

Town of Great Barrington

Massachusetts



Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

During the year, we were saddened by the passing of the following former Town officials during the Fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) and dedicate this Annual Report to their memory:

Mae Brown
Historical Society/Election Worker
July 2016

Dorothy Cahill
School Secretary
August 2016

Frank Bradley Holcomb
Police Department
September 2016

David L. Carpenter
Teacher, Principal and School Committee
September 2016

Walter F. Atwood, Jr.
Planning Board, Finance and School Committee
October 2016

Ruth Wilcoxson
Election Worker
December 2016

Elaine Scott Gunn
Teacher – Bryant School
February 2017

Margaret Beckwith
Selectboard
February 2017

Robert Guidi
Assessor and Democratic Town Committee
April 2017

Sally Holmes Atwood
Election Worker and Board of Library Trustees
April 2017

Donald W. Lawrence, Jr.
Firefighter
June 2017

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CURRENT UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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FACTS ABOUT GREAT BARRINGTON

Settled	1726
Incorporated	1761
Location	Southwest Corner of Massachusetts
Population	6,839 (Annual Town Census)
Legal Voters	4,597
Form of Government	Selectboard/Town Manager
	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$14.98 Fiscal 2018
Public Schools	Berkshire Hills Regional School District
Police	Chief, Two Sergeants Fourteen Patrol Officers
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
Annual Town Meeting	Monday May 7, 2018
Annual Town Election	Tuesday May 15, 2018

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard

Sean Stanton	Term Expires 2018
William Cooke	Term Expires 2018
Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2019
Daniel Bailly	Term Expires 2019
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2020

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board

Fred Clark	Term Expires 2019
William Cooke	Term Expires 2019
Cara Davis	Term Expires 2019
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2018
Samantha Homeyer	Term Expires 2019
John Katz	Term Expires 2019
Bruce Marzotto	Term Expires 2018

Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee

Diane Singer	Term Expires 2020 (State Election)
Richard Dohoney	Term Expires 2020 (State Election)
Anne Hutchinson	Term Expires 2020 (State Election)
Stephen C. Bannon	Term Expires 2018 (State Election)
William Fields	Term Expires 2018 (State Election)

Board of Health

Peter Stanton	Term Expires 2018
Michael Lanoue	Term Expires 2019
Dr. Ruby Chang	Term Expires 2020

Constables

Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2018
John Broderick, Jr.	Term Expires 2018

Finance Committee

Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2018
Eugene W. Curletti	Term Expires 2018
Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2019
Janet R. Lee	Term Expires 2019
Anne O'Dwyer	Term Expires 2020

Housing Authority

James J. Mercer	Term Expires 2018
Jacqueline A. Sinico	Term Expires 2018
Karen Smith	Term Expires 2018

Library Trustees

Kathleen Plungis	Term Expires 2018
G. Patrick Hollenbeck	Term Expires 2018
Dana Coleman	Term Expires 2019
Lauren E. Clark	Term Expires 2019
Susan Kinne Beacco	Term Expires 2020
Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2020

Moderator

Michael Wise	Term Expires 2018
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Planning Board

Jack Musgrove	Term Expires 2018
Brandee K. Nelson	Term Expires 2019
Jeremy K. Higa	Term Expires 2019
Malcom Fick	Term Expires 2020
Jonathan Hankin	Term Expires 2020

Zoning Board of Appeals

Stephen McAlister	Term Expires 2018
Kathleen Kotleski	Term Expires 2018
Carolyn Ivory	Term Expires 2019
Ron Majdalany	Term Expires 2020
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2020

CURRENT APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Agricultural Commission

Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2018
Krysia Kurzyca	Term Expires 2020
Vivian Orlovski	Term Expires 2019
Michael Maquire	Term Expires 2019

Animal Control Officer

Shepley Evans	Term Indefinite
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Animal Inspector

L. Locke Larkin	Term Expires 2018
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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 2019
Bruce Firger	Term Expires 2020

Board of Registrars

Marie Ryan	Term Indefinite
Ellen Smith	Term Expires 2018
Linda A. Coons	Term Expires 2019
Deborah Ball	Term Expires 2020

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Thomas Hatch	Term Indefinite
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Cemetery Commissioners

Stephen Bannon	Term Expires 2018
Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2020
Walter F. Atwood, III	Term Expires 2020
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2018

Chief Procurement Officer

Jennifer Tabakin	Term Indefinite
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Community Preservation Committee

Thomas Blauvelt	Term Expires 2019
Jessica Dezieck	Term Expires 2019
Martha Fick	Term Expires 2019
Jeremy Higa	Term Expires 2019
William Nappo	Term Expires 2019
Karen Smith	Term Expires 2019
Edward Abrahams	Term Expires 2020
Patricia Sharpe	Term Expires 2019

Conservation Commission

Jessica Dezieck	Term Expires 2018
Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2018
Gaetan Lachance	Term Expires 2019
Andrew Mankin	Term Expires 2019
David Shanahan	Term Expires 2019
Jeffrey Cohen	Term Expires 2020
William Boyer	Term Expires 2020

Conservation Commission Agent

Shepley Evans	Term Indefinite
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Council on Aging

Barbara Bailly	Term Expires 2018
Susan Hipwell Morris	Term Expires 2018
Amy Rutstein	Term Expires 2018
David Rutstein	Term Expires 2018
Eileen Gaarn	Term Expires 2019
Patricia Kinne	Term Expires 2019
Maureen Avery	Term Expires 2019
Jeanne Holcomb	Term Expires 2020

Council on Aging, Director

Polly Mann Salenovich

Term Indefinite

Jennifer Bailly, Assistant Director

Term Indefinite

Cultural Council

Ellen Shanahan

Term Expires 2018

Sherry Steiner

Term Expires 2018

Laura Clark

Term Expires 2018

Rose Tannenbaum

Term Expires 2019

Susan Pettee

Term Expires 2020

Michael Andelman

Term Expires 2020

Design Advisory Committee

Edwin May

Ex-Officio

Stephan Green

Term Expires 2019

Lisa Landry

Term Expires 2019

Pedro Pachano (Planning Board Member)

Term Expires 2019

James Mercer (Historic District Committee Member)

Term Expires 2019

Stephen Dietemann

Term Expires 2020

Jonathan Hankin (Planning Board Member)

Term Expires 2020

Gaetan LaChance

Term Expires 2022

Malcolm Fick (Planning Board Alternate)

Term Expires 2018

Emergency Management Director

William R. Walsh, Jr.

Term Indefinite

Fence Viewers

Bernard Drew

Term Expires 2018

Fire Department

Charles Burger, Chief

Term Indefinite

Terrance Chamberland, Deputy Chief

Term Indefinite

Steven Hall, Deputy Chief

Term Indefinite

James Mead, Captain

Term Indefinite

Alan Anderson, Lieutenant

Term Indefinite

Robert Hammer, Jr. Lieutenant

Term Indefinite

Darryl Marks. Lieutenant

Term Indefinite

Joshua A. Seile, Lieutenant

Term Indefinite

Richard Aloisi

Term Indefinite

Justin Bona

Term Indefinite

Jacob Borden

Term Indefinite

Joseph Bozza

Term Indefinite

James Carr

Term Indefinite

Elias Casey

Term Indefinite

Jessica Dezieck

Term Indefinite

Robert Gaughran

Term Indefinite

Randall Higgins

Term Indefinite

George Houghtlin

Term Indefinite

Robert Hungate

Term Indefinite

Fire Department (continued)

Christopher Laramee	Term Indefinite
Sean McMahon	Term Indefinite
Adam Mead	Term Indefinite
Brian Mead	Term Indefinite
Mohamed Morell	Term Indefinite
Justin Osak	Term Indefinite
Matthew Pevzner	Term Indefinite
Michael Powell	Term Indefinite
Louis Stark	Term Indefinite
Cameron Stephenson	Term Indefinite
Joel Timm	Term Indefinite
Kayne Wellauer	Term Indefinite
John Woodard	Term Indefinite

Gas Inspector

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

Health Agent

L. Locke Larkin	Term Indefinite
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Health Inspector

L. Locke Larkin	Term Indefinite
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Historical Commission

Marilyn Bisiewicz	Term Expires 2018
Gary Leveille	Term Expires 2018
Malcolm Fick	Term Expires 2018
Donald Howe	Term Expires 2019
David Rutstein	Term Expires 2019
Paul Ivory	Term Expires 2020
William Nappo	Term Expires 2020

Historic District Commission

Donald Howe	Term Expires 2018
Holly Troiano	Term Expires 2018
James Mercer	Term Expires 2019
Patricia Ryan	Term Expires 2020
Abby Schroeder	Term Expires 2020
Julie Fagan (Alternate)	Term Expires 2019

Housing Authority Director

Vera Cartier	Term Indefinite
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Inspector of Buildings

Edwin May	Term Indefinite
Ned Baldwin, Alternate	Term Indefinite
Matthew Kollmer, Assistant	Term Indefinite

Keeper of the Lock-up

William Walsh, Jr.

Term Indefinite

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Christine Ward, Chair

William Cooke

Kathleen Plungis

Dale Abrams

Jessica Dezieck

Brandee Nelson

Peter Franck

Library Director

Amanda DeGiorgis

Term Indefinite

Parking Clerk

Deborah Ball

Term Indefinite

Parks Commissioners

Stephen Bannon

Term Expires 2018

Charles Bouteiller

Term Expires 2018

Paul Gibbons

Term Expires 2019

Karen Smith, Chair

Term Expires 2019

Thomas Norton

Term Expires 2020

Patricia Salvi

Term Expires 2020

Llana Siegal

Term Expires 2020

Anthony Troiano

Term Expires 2020

Christopher Wiltshire

Term Expires 2020

Planning Board (Associate Member)

Pedro Rafael Pachano

Term Expires 2018

Plumbing Inspector

Robert Krupski

Term Indefinite

Robert Gennari, Deputy

Term Indefinite

Police Officers

William Walsh, Jr., Chief

Term Indefinite

Paul Storti, Sergeant

Term Indefinite

Adam J. Carlotto, Sergeant

Term Indefinite

Kristopher M. Balestro

Term Indefinite

Daniel Bartini

Term Indefinite

James Bragdon

Term Indefinite

Jonathan Finnerty

Term Indefinite

Andreas Huertas

Term Indefinite

Richard Keefner

Term Indefinite

Jason LaForest

Term Indefinite

Christopher Peebles

Term Indefinite

Joseph A. O' Brien

Term Indefinite

Chad Shimmon

Term Indefinite

Samuel Stolzar

Term Indefinite

Timothy Ullrich

Term Indefinite

Victor Zucco

Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Reserve

Brian Arnold	Term Indefinite
Edward Hearn	Term Indefinite
Olivia Cobb	Term Indefinite

Police Officers, Special

Daniel Bersaw	Term Indefinite
Elias Casey	Term Indefinite
Mathew Fenton	Term Indefinite
Paul Harvey	Term Indefinite
Bradley Lupiani	Term Indefinite
Paul Montgomery	Term Indefinite
Timothy Roy	Term Indefinite
Craig Scott	Term Indefinite

Sanitary Inspector

L. Locke Larkin	Term Indefinite
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Sign Officer

Edwin May	Term Indefinite
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Town Accountant

