by someone in the audience, voted that the Town request the Board of Selectmen to hold future Annual Town Meetings at the Monument Mountain Regional High School Auditorium.

Mr. McCormick advised the voters that this article is non-binding and that the Selectmen choose where the Town Meeting will be held each year.

Carolyn Ivory gave a short report on the reasons for moving the Town Meeting back to Monument Mountain Regional High School. George Beebe and Larry Premerlani spoke on this article.

Joseph Method made a motion to amend this article and it was seconded by someone in the audience. His amendment was: "That the town provide transportation to the town meeting using town vehicles or that it organize transportation if desired, and that it provide adequate advance notice of services."

Malcolm Fick also spoke on this amendment.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED AT 9:04 PM

Andrew Blechman spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:04 PM

**Mr. McCormick made a motion for adjournment, seconded by the audience.
Adjourned at 9:05 PM.**

There were 435 voters at the meeting out of the 4357 registered voters. (10%)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

To the Honorable Selectboard:

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

As of June 30, 2014 there were 4,276 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

Democrats	1733	Libertarian	13	Green Rainbow	19
Republicans	329	American Ind.	1		
Unenrolled	2173	Mass Ind. Party	3		
Conservative	2	Green Party USA	3		

The annual census/street list was completed in June. Based on the forms that were returned to the office, our resident count as of June 30, 2014 was 6,894.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ryan, Town Clerk
Linda Coons
Ellen Smith
Board of Registrars

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Local Emergency Numbers

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

<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>CALL:</u>	<u>TELEPHONE:</u>
Board of Health	Jayne Smith	528-0680
Cemeteries	Clinton Burt	528-1800
DPW Superintendent	Joseph Sokul	528-0867
Emergency Communications	William R. Walsh, Jr.	528-0306
Fence Viewers:	Harold Shaw	528-0652
	Bernard Drew	528-4953
	Kurt Barbieri	528-6278
Fire Chief	Charles Burger	528-0788
Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari	274-0267
Highway	Peter Soules	528-2500
Housatonic Community Center	Francis Tarnawa	274-8375
Housatonic Water Works Company	James Mercer	528-1780
Housing Authority	Barbara Heaphy	274-1142
Inspector of Buildings	Edwin May	528-3206
Libraries: (Mason Library, GB)	Amanda DeGiorgis	528-2403
(Ramsdell, Housatonic)		274-3738
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski	229-8019
Recycling Center	Friday's (8 AM - 3 PM)	528-5011
	Saturday's (7 AM - 3 PM)	
	Sunday's (10 AM - 3 PM)	
Schools- Berkshire Hills Regional	Monument Mountain High School	528-3346
	Monument Valley Middle	644-2300
	Muddy Brook Elementary	644-2350
School Superintendent	Peter Dillon	298-4017
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Paul Vacchina	637-2743
Senior Center/Council on Aging	Polly Mann	528-1881
Sewer Treatment Plant	Timothy Drumm	528-0650
TOWN HALL:		528-1619
Assessor's Office	Chris Lamarre	x 5
Conservation Commission	Shepley Evans, Agent	x 122
Selectmen	Helen Kuziemko	x 2
Town Accountant	Lauren Sartori	x 6
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Sandra Larkin	x 4
*Parking Clerk, Tag Sale Permits, Tax Bills (Real Estate & Motor Vehicle), Sewer Bills		
Town Clerk	Marie Ryan	x 3
*Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, Dog Licenses, Voter Registration		
Town Manager	Jennifer Tabakin	x 2
Town Planner	Christopher Rembold	x 7
Tree Warden	Michael Peretti	528-5552
Veteran's Services	Laurie Hils	528-1580
Water Department (G.B. Fire District)	Cindy Ullrich	528-0133
Wire Inspector	Theodore Piontek	274-6605