Sue Carmel	Term Indefinite
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Town Clerk

Marie Y. Ryan	Term Indefinite
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Town Collector

Karen Fink	Term Indefinite
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Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige	
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Town Manager

Jennifer Tabakin	Term Indefinite
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Town Treasurer

Karen Fink	Term Indefinite
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Tree Committee

Hilda Banks Shapiro	Term Expires 2019
Michael Wise	Term Expires 2019
JB Brodeur	Term Expires 2019
Lisa Bozzuto	Term Expires 2020
Beth Moser	Term Expires 2020
Nan Wile	Term Expires 2020
Michael Peretti	Term Indefinite

Tree Warden

Michael Peretti

Term Indefinite

Truck Weighers

Daniel Bersaw

Term Indefinite

Paul Storti

Term Indefinite

Veteran's Agent

Laurie Hils

Term Indefinite

Wire Inspector

Theodore Piontek

Term Indefinite

Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate Members)

Donald Hagberg

Term Expires 2018

John Katz

Term Expires 2020

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES

Assessor's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
DPW Superintendent	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Health Agent	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Inspector of Buildings	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Selectboard's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Town Accountant	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Town Clerk	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Town Tax Collector/Treasurer	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Town Manager's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Town Planner's Office	Monday-Friday	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
Transfer & Recycling Center	Fri. 8 AM - 3 PM	Sat. 7 AM - 3 PM	Sun. 10 AM - 3 PM

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS MEETING INFORMATION

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

Agricultural Commission	Call of Chair
Board of Assessors	As needed
Board of Health	First Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM
Selectboard	Typically 2 nd & 4 th Mondays at 7:00 PM, call to verify
Cable Advisory Committee	First Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, location Varies
Cemetery Commission	Call of the Chair
Community Preservation Committee	Call of the Chair at GB Fire Station, 37 State Rd.
Conservation Commission	Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM
Council on Aging	Last Wednesday of each month at 1:15 PM, Claire Teague Center Senior
Cultural Council	Call of the Chair
Design Advisory Committee	Call of the Chair
Finance Committee	Call of the Chair
Historical Commission	Call of the Chair
Historic District Commission	Call of the Chair
Housing Authority	Third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 PM, 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive
Library Trustees	Second Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM, at the Mason Library
Parks Commission	Second Monday of each month at 5:00 PM, at the Mason Library
Planning Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM
School Committee	Twice a month at 7:00 PM, location to be determined for each meeting
Tree Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM at the Mason Library
Zoning Board of Appeals	Call of the Chair

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD AND TOWN MANAGER

The Town of Great Barrington has an open Town Meeting form of government, where all registered voters may attend Town Meeting to vote on legislative and budget matters. The Town's executive authority is held by a five-member elected Selectboard, who appoint a Town Manager to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer. The Selectboard sets goals, establishes policy and formulates long-range plans for the Town. They exercise, through the Town Manager, general supervision over all matters affecting the town's interest and welfare. For fiscal year 2017, the Selectboard chose Sean Stanton to serve as Chair and Stephen Bannon to serve as Vice Chair. Board member Edward Abrahams was reelected in the 2017 election.

Summer 2016: The summer season was busy with many celebrations and festivals. In June, Great Barrington Heritage day was held with a historic tour and bike ride. Weekly summer concerts included the WSBS Sounds of Summer at the VFW, Friday night concerts at the Bandstand and Saturday morning family concerts with David Grover were all well attended. The Fire Department's Car show was a success. The Rotary Club's annual Bike and Fly was held in August. For the first year, our town was location for a local marathon event that included a concert and camping festival at Ski Butternut. Lake Mansfield was enjoyed by thousands, with swim classes and lifeguards provided by Berkshire South Community Center as part of the Town Parks Commission's Summer Programming.

Construction during the summer progressed on Front Street in Housatonic. Mass DOT started work to renovate the Park Street/Route 183 Bridge in Housatonic and the Bridge Street Bridge in downtown Great Barrington. In August, the Selectboard held public hearings on the development of affordable housing at 100 Bridge Street. The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority started a pilot express bus service from Great Barrington to Pittsfield, reflecting prior planning work done by Great Barrington with Sheffield, to increase workforce transportation options. Great Barrington remained an active member of the six town Rest of River Committee, focused on advocating against the siting of a toxic waste site in Housatonic. Eight donated trees were planted on Stockbridge Road. On Main Street, the new planters and young trees took root and bloomed.

Fall 2016: The Town installed two electronic speed monitor signs on Stockbridge Road to slow traffic near Monument Mountain Regional High School. The Town led a campaign to roll out our Code Red emergency notification system, encouraging all to sign up for the service. In December, the Town was selected to receive a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency grant for brownfield work, which was celebrated with Congressman Richard Neal in attendance. In September, the Selectboard reached a settlement agreement with the Department of Public Utilities and Housatonic Water Works pertaining to water rates and capital work. Town staff continued to work with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to establish a downtown Business Improvement District. Fall construction included paving on Monument Valley and Seekonk Roads. The first phase of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project was completed, on time and on budget and phase two of the project progressed. A workshop on the new amendments to the Commonwealth's open meeting law was held in October and was well attended. Throughout the year, our Police Department increased its attention to the challenges of opioid abuse, with support for efforts to increase coordination between existing services and training Officers to Narcan to treat overdoses.

Winter 2017: A special Town Meeting was held on January 26, 2017 to approve the amendments to the Regional School District Agreement, reflecting work completed over the prior year. In February, the Claire Teague Senior Center flooded and Berkshire South hosted the center's events so that emergency repairs and renovations could be done. In April, a beam within Mass DOT's Route 183/Park Street Bridge collapsed during reconstruction and a temporary bridge was installed to maintain traffic. The Town received the final notification from Mass DOT that the Main Street project was closed out and turned over to the town. Wastewater Treatment Plant received the prestigious regional EPA Wastewater award. In the winter, the Selectboard passed a resolution to be a welcoming town that reflects tolerance and diversity and concern for immigrants in our community.

Spring 2017: Our Great Barrington Police Department became the first department in Berkshire County to receive full accreditation. Housatonic school RFP released. New growth for FY17, was a record \$37.3M. Housatonic School RFP

released. New hours for Ramsdell libraries. Approved Berkshire County Regional Shelter Plan. The Town received a AAA bond rating by Standard and Poors, the highest rank possible.

NEW STAFF

Fiscal year 2017 was a year of change for Town Hall, with many retirements and new hires. We congratulated employees on their next steps and thanked them for their dedication and hard work. Moving on were: Town Accountant Lauren Satori; DPW Superintendent Joe Sokul; Health Agent Jayne Smith; and Assistant Town Clerk Linda Coons.

New Staff hired include: Robert Paterson, Town Accountant; Sean Van Deusen, DPW Superintendent; Jacqueline Dawson, Administrative Assistant to DPW; Rebecca Jurczyk, Assistant Health Inspector; Matt Kollmer, Assistant Buildings Inspector; Tim Hosier, DPW; Andres Huertas, Police Officer; Connor Storti, Parking; Oliva Cobb, Police Officer; Christine Warner, Library; Dorothy Phillips, Library; Marie Blauvelt, Library; Shep Evans, Animal Control Officer; Karen Smith, Code Red Administration; Ted Nappo, Intern; Joseph Grochmal, Intern; Chris Peretti, Intern; and Titan, K-9 Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following is a report from the Assessors for the Fiscal Year 2017.

Fiscal Year 2017 Recapitulation:

A. Total Appropriations to be Raised by Taxation	\$28,531,673.27
B. 1. Other Amounts to be Raised by Taxation	\$44,410.00
2. State & County Cherry Sheet Charges	\$71,948.00
3. Overlay	\$161,053.27
Total Amount to be Raised	\$28,531,673.27

C. Estimated Sources Appropriated

Estimated Receipts – State Cherry Sheet	\$1,026,035.00
Total Estimated State Receipts	\$1,026,035.00

Estimated Receipts – Local

1. Motor Vehicle	\$420,000.00
2. Other Excise (Meals & Room)	\$470,000.00
3. Penalties & interest on taxes & excise	\$45,000.00
4. Payment in lieu of taxes	\$2,000.00
5. Rentals	\$117,062.00
6. Dept. of Revenue-libraries	\$15,000.00
7. Dept. of Revenue-cemeteries	\$350,938.00
8. Other Dept. of Revenue	\$0.00
9. Licenses & Permits	\$55,000.00
10. Fines & Forfeits	\$35,000.00
11. Investment Income	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	\$1,525,000.00
12. Enterprise Funds	\$1,743,229.00

D. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes:

1. Free Cash	\$0
2. Other Available Funds	\$14,000.00
Total Available Funds	\$14,000.00

E. Other Revenue Sources Appropriated to Reduce the Tax Rate

1. Free Cash appropriated before 6-30-14	\$2,150,000.00
2. Other Source	\$2,154,673.00

F. Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources \$7,698,701.00

Tax Rate Summary FY 2017

G. Total Amount to be Raised	\$28,531,673.27
A. Revenue Sources	\$7,698,701.00
B. Total Real & Personal Property Tax Levy	\$20,832,972.27

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2017

<u>Class</u>	<u>Levy By %</u>	<u>Valuation by Class</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Levy by Class</u>
Residential	78.2336%	\$1,116,327,409	14.60	\$16,298,380.17
Open Space	0	0	0	0
Commercial	17.4889%	\$249,552,261	14.60	\$3,643,468.27
Industrial	0.8287%	\$11,824,900	14.60	\$172,643.54
<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>3.4488%</u>	<u>\$42,910,979</u>	<u>14.60</u>	<u>\$718,480.29</u>
Totals	100.0000%	\$1,426,915,909		\$20,832,972.27

Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2016

<u>Class</u>	<u>Levy By %</u>	<u>Valuation by Class</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Levy by Class</u>
Residential	78.8525%	\$1,093,057,135	\$14.29	\$15,619,786.46
Open Space	0	0	0	0
Commercial	17.2842%	\$239,594,572	\$14.29	\$3,423,806.43
Industrial	0.7775%	\$10,776,922	\$14.29	\$154,002.22
<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>3.0858%</u>	<u>\$42,775,951</u>	<u>\$14.29</u>	<u>\$611,268.34</u>
Totals	100.0000%	\$1,386,204,580		\$19,808,863.45

Ten Largest Real & Personal Property Taxpayers in Fiscal Year 2017

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Amount of Tax</u>
1. Big Y Foods, Inc.	\$12,823,800	\$187,227.48
2. KIMCO Great Barrington 609, Inc.	\$10,930,900	\$159,591.14
3. Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$10,513,440	\$153,496.22
4. Stockbridge Road Realty, LLC	\$9,559,640	\$139,570.74
5. David A. Ward, Trustee	\$9,412,600	\$137,423.96
6. Educational Consultants	\$7,908,200	\$115,459.72
7. Berkshire Bank	\$6,878,900	\$100,431.94
8. Susan Frunzi, Trustee	\$6,856,700	\$100,107.82
9. Butternut Basin	\$6,104,050	\$89,119.13
10. KSNS Stockbridge Rd Realty Trust	\$5,600,730	\$81,770.66

Fire District Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2017

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy by Class
Residential	67.1910%	\$497,825,370	\$1.10	\$546,691.17
Open Space	0	0	0	0
Commercial	29.7596%	\$220,491,014	\$1.10	\$242,135.55
Industrial	0.4652%	\$3,446,800	\$1.10	\$3,785.16
Personal Property	2.5842%	\$19,146,596	\$1.10	\$21,026.12
Totals	100.0000%	\$740,906,780		\$813,637.92

Fire District Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2016

Class	Levy By %	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Levy by Class
Residential	67.1965%	\$477,836,253	\$0.89	\$425,274.27
Open Space	0	0	0	0
Commercial	29.4800%	\$209,632,738	\$0.89	\$186,573.14
Industrial	0.5177%	\$3,681,622	\$0.89	\$3,276.64
Personal Property	2.8058%	\$19,951,822	\$0.89	\$17,757.12
Totals	100.0000%	\$711,102,435		\$632,881.17

Respectfully submitted,
 Christopher J. Lamarre, MAA
 Principal Assessor

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I am honored to herewith submit my report as Town Accountant for fiscal 2017 which includes the following unaudited balance sheet as of June 30, 2017. Audited financial statements and other additional financial information will be made available on the Town website www.townofgb.org.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert Patterson, CPA
 Town Accountant

TOWN OF GREAT BARINGTON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2017

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise WWTP	Trust	Debt	Total
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash and Investments	\$ 6,574,967	\$ 2,785,627	\$ 1,136,249	\$ 4,906,761	\$ 2,013,109	\$ -	\$ 17,416,713
Receivables:							
Property Taxes	800,554	-	-	-	-	-	800,554
Excises	171,278	-	-	-	-	-	171,278
Tax Liens	601,862	-	-	-	-	-	601,862
Tax Possessions	49,326	-	-	-	-	-	49,326
Departmental	173,809	19,870	-	523,245	-	-	716,923
Due From other Governments	-	392,340	1,045,212	-	-	-	1,437,552
Due From other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be provided-Town	-	-	-	-	-	18,880,305	18,880,305
Total Assets	\$ 8,371,796	\$ 3,197,836	\$ 2,181,461	\$ 5,430,006	\$ 2,013,109	\$ 18,880,305	\$ 40,074,513
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>							
<u>Liabilities:</u>							
Warrants Payable	\$ 126,475	\$ 23,182	\$ 471,229	\$ 60,523	\$ 963	\$ -	\$ 682,373
Deferred Revenue	1,610,201	42,623	-	90,474	-	-	1,743,297
Accrued Liabilities	157,229	7,750	-	15,917	-	-	180,897
Due to other Funds	233,483	-	-	-	-	-	233,483
Other Liabilities	200,703	(2,892)	-	-	-	-	197,811
Landfill Closure	-	-	-	-	-	180,000	180,000
BANS/GANS Payable	-	-	2,454,250	-	-	-	2,454,250
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	18,700,305	18,700,305
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,328,092	\$ 70,663	\$ 2,925,479	\$ 166,914	\$ 963	\$ 18,880,305	\$ 24,372,416
<u>Fund Equity:</u>							
Retained Earnings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,709,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,709,701
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,004,093	-	-	553,391	-	-	1,557,484
Reserve for Expenditures	2,450,000	3,127,173	-	-	-	-	5,577,173
Reserve for Endowments	-	-	-	-	283,965	-	283,965
Reserve for Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, Undesignated	2,586,528	-	-	-	1,728,180	-	4,314,708
Reserved Bond premium/debt	24,395	-	-	-	-	-	24,395
Designated for deficits	(21,312)	-	(744,018)	-	-	-	(765,330)
Total Fund Equity	\$ 6,043,705	\$ 3,127,173	\$ (744,018)	\$ 5,263,091	\$ 2,012,145	\$ -	\$ 15,702,096
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 8,371,796	\$ 3,197,836	\$ 2,181,461	\$ 5,430,006	\$ 2,013,109	\$ 18,880,305	\$ 40,074,513

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/TAX 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 2017.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen D. Fink
Treasurer/Tax Collector

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Schedule of Taxes Receivable for Fiscal Year 2017

<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2016</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>6/30/2017</u>
Real Estate						
2017	\$ -	\$ 20,129,244.64	\$ 18,939.87		\$ (19,391,303.59)	\$ 756,880.92
2016	\$ 735,013.01		\$ 2,160.07	\$ (41,018.16)	\$ (696,154.92)	\$ -
						\$ -
	\$ 735,013.01	\$ 20,129,244.64	\$ 21,099.94	\$ (41,018.16)	\$ (20,087,458.51)	\$ 756,880.92

Personal Property

2017		\$ 718,450.26	\$ 491.84		\$ (702,999.40)	\$ 15,942.70
2016	\$ 18,675.05		\$ (37.15)		\$ (10,516.54)	\$ 8,121.36
2015	\$ 7,417.77		\$ (48.02)		\$ (1,009.68)	\$ 6,360.07
2014	\$ 3,822.88					\$ 3,822.88
2013	\$ 3,611.05		\$ 10.00			\$ 3,621.05
2012	\$ 2,739.08		\$ 10.00		\$ (976.11)	\$ 1,772.97
2011	\$ 440.22					\$ 440.22
2010	\$ 34.32					\$ 34.32
2009	\$ 17.76					\$ 17.76
	\$ 36,758.13	\$ 718,450.26	\$ 426.67	\$ -	\$ (715,501.73)	\$ 40,133.33

Motor Vehicle

2017		\$ 779,399.43	\$ (10,950.11)		\$ (704,281.34)	\$ 64,167.98
2016	\$ 50,036.27	\$ 76,300.59	\$ (1,749.37)		\$ (110,597.03)	\$ 13,990.46
2014/2015	\$ 17,588.23		\$ (199.06)		\$ (6,184.08)	\$ 11,205.09
2013	\$ 3,996.88		\$ (49.17)		\$ (462.50)	\$ 3,485.21
2012	\$ 5,204.81				\$ (515.00)	\$ 4,689.81
2011	\$ 5,240.33				\$ (55.00)	\$ 5,185.33
2010	\$ 4,549.58				\$ (83.55)	\$ 4,466.03
2009	\$ 5,345.21					\$ 5,345.21
2008	\$ 7,223.88				\$ (107.50)	\$ 7,116.38
2007	\$ 6,070.23				\$ (26.25)	\$ 6,043.98
2006	\$ 4,748.03				\$ (251.50)	\$ 4,496.53
2005	\$ 5,912.72				\$ (113.75)	\$ 5,798.97
2004	\$ 4,935.74					\$ 4,935.74
2003	\$ 4,404.77					\$ 4,404.77
2002	\$ 4,924.30					\$ 4,924.30
2001	\$ 4,806.58					\$ 4,806.58
2000	\$ 3,497.94					\$ 3,497.94
1999	\$ 4,178.36					\$ 4,178.36
1998	\$ 8,375.33					\$ 8,375.33
	\$ 151,039.19	\$ 855,700.02	\$ (12,947.71)	\$ -	\$ (822,677.50)	\$ 106,946.02

Other Collections

Municipal Lien Certificates	\$ 6,350.00
Tag Sale Permits	\$ 325.00
Parking Tickets	\$ 18,805.00
Parking Ticket Late Penalties	\$ 545.00
Mark & Clear Charges	
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$ 12,500.00
I & E PENALTIES	\$ 33,250.00
Interest on Taxes	\$ 138,762.24

Sewer Collections

User Fees	\$ 1,750,523.09
Nightsoil	\$ 196,167.50
Connections	\$ 4,200.00
Penalties	\$ 21,261.33
Liens	\$ 5,679.63

Recycling

\$ 33,994.41

TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2017
JULY 1, 2016 to JUNE 30, 2017

STATE TREASURER

State Owned Land	\$	186,526.00
Abatements to Elderly	\$	7,706.00
Abatements to Veterans	\$	30,894.00
Lottery	\$	675,620.00
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$	517,023.92
Meals Tax	\$	270,852.72
Other Revenue	\$	106,256.62
Fines & Forfeitures	\$	8,815.00
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Total State Revenue	\$	1,803,694.26

TAX COLLECTOR

Personal Property Taxes	\$	714,689.98
Real Estate Taxes	\$	19,817,078.55
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	812,226.52
Interest & Penalties	\$	138,762.24
Collector's Fees	\$	12,500.00
I & E Penalties	\$	33,250.00
Payment in lieu of Taxes	\$	50,491.50
Municipal Lien Certificate	\$	6,350.00
Tag Sale Permits	\$	325.00
Parking Tickets & Late fees	\$	19,350.00
Mark & Clear Fees	\$	3,520.00
Research Charges	\$	500.44
Misc. Other	\$	26,852.38
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Total	\$	21,635,896.61

TOWN TREASURER

Tax Liens Redeemed	\$	109,803.26
Penalties on Tax Liens	\$	21,607.82
Earnings on Investments	\$	19,630.19
Bond interest	\$	3,383.02
Sale of Foreclosed Land	\$	-
Misc. Other	\$	173,670.84
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Total	\$	328,095.13

SELECTMEN

Alcohol Licenses	\$	49,761.68
Other Licenses & Permits	\$	14,194.00
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Total	\$	63,955.68

TOWN CLERK

Birth Certificates	\$	5,830.00
Marriage Certificates	\$	2,880.00
Death Certificates	\$	9,240.00
Dog Licenses	\$	8,995.00
UCC Filing Fees	\$	3,650.00
Marriage Intentions	\$	2,100.00
Other	\$	1,886.75
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Total	\$	34,581.75

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Permits	\$	3,236.00
Alarms	\$	21,395.00
Mutual Aid	\$	4,600.00
Insurance Reports	\$	800.00
Revolving Fund Charges	\$	14,213.74
Drug Reimbursement	\$	48.19
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Total	\$	44,292.93

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Inspector	\$	172,982.98
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Total	\$	172,982.98

INSPECTIONS ADMIN FEES

Gas Inspector	\$	819.70
Plumbing	\$	1,185.21
Electrical Inspector	\$	3,239.98
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Total	\$	5,244.89

LIBRARY

Fees	\$	4,077.40
Fines	\$	17,006.51
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Total	\$	21,083.91

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Assessors	\$	1,255.00
Conservation Commission	\$	215.00
Historic District Commission	\$	399.20
Planning Board	\$	1,750.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$	300.00
Planning/Community Developmt	\$	4,525.00
Board of Health	\$	50,605.50
Recycling/Landfill Fees	\$	33,994.41
Fire Department	\$	13,103.37
Cemetery	\$	11,332.74
Misc other various depts	\$	147.78
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Total	\$	117,628.00

TOWN TREASURER REPORT OF RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2017
 JULY 1, 2016 to JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS TOTAL		SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	
State Revenues	\$ 1,803,694.26	User Fees	\$ 1,750,523.09
Tax Collector	\$ 21,635,896.61	Connection Fees	\$ 4,200.00
Treasurer	\$ 328,095.13	Septic Nightsoil	\$ 196,167.50
Other Departments	\$ 117,628.00	Sewer liens	\$ 5,679.63
Selectboard	\$ 63,955.68	Interest Income	\$ 16,359.26
Town Clerk	\$ 34,581.75	Interest Penalties	\$ 21,261.33
Police Department	\$ 44,292.93	MWPAT revenue	\$ 8,136.31
Building Inspections	\$ 172,982.98	Returns & refunds	\$ 2,446.15
Library	\$ 21,083.91	Sewer Rate Relief	\$ -
Revolving Funds fees	\$ 5,244.89	Bond Premium	\$ -
Total Receipts General Fund		Total Receipts	
	\$ 24,227,456.14		\$ 2,004,773.27

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Fink
Town Treasurer

Fy 17 Police Wages by earnibgs type

NAME	SALARY	OVERTIME*	REVOLVING**	TOTAL
Balestro, Kristopher	\$ 68,323.62	\$ 7,405.27	\$ 6,972.36	\$ 82,701.25
Bartini, Daniel	\$ 52,420.01	\$ 6,959.41	\$ 2,624.38	\$ 62,003.80
Bragdon, James	\$ 68,660.77	\$ 7,005.52	\$ -	\$ 75,666.29
Carlotto, Adam	\$ 78,362.23	\$ 49,376.27	\$ 12,198.72	\$ 139,937.22
Finnerty, Jonathan	\$ 66,540.60	\$ 14,243.31	\$ 2,048.64	\$ 82,832.55
Huertas, Andres	\$ 42,430.64	\$ 5,320.20	\$ 10,056.96	\$ 57,807.80
Keefner, Richard	\$ 70,314.10	\$ 18,272.91	\$ 3,706.56	\$ 92,293.57
LaForest, Jason	\$ 65,209.17	\$ 19,597.27	\$ 5,578.08	\$ 90,384.52
O'Brien, Joseph	\$ 66,842.10	\$ 15,243.55	\$ 4,167.12	\$ 86,252.77
Peebles, Christopher	\$ 64,621.07	\$ 19,680.31	\$ 5,023.92	\$ 89,325.30
Shimmon, Chad	\$ 65,861.15	\$ 23,535.45	\$ 12,995.28	\$ 102,391.88
Stolzar, Samuel	\$ 65,562.05	\$ 33,311.34	\$ 1,676.16	\$ 100,549.55
Storti, Paul	\$ 87,196.92	\$ 43,502.54	\$ 922.08	\$ 131,621.54
Ullrich, Timothy	\$ 69,655.28	\$ 27,259.10	\$ 2,514.24	\$ 99,428.62
Walsh, William Jr.	\$ 88,765.00	\$ -	\$ 1,396.80	\$ 90,161.80
Zucco, Victor	\$ 69,896.31	\$ 12,962.72	\$ -	\$ 82,859.03
TOTAL	\$ 1,090,661.02	\$ 303,675.17	\$ 71,881.30	\$ 1,466,217.49

NAME	SPECIAL DETAIL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
Arnold, Bryan	\$ 5,256.09	\$ 1,326.96	\$ 6,583.05
Bersaw, Daniel	\$ -	\$ 21,476.16	\$ 21,476.16
Cobb, Olivia	\$ 18,330.96	\$ 869.12	\$ 19,200.08
Graham, Frank	\$ -	\$ 186.24	\$ 186.24
Harvey, Paul	\$ -	\$ 10,383.96	\$ 10,383.96
Hearn, Edward	\$ 3,233.80	\$ -	\$ 3,233.80
Messina, Rosario	\$ -	\$ 181.68	\$ 181.68
Montgomery, Paul	\$ 330.00	\$ 15,574.32	\$ 15,904.32
Roy, Timothy	\$ 154.64	\$ 496.64	\$ 651.28
Scott, Craig	\$ -	\$ 19,241.40	\$ 19,241.40
TOTAL	\$ 27,305.49	\$ 68,409.52	\$ 97,041.97

* Overtime includes State Grants.

** Revolving is paid by outside contractors.

Fiscal Year 2017

Persons to Whom Money was Paid, Non-Salary or Wages Over \$600.00

5 Alarm Fire	\$ 6,544.36	Bernard Drew	\$ 4,622.19
20 Castle Street	\$ 48,395.70	Big Y Foods	\$ 4,353.11
AFLAC	\$ 34,995.36	Bilmar Veterinary Hospital	\$ 1,370.68
AFSME Council 93	\$ 12,999.37	Biosafe Systems	\$ 2,529.01
A. W. Chesterton	\$ 873.02	Birches Roy Funeral Home	\$ 2,000.00
Action Sports & Travel	\$ 800.00	Blackboard Inc.	\$ 1,500.00
Adam Carlotto	\$ 1,455.74	Blackstone Audiobooks	\$ 7,349.00
Adams Plumbing & Heating	\$ 470,105.92	Bluetarp Financial	\$ 1,144.66
Aerial Testing Company	\$ 2,516.00	Borden & Remington Corp.	\$ 10,743.21
Alert Scientific	\$ 680.00	Boston Mutual Insurance	\$ 2,061.54
All American Fence	\$ 5,779.00	Boston Mutual Life Insurance	\$ 9,039.60
Amazon / SYNBC	\$ 5,832.71	Boydco Inc.	\$ 865.00
American Forest Products	\$ 1,816.28	CN Wood	\$ 5,540.35
American Legion Post 298	\$ 2,070.00	CSS Ventures	\$ 27,309.00
Andres Huertas	\$ 2,351.75	CW Mars	\$ 22,327.00
Andrew Johnson Co.	\$ 868.40	Cabot Risk Strategies	\$ 5,499.80
Andrus Power Solutions	\$ 4,180.00	Caligary Supply - Gt. Barrington	\$ 3,748.51
Argus Hazco	\$ 1,163.08	Caligary Supply - Lenox	\$ 1,873.36
Arthur P. Jones & Assoc.	\$ 9,526.00	Canaan Auto Supply	\$ 23,405.28
Associated Electro-Mechanics	\$ 986.98	Cardillo Mechanical Contracting	\$ 19,444.00
Atlantic Coast Polymers	\$ 4,900.49	Carolyn Calandro	\$ 1,353.00
Automatic Door Doctor	\$ 1,510.00	Carr Hardware & Supply	\$ 18,933.96
BAU / Hopkins	\$ 2,538.63	Carrot Top Industries	\$ 2,618.76
B-G Mechanical	\$ 1,941.11	Center Point Large Print	\$ 2,674.80
Bacher Corp. of Conn	\$ 1,283.66	Center for Ecological Tech.	\$ 4,271.00
Baltazar Contractors	\$ 583,953.51	Chicago Albumen Works	\$ 1,398.80
Bart Truck Equipment	\$ 4,400.00	Chris Rembold	\$ 1,793.94
Bay State Elevator	\$ 9,719.06	Christine Faber	\$ 1,320.00
Bear Saver	\$ 1,989.00	Christopher Lamarre	\$ 663.54
Beaver Solutions	\$ 660.00	Chubb & Son	\$ 64,830.00
Ben Funk Inc.	\$ 1,263.09	Cintas	\$ 10,239.34
Berenson & Bloom	\$ 12,770.34	City of North Adams	\$ 600.00
Berkshire Center for Justice	\$ 900.00	Clark & Green Inc.	\$ 14,730.00
Berkshire Communicators	\$ 975.00	Cleveland Cotton Product	\$ 1,298.04
Berkshire County Retirement	\$ 1,114,572.03	Clifton Park Welding & Fabrication	\$ 3,170.00
Berkshire Gas	\$ 50,889.47	Clifton Larson Allen LLP	\$ 20,091.39
Berkshire GMC	\$ 1,579.72	Colarusso Blacktop Co.	\$ 12,814.71
Berkshire Graphic	\$ 655.47	Columbia Tractor	\$ 1,476.60
Berkshire Health Group	\$ 1,525,087.00	Common Cents EMS Supply	\$ 1,056.00
Berkshire Hills Reg. School Dist.	\$ 14,463,399.00	Comm. of MA	\$ 1,895.24
Berkshire Medical Center	\$ 4,530.00	Comm. of MA Boiler Inspection	\$ 750.00
Berkshire Mtn. Spring Water	\$ 714.69	Comm. of MA Dept. of Crim. Justi	\$ 5,400.00
Berkshire Record	\$ 9,973.60	Comm. of MA Land Court	\$ 5,255.00
Berkshire Reg. Planning Comm.	\$ 360,664.86	Comm. Of MA Munic. Police Train	\$ 6,000.00
Berkshire South Community Ctr.	\$ 50,290.28	Community Development Corp.	\$ 91,505.00
Berkshire Stump Grinding	\$ 2,260.00	Community Health Programs	\$ 9,486.02
Berkshire Veterinary Hospital	\$ 3,115.76	Community Preservation Coalition	\$ 1,750.00
Community Software Consortium	\$ 3,775.00	Frank H. Detwiler & Sons	\$ 603.25
Concept Seating	\$ 2,692.00	Franklin Paint Co.	\$ 1,704.70
Consturct	\$ 110,900.00	Full Circle Technologies	\$ 14,760.00
Coyne Chemical	\$ 9,039.14	Fuss & O'Neill	\$ 39,458.50
Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment	\$ 27,458.38	Gall's	\$ 1,132.19

Cummins Northeast Inc.	\$	1,317.86	Gary Leveille	\$	617.00
D. E. Wilber	\$	26,871.83	Gempler's Inc.	\$	1,339.30
Daedalus Inc.	\$	6,000.00	General Code Publishers	\$	3,952.51
Daniel Bartini	\$	2,086.88	Gentlemen's Painting	\$	19,380.00
David Grover	\$	4,000.00	Gilmore's Plumbing & Heating	\$	22,534.84
David Pritchett Constructing	\$	84,433.44	Gorham & Norton	\$	1,115.17
Demco	\$	3,575.30	Graber Manufacturing	\$	870.00
Detection Instruments Corp	\$	819.49	Graphin Controls Corporation	\$	1,779.27
Deutsch Williams Brooks et al PC	\$	21,751.85	Gt. Barrington Auto Supply	\$	1,192.67
Dist. Dept. of Veterans Services	\$	30,467.40	Gt. Barrington Fire District	\$	637,724.71
Douglas J. Wooliver & Sons	\$	5,206.41	Gt. Barrington Historical Society	\$	21,234.76
Down of Earth Construction	\$	3,317.00	Gt. Barrington Land Conservancy	\$	13,515.72
Dresser-Hull Co.	\$	1,922.23	Gt. Barrington Police Association	\$	4,750.00
Dukes Root Control	\$	9,992.59	Great West Life	\$	111,660.51
E. Caligari & Son	\$	2,978.43	Gregoire Electrical Co.	\$	880.00
Eagle Shoe Repair	\$	9,471.36	Grundfus	\$	3,514.83
Ed Herrington Inc.	\$	7,039.55	Guardian Uniform & Supply	\$	13,531.32
Edwin May	\$	1,381.97	HMA Contracting	\$	119,915.13
Everett J. Prescott Inc.	\$	959.93	Halcyon Products Inc.	\$	1,873.44
Elaine Caligiuri	\$	1,140.00	Haupt Tree Company Inc.	\$	74,456.10
Election Systems & Software	\$	755.22	Harry's Electric	\$	720.00
Elizabeth Freeman Center	\$	950.00	High Pressure Systems	\$	825.00
Emergency Reporting	\$	4,529.00	Hi-Way Safety Systems	\$	9,721.87
Emergency Services Marketing	\$	810.00	Highway Safety Solutions	\$	16,959.55
Environmental Express	\$	618.56	Honda Lease Trust	\$	1,031.03
Envirosystems Inc.	\$	5,906.00	Horizons Solutions	\$	1,182.35
Eric Bailey	\$	700.00	Housatonic Basin Testing	\$	1,000.00
F. M. Generator	\$	2,250.00	Housatonic Water Works	\$	40,816.42
F. W. Webb Co.	\$	956.09	Individual Laundry	\$	695.00
Fastenal Company	\$	708.29	Ingersoll Land Care	\$	26,121.93
Financial Services Vehicle Trust	\$	667.08	Ingram Library Services	\$	44,092.91
Finkle Equipment	\$	1,899.00	Integration Partners Corp.	\$	730.00
Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home	\$	2,000.00	International City Management	\$	952.78
Fire Tech & Safety	\$	43,795.70	Interstate Arms Corp.	\$	3,043.90
Fire Tech & Safety of New England	\$	164,803.18	J. Donovan & Son Inc.	\$	2,346.78
Firematic Supply Co.	\$	8,068.46	J & J Lock	\$	5,522.01
Fisher Scientific	\$	7,487.97	J. F. McDermott Co.	\$	2,281.48
Flags USA	\$	605.00	JWC Environmental	\$	40,326.85
Flik Lifestyles	\$	1,803.75	Jacquier Welding	\$	2,119.63
Foremost Promotions	\$	967.30	Jamar Technologies	\$	818.00
Foresight Land Services	\$	1,591.54	Jayne Smith	\$	1,023.30
Formel Motor Co.	\$	620.00	Jennifer Tabakin	\$	3,009.24
Joe's Mobil Repair Service	\$	2,075.60	MM Brandston & Co.	\$	6,500.00
Joe Wilkenson Excavating	\$	59,742.29	Macfarlane Office Products	\$	4,885.00
John Broderick Jr.	\$	2,592.00	Madsen Overhead Doors	\$	9,414.90
John Guilfoil Public Relations	\$	6,930.00	Mahaiwe Chiropractic	\$	680.00
John's Garage	\$	7,823.55	Maintenance Man	\$	14,940.00
John S. Lane Inc.	\$	5,859.20	Marcotte Ford	\$	3,018.38
John Turner Consulting	\$	3,000.00	Marie Ryan	\$	1,065.44
Johnson Ford	\$	2,521.45	Marlin Controls	\$	11,615.00
Joseph Bozza	\$	14,365.00	Martino Glass	\$	6,945.00
Junior Library Guild	\$	5,680.20	MA Chiefs of Police Association	\$	874.00
Jurek Brothers	\$	4,786.65	MA Coalition of Police	\$	7,800.00
KME Fire Apparatus	\$	25,462.57	MA Department of Revenue	\$	6,748.00

K. P. Law PC	\$	47,827.34	MA Library Association	\$	6,000.00
Karen Fink	\$	739.13	MA Municipal	\$	1,913.00
Kathi Casey	\$	646.50	MA Police Accreditation Commiss	\$	2,400.00
Kelly Grainger Parsons & Associates	\$	3,995.00	Matthew Bender	\$	2,985.69
Kim Larkin	\$	930.00	Mayflower Valuation Ltd.	\$	7,650.00
Kimtek Corporation	\$	3,800.00	Meadow Farm	\$	825.00
Kofile Preservation3486.	\$	3,486.00	Melanson & Heath & Co.	\$	21,000.00
Komline - Sanderson	\$	3,422.33	Michael Quinlivan	\$	2,950.00
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	\$	685.00	Microbac Laboratories Inc.	\$	2,404.00
Krzystof Olczyk	\$	28,600.00	Midwest Tapes	\$	21,543.61
Kurtz General Contractors	\$	302,340.54	Millerton Co-op	\$	731.24
Kwik Print	\$	10,569.16	Misha Forrester	\$	745.00
Kyke Zick Landscape Architecture	\$	3,200.00	Moore Medical Corp.	\$	1,026.77
L. B. Corp.	\$	670,329.79	Morton Salt	\$	217,476.55
LHS Associates	\$	38,271.92	Motion Industries	\$	859.44
LL Data Designs	\$	3,390.00	Motorola Inc.	\$	216,000.00
L Locke Larkin	\$	2,869.32	Mount Everett Sanitation	\$	5,882.50
Lacal Equipment	\$	2,137.39	Municipal Emergency Services	\$	1,025.40
Lane Construction	\$	322,689.91	Municipal Police Institute Inc.	\$	4,160.00
Larkin Ltd.	\$	973.75	Napa Auto Parts	\$	1,163.81
Larson Fischer Associates	\$	14,500.00	National Business Furniture	\$	923.60
Laser Inc. Technologies	\$	1,454.95	National Grid	\$	177,709.34
Lawrence Charette Electric	\$	7,153.20	Neopost USA Inc.	\$	19,083.62
Lawson Products	\$	1,727.07	New England Fitness	\$	738.00
Lee Audio 'N Security	\$	10,940.40	New England Newspapers Inc.	\$	3,398.02
Lee Hardware	\$	12,435.51	Northeast Fasteners	\$	2,552.10
Lipton Energy	\$	65,228.86	Northeast Slope Mowing	\$	2,000.00
Locke Lord LLP	\$	12,400.00	Northern Safety Col.	\$	734.51
Lubrication Engineers	\$	1,994.50	O'Connell Oil Associates Inc.	\$	47,370.34
MCOA	\$	812.50	Olde Village Monogramming	\$	987.60
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	\$	8,998.00	Ott to Print Green	\$	2,092.00
MIG Corporation	\$	913,948.40	P & P Installation	\$	6,036.00
MIIA	\$	3,052.78	PCMG Installation	\$	5,510.00
MIIA Property & Casualty Group	\$	139,839.39	PMAM Corpotation	\$	600.00
MIIA Workers' Compensation	\$	41,514.06	Partac Peat Corporation	\$	8,636.10
Patrick McGuire	\$	1,066.29	SimplexGrinnell	\$	6,503.14
Patriot Freightliner - Western Star	\$	195,222.54	So. Berkshire Elderly Transportatic	\$	60,000.00
Paul Storti	\$	855.41	So. Berkshire Power Equipment	\$	2,450.82
Penguin Management Inc.	\$	1,548.00	So. Berkshire Volunteer Ambulanc	\$	600.00
Penguin Random House Inc.	\$	2,699.24	Spotlight Publishing / ABDO	\$	1,571.85
Perm Line of New England	\$	11,967.05	Stantec Consulting Services	\$	37,096.15
Pittsfield Communications Systems	\$	13,987.15	Stanton Equipment	\$	6,120.96
Pittsfield Fire & Safety	\$	2,091.45	Staples	\$	3,397.05
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor	\$	1,199.98	State Street Bank	\$	29,118.92
Pittsfield News Company	\$	4,835.67	Steve's Auto Repair	\$	911.90
Polly Mann Salenovich	\$	1,044.49	Stockman Associates	\$	1,190.00
Polsinello Fuels	\$	2,390.82	Strategic Environmental Services	\$	1,502.65
Preferred Print Solutions	\$	3,798.94	Superior Industrial	\$	3,866.25
Priority Dispatch Corporation	\$	730.00	Superior Spring & Manufacturing	\$	4,784.07
Propet Distribution Inc.	\$	1,070.90	Surpass Chemical Company	\$	17,867.69
Public Safety Consultants	\$	7,500.00	Suzanne Mazzarelli	\$	1,440.00
Pump Service Supply of Troy	\$	1,868.21	Suzi Banks Baum	\$	600.00
Quill Corporation	\$	5,896.75	Synagro Northeast Inc.	\$	103,551.76
R. I. Baker	\$	8,170.85	T. M. Masonry	\$	24,069.00

RP MA Solar	\$	191,734.98	Taser International	\$	2,180.78
R. W. 's Inc.	\$	1,670.00	The Gorman Group	\$	2,173.44
Railroad Street Youth Project	\$	750.00	Thomson Gale	\$	5,184.77
Rapid Flow Inc.	\$	28,690.00	Tighe & Bond Inc.	\$	137,671.59
Real Estate Research Consultants	\$	1,000.00	Time Warner Cable	\$	9,720.18
Recorded Books Inc.	\$	1,634.93	Timothy Drumm	\$	986.35
Reistan Enterprises	\$	2,103.30	Town of Great Barrington	\$	6,555.00
Reliable Electric Motor Solutions	\$	969.48	Town of Egremont	\$	19,345.68
Republic Services #955	\$	2,702.66	Town of Monterey	\$	12,932.04
Ribco Supply	\$	931.39	Town of New Marlboro	\$	2,979.84
Robert L. A. Cote	\$	1,050.00	Town of Otis	\$	2,234.79
Robert Patterson	\$	1,547.84	Town of Sheffield	\$	12,814.16
Robin Road Consulting	\$	16,571.25	Town of Stockbridge	\$	11,989.20
Ronnies Cycle of Bennington	\$	951.69	Town of West Stockbridge	\$	7,659.60
S & A Wholesalers	\$	6,714.71	Transcor-IT Haywood Associates	\$	34,557.87
SWCA Environmental	\$	21,002.50	TriTec Software Systems	\$	13,168.75
Safety First Fire Equipment Testing	\$	4,423.46	Troy Sand & Gravel	\$	649.35
Safety-Kleen Corporation	\$	2,137.04	Trustees of Reservations	\$	5,000.00
Salco Construction Company	\$	9,785.00	Trustees of Tufts	\$	8,832.74
Sears Commercial One	\$	2,393.66	Tyler Technologies	\$	46,318.17
Sentry Uniform & Equipment	\$	8,884.20	US Bank of North America	\$	1,807,536.48
Seward's Tires Inc.	\$	5,292.78	US Treasury, DHHS, CMS	\$	2,670.20
Shaker Family Ford	\$	24,395.00	USA Bluebook	\$	2,457.51
Shallow Creek Kennels	\$	7,500.00	Uline	\$	1,864.44
Shannon Chemical Corporation	\$	13,780.80	Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services	\$	1,326,443.62
Shepley Evans	\$	601.34	United States Treasury	\$	828.26
Shoppers' Guide	\$	6,694.70	University Products	\$	1,623.07
Showcases	\$	1,457.74	VHB	\$	4,000.00
Valley Communications	\$	24,823.48	Ward's Nursery	\$	1,128.76
Valley Roll-off	\$	32,449.56	Water Environment Federation	\$	675.00
Verizon	\$	24,144.29	Watson Furniture Group	\$	34,966.28
Verizon New England	\$	10,298.70	West Group	\$	1,213.75
Verizon Wireless	\$	10,217.20	Wheeler & Taylor	\$	1,885.00
Virtual Town Hall Holdings	\$	2,525.00	Winter Equipment Inc.	\$	1,840.95
Volunteers in Medicine	\$	1,250.00	Wise Company	\$	2,814.68
W. B. Mason Company	\$	17,336.55	Witmer Public Safety Group	\$	3,057.83
W. E. Aubuchon	\$	914.23	World Book Inc.	\$	849.00
W. M. Schultz Construction	\$	3,198,809.04	Xavus Solutions	\$	1,200.00
WSS Inc.	\$	457,989.65	Zwak Inc.	\$	23,077.35
W. W. Grainger	\$	6,573.14	TOTAL	\$	33,243,628.90
Walker Process Equipment	\$	27,413.00			

FISCAL YEAR 2017
SALARIES AND WAGES

Abrahams, Edward	\$ 2,499.96	Farmum, Susan	389.50
Allen, William	\$ 985.00	Fields, William	436.00
Aloisi, Richard	\$ 1,886.40	Fink, Karen	72,000.00
Anderson, Alan	\$ 19,449.70	Firger, Bruce	600.00
Arienti, Judith	\$ 186.00	Gaughran, Robert	6,128.10
Attarian, Cheryl	\$ 29,044.13	Gennari, Robert	7,414.44
Atwood, Marlene	\$ 318.00	Gibbons, Paul	60.00
Atwood, Thomas	\$ 992.00	Graham, Phyllis	551.25
Austin, Darryl	\$ 61,307.73	Hall, Steven	6,601.52
Avery, Maureen	\$ 1,058.00	Hammer, Robert	7,463.90
Bailly, Barbara	\$ 886.00	Harrison, Laurie	42,963.76
Bailly, Bruce	\$ 262.50	Higgins, Randall	1,760.80
Bailly, Daniel	\$ 2,499.96	Holcomb, Jeanne	231.00
Bailly, Jennifer	\$ 41,090.58	Hosier, Timothy	48,418.60
Ball, Deborah	\$ 52,904.60	Houghtlin, George	1,296.00
Ball, Michael	\$ 52,665.53	Hungate, Robert	1,560.48
Bannon, Stephen	\$ 2,499.96	Hunt, Edward	13,024.33
Bara, Irene	\$ 60.00	Ingram, William	64,995.25
Barnard, Jane	\$ 13,747.51	Ivory, Carolyn	186.00
Barry, Marion	\$ 168.00	Ivory, Paul	436.00
Becker, Cara	\$ 36,561.95	Jurczyk, Rebecca	18,931.95
Blauvelt, Marie	\$ 571.59	Katz, John	600.00
Bona, Justin	\$ 5,685.40	Kelleher, Francine	711.00
Borden, Jacob	\$ 1,001.00	Kelleher, John	426.50
Bozza, Joseph	\$ 2,325.00	Kollmer, Matthew	7,049.84
Brown, Donna	\$ 43,475.46	Kotleski, Kathleen	186.00
Budz, Elizabeth	\$ 60.00	Krupski, Robert	12,742.02
Burger, Charles	\$ 76,120.13	Kujawski, Patricia	1,184.50
Cando, Marco	\$ 364.50	Kuziemko, Helen	56,749.91
Carr, James	\$ 1,015.20	Kuziemko, Matthew	815.00
Casey, Elias	\$ 2,016.30	Lagowski, Robert	11,852.58
Chamberland, Terrence	\$ 7,762.50	Lamarre, Christopher	77,532.00
Cooke, William	\$ 2,499.96	Laramée, Christopher	9,509.60
Coons, Christine	\$ 414.00	Larkin, L. Locke	20,764.71
Coons, Linda	\$ 10,183.19	Larkin, Lois	168.00
Corbett, Judith	\$ 186.00	Leodari, Talya	42,910.45
Dawson, Jacqueline	\$ 5,168.28	Lilley, Rebecca	20,301.68
Degiorgis, Amanda	\$ 58,068.47	Louison, Barbara	177.00
Dezieck, Jessisca	\$ 6,137.58	Lovett, Thomas	4,755.20
Drew, Bernard	\$ 801.13	Malumphy, John	61,674.35
Drumm, Timothy	\$ 77,059.00	Mancivalono, Shaylyne	4,119.39
Dymek, Frederick	\$ 186.00	Marks, Darrel	41,227.30
Dymek, Patricia	\$ 246.00	Martin, James	31,615.44
Ely, Paula	\$ 58,818.54	May, Edwin	61,337.21
Evans, Shepley	\$ 32,336.81	McCormick, Edward	1,547.60
McMahon, Sean	\$ 3,322.90	Seile, Joshua	6,324.20
McMeekin, Linda	\$ 1,054.00	Sermini, Donna	100.00
Mead, Adam	\$ 104.00	Shaw, Kimberly	4,670.00
Mead, Brian	\$ 5,867.10	Shepardson, Sheila	168.00

Mead, James	\$ 5,159.30	Shimmon, Michelle	1,335.89
Meltzer, Leslie	\$ 35,445.71	Shimmon, Richard	11,656.48
Morell, Mohamed	\$ 1,676.00	Shimmon, Ryan	55,344.83
Morelli, Bruce	\$ 186.00	Smith, Ellen	5,977.50
Morey, Jerry	\$ 45,942.53	Smith, Jayne	27,781.02
Moser, Beth	\$ 624.00	Smith, Karen	5,823.00
Nappo, Theodore	\$ 4,050.50	Smith, Terry	154.00
Needelman, Richard	\$ 535.00	Sokul, Joseph	30,819.78
Nelson, Christopher	\$ 638.00	Soule, Margaret	913.50
Osak, Justin	\$ 2,274.21	Soules, David	64,084.22
Ostrander, John	\$ 50,108.30	Soules, Lee	51,651.50
Parsons, Stephen	\$ 45,849.83	Soules, Peter	69,919.00
Passetto, John	\$ 186.00	Sparks, Corey	53,881.69
Patterson, Robert	\$ 44,046.36	Stanton, Sean	2,499.96
Peretti, Michael	\$ 4,999.92	Stark, Louis	1,522.90
Pevzner, Matthew	\$ 63,078.02	Stephenson, Cameron	694.30
Phillips, Dorothy	\$ 4,613.73	Stevens, Timothy	1,214.40
Pickert, Edward	\$ 55,983.35	Storti, Connor	11,375.00
Piontek, Theodore	\$ 31,977.84	Strommer, Carol	40,675.14
Powell, Michael	\$ 2,234.00	Strommer, Stephen	998.50
Premerlani, Frances	\$ 134.00	Tabakin, Jennifer	126,244.63
Premerlani, Lawrence	\$ 228.00	Tarnawa, Francis	7,500.00
Pulver, Amy	\$ 41,912.98	Thomson, Charles	61,591.43
Rembisz, Donald	\$ 168.00	Timm, Joel	429.00
Rembold, Christopher	\$ 83,723.85	Tossavainen, John	123.00
Rivest, Charles	\$ 50,352.89	Van Deusen, Sean	40,281.67
Rogers, Courtney	\$ 560.00	Vogel, Terry	62,454.12
Rogers, Mary	\$ 885.00	Warner, Christine	11,660.28
Ryan, Marie	\$ 53,268.47	Warner, Katherine	29,893.00
Salenovich, Pauline	\$ 51,450.00	Weigle, Travis	52,957.89
Sartori-Hobgood, Lauren	\$ 24,292.49	Wichmann, Carolyln	35,361.55
Scapin, Victor	\$ 70,683.31	Woodard, John	1,932.80
		TOTAL	3,146,611.48

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

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

Highlights of the Finance Committee's work this year include:

- Reserve fund transfers: The Committee approved transfers from the reserve fund toward the end of the fiscal year in the amount of \$70,245 broken down as follows:
 - \$40,000 to cover a short fall in a drainage project in Housatonic due to the removal of a large granite boulder.
 - \$3,200 to cover travel and training expenses for a police officer trainee.
 - \$10,000 for legal fees associated with Stonegate Condominiums Land Court and Tax Title issues.
 - \$17,045 for legal expenses associated with
 - \$7,357 Rest of River Initiative regarding the GE/PCB cleanup activities
 - \$9,688 for settlement of union contracts, health plan concerns and other labor related items.
- Finance Committee membership: Mike Wise decided to step down from the Finance Committee due to his election as Town Moderator. At the Committee's June reorganization meeting the Committee thanked Mike for his dedicated service and welcomed Anne O'Dwyer as a new member. The Committee voted Tom Blauvelt to serve as Chair and Will Curletti to serve as Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Blauvelt, Chair

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Commission has continued working with property owners and the community who are an integral part of the Historic District which focuses on parts of the Great Barrington Downtown.

- Replacement of Main Street Sign for the John Dewey Academy at Searles Castle.
- Relocation of Existing Sign for William Pitts Sotheby's at Main Street Storefront.
- New Signage for Rustic Works in the Mahaiwe Block.
- Banners for the Berkshire International Film Festival.

- Exterior Trim Painting of the Mahaiwe Block.
- Exterior Trim Painting of the First Congregational Church and adjoining Manse.

The Commission also continues to review Town Hall and adjoining Structures which are significant entities in the Historic District.

- A proposal for restoration of both the Front and the Right-Side Brownstone Entrance Steps at Town Hall were reviewed with Joe Sokul. Funding was not available in the fall and will be delayed.
- The Proposal was approved for Cleaning and Sealing of the Winged Victory Liberty Monument at the Front of Town Hall. The actual work was completed in the spring of 2017.
- Restoration Work for the Exedra Seating adjacent to the Winged Victory was outlined. Existing Yew Bushes will be trimmed away from the seating. Restoration items will probably be undertaken in the next fiscal year.
- In August 2016, drawings for Roof and Cornice Repairs of Town Hall were reviewed and supported by the HDC.
- Also, the proposed installation of Split-System HVAC units was presented by Joe Sokul. The HDC favored the installation of new Units on the Roof.

An unique opportunity was presented this year to the HDC, Benchmark Development included a portion of the Historic District in their Commercial and Residential Complex which necessitated HDC review of the Second Phase of their proposed development on Bridge Street. In October, a Site Visit was conducted and then a Certificate of Hardship was approved for the site plan portion of the second phase.

During the year, the Board welcomed a Julie Fagan as an Alternate Member filling the open position. Alternate Patricia Ryan moved in the Regular Member Position. However, at the end of year, Member Barbara Syer decided not to be reappointed. The HDC is losing an important and longtime hardworking member. Barbara Syer was one of the original committee members that established the Historic District. She was also instrumental in obtaining National Register Status of the First Congregational Church Complex. Barbara's most noted accomplishment was the formation of the National Register District in the Taconic and West Avenues Neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald V Howe, Chair

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

In FY17 the Historical Commission continued to carry out its charges under Massachusetts General Laws. Our activities focused on four strategic areas.

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

- Completed photograph documentation of the Searles High School complex (1898, 1938, 1960) and worked with owner to survey site and prepare list of artifacts and architectural fragments to be rescued and donated to Town Historical Collection.
- At the request of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Community Development Corporation, and to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, completed site surveys, photography, basic research and evaluation of historic significance and impact of project work on architectural character of three residences scheduled for rehabilitation as part of the Great Barrington-Sheffield Housing Rehabilitation Program (funded by a FY14 Community Development Block Grant).

- Commission member Marilyn Bisiewicz completed filing of 28 archival boxes of Lucien Aigner Collection, Great Barrington Historical Society.
- Worked with Benchmark Development and Historic District Commission to affirm developer's commitment to save and re-use the Searles estate powerhouse (c. 1886), historically significant as the first exterior power plant to provide direct current to Kellogg Terrace/Searles Castle in 1886 and the first d-c power station in town.
- Commission member Gary Leveille photo-documented the check-outs at Kmart just as the store closed for the final time.
- Commission member Gary Leveille presented Great Barrington history program to a local history class at Monument Mountain Regional High School.

Manage and Care for Town Museum Collection

- Team of volunteers and labor crew, donated by James Mercer, transported 199 cartons of late 20th-early 21st century images of Great Barrington places, events and people by local photographer Donald B. Victor from temporary pod storage at the Historical Society to second floor of Ramsdell Library. Archivist Bernard Drew completed organizing and cataloguing collection and prepared a Finding Aid, which includes a Victor biography, a box-by-box description of contents, and an alphabetized index of folder contents (including cross-references).
- Bernard Drew donated a complete and loosely bound run of the *Berkshire News*, a newspaper published in Great Barrington from 1889-1895, to the Town Historical Collection and prepared a history of the publication and a finding aid.
- A leather-bound scrapbook containing clippings of newspaper stories about Great Barrington men and women serving in WWII, compiled by Beatrice Clarkson Dempsey, was donated on behalf of the Dempsey family to the Town Historical Collection by her nephew, David Dempsey. The scrapbook is an invaluable record of those Great Barrington citizens who served in the war.
- Hired Bernard Drew as part-time contract archivist to work with Commission members and other volunteers to continue management and care of Town Historical Collection, a sizable resource of objects, records and archival materials documenting the history of Great Barrington, located on the second floor of the Ramsdell Library
- Contracted with Chicago Albumen Works, Housatonic, MA, to digitize and assemble the "Veterans Graves Book," compiled as part of a WPA project to record information about veterans' graves in town, into a PDF, making them publicly accessible and searchable on-line.
- Accepted into the Town Historical Collection CTSB's digital archives of Great Barrington town meetings (c. latter 1990's) recorded and released by CTSB.

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

- Held public re-dedication ceremony to celebrate completion of comprehensive conservation treatment of the *Newsboy* statue and fountain (1895) and renovation of its landscape plantings.
- Commission member and local historian and author, Gary Leveille, published history of statue in booklet, *The Mystery and History of the Great Barrington Newsboy Statue* (BerkshireArchive.com, Great Barrington, MA, 2016).
- Presented fifth year of Smartphone walking tour of Great Barrington's Main Street business district.
- Commission member David Rutstein presented public lecture, "Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary," sponsored by the Great Barrington Historical Society.

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

- With funding from a Community Preservation Act grant, Daedalus art conservators, Watertown, MA, completed comprehensive conservation treatment of the severely deteriorated *Newsboy* statue (1895). Project also included installation of a new recirculating fountain and reshaping of surrounding Juniper bushes. Commission member Bill Nappo completed photographic report of the restoration of the fountain mechanisms.
- Drafted "Notes and Plan for Treatment of Newsboy Park Landscape" to serve as the guide for future actions and budgeting for restoring the landscape.
- Participated in preservation activities of Clinton Church Restoration, a non-profit group-formed to purchase, preserve and create a program of use for the Clinton AME Zion Church, an important local landmark and National Register site.
- Notified by the Massachusetts Historical Commission that the Housatonic School, its associated playing field, and the Housatonic Community Center ("Housy Dome") are significant and meet the criteria for nomination and listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Funded with \$30,000 in grants from the Community Preservation Act and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, commenced Phase 1 of a project to update the town's Historic Resources Survey. Hired Larson Fisher Associates, Woodstock, NY, to complete area forms for the Brooklyn neighborhood in Great Barrington and Risingdale neighborhood of mill houses, as well as 45 individual sites not included on the previous (1985) survey.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul W. Ivory, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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 2017 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 41 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

FY 2017 Submitted	Payment Due in FY 2018 -FY 2017 - 75%
\$122,005.80	\$91,504.35

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

Applications for VA Health Care	38
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	67
DD 214s	58
Request for Grave Markers	62
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	48
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	70
Assisted with Dr. appointments	13
Home and Office Visits	575
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1510

For FY 2017 District budget was 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 2017 DVS budget was \$30,467.40 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie J. Hils, Veterans' Service Agent

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Selectboard:

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 2016 the council considered 44 applications of which 23 were awarded totaling \$4,180. A complete list of grants awarded is available at the Select Board office in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Pezza, Co-Chair

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

To The Honorable Selectboard:

S.B.E.T.C. has been providing transportation to seniors, 55 years of age and older and to persons with a disability of any age, even if it is a temporary disability for 33 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.

This has been our second year of expanded service as far north as Pittsfield, which we provided service to 200 riders. We will again be continuing this service.

We are very proud to say we are partnering with Fairview Hospital and The Town of Great Barrington Fire Dept.'s Emergency Response programs and Fairview Hospital's volunteer program.

The towns we serve in Southern Berkshire County are: Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington/Housatonic, Clayton/Hartsville/Mill River/New Marlborough/Southfield, Sandisfield and Monterey. SBETC would like to thank the towns for their continued support and for giving their residents a very special service that most in the Berkshires do not have! We are like an insurance policy, there when you need it! 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, Kiwanis Club of Sheffield, Great Barrington Rotary Club, Katharine & Winthrop Crane Foundation, First Congregational Church of Great Barrington, Mr. Mrs. W. Dempsey and A. Ruststein. All of the individuals and local businesses who support us, thank you! We received a grant from the Berkshire Bank Foundation, Berkshire Taconic Foundation, the Service Incentive Grant and the MarTap Grant. We also received a 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 over 10,497 trips and covering 48,998 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, persons with a disability of any age and nursing home residents to doctor and dentist appointments, physical therapy, hairdressers, shopping, to the hospital even bringing a pet to the vet and to the Adult Day Care at Fairview Commons.

We enrich the lives of our riders by providing transportation for trips such: Free Fridays at Tanglewood, Tanglewood on Parade, MacHayden Theatre, Bright Lights, Robert Frost House, Saratoga Casino and Racetrack to name a few. We cannot thank the Town of Great Barrington enough for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Valinaggi, E.D.

REPORT OF THE CLAIRE W. TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Staff: The Claire W. Teague Senior Center is staffed by a Director and an Assistant Director/Outreach Coordinator. The center also depends on many volunteers, Senior Property Tax Work Off workers, Council on Aging board members and the Friends of the Claire W. Teague Senior Center to keep the center running on a daily basis.

Goals: The Claire Teague Senior Center serves the needs and promotes the total wellbeing of the seniors of Great Barrington. The center is available to seniors over the age of 55 and offers a wide variety of services and events to the many seniors living in the Town of Great Barrington.

Activity or Service Provided	2015	2016	Forecasted for 2017
Meals served and or delivered through Elder Services	3660	4000	4200
Brown bags distributed	1008	864	880
Exercise participants	90	90	90
Health Clinic participants	80	90	90
Support group participants	240	245	250
Participants in educational programs	140	150	150
Participants in social programs	280	270	280
One on one insurance counseling sessions	800	850	1140

Hours & Meals: The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM. The suggested donation is \$2.00 for those ages 60 and over. Meals are prepared and served through Elder Services of Berkshire County with the exception of the meals on Wednesday’s, which are prepared on site by the center’s staff.

Services: The Senior Center provides many programs for seniors including, free tax preparation, \$2.00 lunches 5 days a week for those 60 and over, foot nurse visits, hearing testing, blood pressure checks, informational presentations on many important topics, the Brown Bag Program, Medicare Health Insurance counseling and monthly Senior Safety meetings (TRIAD). Ten exercise classes are available for a nominal fee which includes Tap Dancing, Tai Chi, Strength

Training, Cross Training, Balance and Movement, Pilates, Breathing and Movement, Yoga, Chair exercises, and Feldenkrais. Learning opportunities include keyboard lessons, art classes, a computer class, discussion groups and genealogy research.

Social Events: We like to have lots of fun at the senior center. There are cook-outs, trips, monthly lunch outings (Out to Lunch Bunch) and dinner outings (Gad Abouts), live entertainment, Bingo, Bridge for both beginners and established players, dominoes, crossword puzzles, musical performances, community entertainment from local schools and daily coffee & treats donated by Big Y.

New in 2016: Two new exercise classes, Pilates and Breathing and Movement were added in 2016. The Wednesday meals are now being prepared on site which has increased our Wednesday meal attendance by 50%. Our Teague Tap Dance group has grown and presented a very successful Tap Fest hosting other tap groups from the area. We have a new art class taught by Eunice Agar, coordinated a health fair with over 18 vendors. A.G.E. TRIAD held a fun and important event providing safety vest for seniors and outfitting scooters with safety features. We have held Hoe Downs, Craft Fairs, basketry classes, and beginning keyboard.

Support Groups & Building Use: The Senior Center continues to provide space for a number of groups including a women's breast cancer support group, caregivers support group and grief support groups. We offer space to five AA meeting groups, the Great Barrington Historical Society and other Town sponsored events and meetings.

Trips: The senior center provided nine trips including: Barrington Stage, Tanglewood on Parade, Birds of Prey at Berkshire Botanical Gardens, Susan B Anthony House, Trip to Pennsylvania Amish, Bennington Museum, Trip to the HU-KE-LL Ventfort Hall, Program at Colonial Theater and Sharon Theater.

Respectfully Submitted,
Polly Mann Salenovich, Director

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARIES

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Friends and Trustees: Both the Friends of The Great Barrington Libraries and the Library Trustees have continued to contribute many hours hosting events and raising awareness of the libraries. The Friends purchased passes to the local museums for use by library patrons. We greatly value their support and input.

Staff: 2017 saw the promotion of James Martin to Adult Circulation Supervisor and the arrival of new part time staff: Christine Warner, Dorothy Phillips and Marie Blauvelt. We were short staffed for much of the year but the staff banded together to keep the libraries open and running. Thanks to their tireless work, our patrons saw no disruption to the excellent service they have come to expect from our libraries.

Notable: The libraries have continued to serve as a regular meeting space for Town and local organizations including Parks and Recreation, the Great Barrington Tree Committee, the Berkshire Center for Justice, and Great Barrington Trails and Greenways. Our meeting rooms and quiet rooms were used over 2,100 times this year.

Our computers were used 390 times at Ramsdell and 17,290 times at Mason Library. Both libraries serve as important technological resources in their respective communities. The Broadband internet speed at Mason was upgraded so patrons can now access materials at much faster speeds.

The Great Barrington Libraries joined the Massachusetts Library System-sponsored national CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program) for our sixth year. We had 162 registered children who read over 189,000 minutes. The theme

for this year was “On Your Mark, Get Set, READ”, which encouraged children to explore the physical world. There were weekly activities where children created Zen gardens, watched a Japanese Theater performance, experienced the Circus Arts with Berkcirque and participated in a journaling camp. In total, the libraries offered 56 children’s summer reading programs with 737 persons attending. Great Barrington Libraries total circulation for FY 2017 was 143,526 items.

	Adult	Young Adult	Children	Total
Mason	74,772	5,983	49,009	129,764
Ramsdell	10,250	213	3,299	13,762

Holdings: Total Holdings: 173,626 (this includes eBooks and eAudio available via C/W MARS)

- Mason Library holds 58,368 physical items.
- Ramsdell Library holds 20,458 physical items
- Both Libraries have access to 94,800 eBooks and eAudio

Materials Purchased in 2017 for Mason					
Adult Books	1,617	Children’s Books	1,791	YA Books	280
Adult Audio Books	287	Children’s Audio Books	187	YA Audio Books	21
Adult DVDs	465	Children’s DVDs	255	YA DVDs	38
Adult Serials	767	Children’s Serials	70	YA Serials	21

Materials Purchased in 2017 for Ramsdell					
Adult Books	643	Children’s Books	422	YA Books	23
Adult Audio Books	59	Children’s Audio Books	11	YA Audio Books	7
Adult DVDs	205	Children’s DVDs	48	YA DVDs	-
Adult Serials	282	Children’s Serials	-	YA Serials	7

Hours and Visitors: Ramsdell Library was open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-5pm; Wednesday 12:30-8:30pm and Saturday 10-3pm. On May 1, 2017 Ramsdell’s hours changed to include Sundays. The new hours are Sunday 1-4pm, Tuesday 1-5pm, Wednesday 1-8pm, Friday 1-6pm and Saturday 10-3pm. Ramsdell Library was open a total of 1,633 hours and had 7,421 patrons visit.

Mason Library was open Monday-Friday 10-7pm and Saturday 10-3pm. As of May 1, 2017 the hours at Mason changed as well. These new hours Monday-Wednesday 10-7pm, Thursday-Friday 10-6pm and Saturday 10-3pm. Mason Library was open a total of 2,461 hours with 119,141 visitors.

Programs/Events: The Great Barrington Libraries sponsored a total of 357 events/programs and had approximately 3,100 people attend these events.

Finances: On July 1, 2016, GB Libraries had \$41,182.88 in State Aid money. We spent \$11,277.37 last year and received \$11,920.85. As of July 1, 2017 we have \$41,826.36 in that account. This account largely pays for programs and advertising for programs. It is governed by the Trustees of the Great Barrington Libraries. Through fines and fees the Libraries were able to turn back to the town \$21,084.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda M. DeGiorgis, Director

FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

This past year has been one of transition as Time Warner became Charter/Spectrum. Communication between Charter and the committee became a problem as Charter failed to include committee members in their announcements and reports to the towns. This was rectified, but we are still asking for more prompt responses to our questions.

One project accomplished was the completed fiber hook-up for CTSB in the town halls in each of the five communities. This will enable live transmission of meetings in the future. A stated goal of CTSB is to get these fiber hook-ups in each of the four high schools. While Charter helped financially with the town halls, the schools financing will be on CTBS. This will be an expensive project, but one that will benefit each town. This is in the early planning stage with no specific target date set for completion.

One segment of Charter's contract with the five towns requires a customer survey, to be conducted every three years. Charter came in just as this was due and could not meet the first deadline, but a survey was constructed with suggestions from the committee and was sent out in customer bills this past summer. Unfortunately, only 75 customers responded. These responses will be discussed at our December meeting.

During the past year Charter has dropped some programming and added others. The committee does not have much sway over these decisions, due to FCC regulations, but we do make our opinions heard. The worst move from Charter, in my opinion, was dropping WWLP-Springfield from our cable line-up. This station has been part of Berkshire County cable offerings for more than 35 years and brought us the news of Massachusetts. We were given no specific reason for this change, it was a "corporate decision." Two programs from WWLP, "The Chalice of Salvation" and "Real to Reel," produced by Catholic Communications of Springfield were rebroadcast on the Pittsfield, North Adams and South County (CTSB) Public Access channels. Somehow these shows will be broadcast on a shopping channel "Corner Store TV" which was announced as being shown all through the Berkshires. Unfortunately, this channel is not available in South County. I asked about having this channel added to our lineup. We are waiting to hear from the programming department.

The subject of fiber optic cable was broached. Their reply was, "Charter has a fiber optic backbone for the cable infrastructure throughout all of the communities it serves. Additional fiber is added as needed." According to the contract, Charter decides when it is needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Hatch

REPORT OF COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOR THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRES

To the Honorable Selectboard:

CTSB has had a very successful year. Membership continues to grow and, as of August 2017, stands at 140. Increases in the quantity and quality of shows are a direct result. We are committed to serving our community and to improved communication about the station's offerings. Our soon-to-be released promotional video *Impressions* tells the CTSB-TV story.

By the close of 2017, CTSB will have delivered more than 1,200 hours in training time. Members are allowed unlimited access to Lynda, the award-winning tutorial site. CTSB also offers access to Adobe Creative Suite and Omni Music at no charge.

Member benefits include:

- Attending any offered classes
- Coaching on video techniques
- Borrowing of video cameras

This spring, the station converted to solar energy. Although it required a sizable investment, the Board considered it an appropriate action to contribute to reducing the use of fossil fuels. As of August, our monthly electric bill showed a credit balance, meaning that we're generating more electricity than is needed for our operations. In addition, we recently received our first payment from National Grid for the electricity we generated. In short, we've created an income-earning asset.

In 2016, CTSB recorded ten Shakespearian plays at Shakespeare and Company in Lenox. As a result, the station raised \$2,700 for the Scholarship Fund. For the Shakespeare Fall Festival, CTSB offered video streaming and on-line purchasing of the performances. While on-line sales were slow, we are confident the process will gain in popularity and will eventually replace our DVD offering.

CTSB is owned by our community of cable viewers, and it's important for South County residents to know their station's capabilities. Our building at 40 Limestone Road in Lee is open Monday thru Friday from 9 to 5, and we invite visitors to stop by to view the station's home and meet the staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Ryan, CTSB Board President

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Great Barrington Housing Authority (GBHA) administers state subsidized housing programs and manages housing properties for low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs. The properties are state assisted, therefore state regulations, local preference, priorities and eligibility requirements apply. Anyone who works or lives in Great Barrington or Housatonic receive local preference. There is also priority status for emergency applicants per state regulations.

GBHA manages Brookside Manor, located at 909 South Main Street, Great Barrington, as well as Flag Rock Village located at 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive, Housatonic. Both properties are state assisted housing for low income elderly (defined as age 60 in Massachusetts), and disabled adults (under 60 years of age).

Brookside Manor consists of 31 one bedroom apartments for seniors. At Brookside Manor, the roof on buildings one and four have been replaced.

Flag Rock Village consists of 32 one-bedroom apartments. There are eighteen units of family apartments, three wheel-chair accessible, housing 53 adults and their dependents. There is one four-bedroom house for people with special needs at Flag Rock Village. During the past year at Flag Rock Village, the bathroom of the special needs house has been renovated and a new built in wall oven was installed. Also the driveway and partial walkway were paved and re-built at the special needs house. The lower resident parking area and walkways were also reconstructed and paved at Flag Rock Village.

GBHA manages Dewey Court in Sheffield for the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority. Dewey Court consists of 22 one bedroom apartments and 8 family apartments located at 3 Dewey Way, Sheffield.

Waitlists for elderly and family housing are in place. Applications and eligibility information regarding housing at Brookside Manor, Flag Rock Village and Dewey Court are available at the office at 2 Bernard Gibbons Drive Housatonic or by calling 413-274-1142. There is also an office at Dewey Court, 413-229-8746.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vera Cartier, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Selectboard:

Throughout the time period between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 the Planning Board held regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Over the course of the year, the Planning Board endorsed 14 ANR (subdivision Approval Not Required) plans that created a total of six new building lots. The Planning Board made 10 formal site visits, conducted 15 Site Plan Reviews, made recommendations on 17 special permits, and issued one special permit.

Four multi-family special permit applications were reviewed, and all were eventually permitted by the Selectboard, as a direct result of the zoning amendments passed in 2016. These represented an important step in keeping previously nonconforming properties available for the rental housing market. Additional rental housing was permitted in the 47-49 Railroad Street redevelopment, reviewed and approved by the Board in October. We also reviewed the proposal for the proposal from Benchmark Development, for the redevelopment of 34-42 Bridge Street including an expanded Co-Op Market and about 50 residential units; the Board eventually granted site plan approval and made a positive recommendation to the Selectboard for the special permit.

Other applications reviewed included the site plans and special permit for the Airport's plan for three new hangars; that application to the Selectboard was eventually withdrawn. The Board approved the site plan for the Registered Medical Marijuana Dispensary on Stockbridge Road, as well as the renovations to the Kmart building to allow for the new Marshall's store. The Board also reviewed the planned expansion of Bostwick Gardens, which will add 31 new units of affordable housing for seniors.

The Board worked closely with the Town Planner to craft several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting. One of the approved amendments added a new section to regulate solar energy systems. The bylaw allows rooftop solar by-right, and regulates ground-mounted solar according to zoning district and array size. This bylaw makes solar zoning predictable for homeowners and businesses, and brings the Zoning Bylaw into compliance with state law on this topic.

Another zoning amendment approved was the Smart Growth Zoning Overlay District, which could create more affordable housing and allow multifamily development by right in certain zones, in accordance with MGL Ch. 40R. This bylaw encourages redevelopment of the mills and requires that 20 percent of all residential units in these redevelopments be affordable. All zoning changes were adopted by the Town Meeting (passing by at least a two-thirds majority vote), and approved by the Attorney General.

The Board is represented on various task forces and committees as follows: Jeremy Higa on the Community Preservation Committee; Brandee Nelson on the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force; Malcom Fick on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and Jonathan Hankin on the Design Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandee Nelson, Chair

REPORT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To the Honorable Selectboard:

This Department provides support and technical assistance to applicants, homeowners, businesses, and to Town staff and Boards regarding planning, zoning, and community and economic development matters. The work includes analyzing permit applications with staff and boards as well as promoting conservation and development in accordance with our Town's Master Plan. This year the Department also took a more active role in capital improvement planning and supporting other boards and commissions. Fiscal Year (FY17) activity highlights include:

The department continues to coordinate the Town Manager's Development Review Team (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, DPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Health Agent, and Police Chief) to provide technical project reviews. The most visible projects permitted during FY17 were the mixed-use redevelopment of 34-42 Bridge Street, including the Co-Op Market and about 50 residential units, to be called Powerhouse Square, as well as the mixed-use redevelopment of 47 Railroad Street, consisting of apartments and retail spaces. The former will begin its multi-year construction in late 2017. The latter is underway and scheduled for completion in FY18.

Other permitted projects included the 31-unit expansion of the Bostwick Gardens senior housing complex, several existing multi-family properties in town (preexisting uses brought into zoning compliance per the bylaw passed in 2016), the redevelopment of the Kmart store to house Marshalls, and a solar array at the brewery on Stockbridge Road. Other projects proposed this year include the proposed hangars at the Airport, and the proposed solar array on West Plain Road. Both of these encountered a variety of complications, including concerns about possible impacts on the character of the area. The solar array discussion however spurred the development of a new zoning bylaw designed to encourage renewable energy and support farmers. The solar bylaw was passed by Town Meeting in May 2017, and the project has applied for its Special Permit under that bylaw.

Zoning bylaw review continues with the Planning Board, to reduce outdated or duplicative regulations, and help implement the goals of the Master Plan. In addition to the solar bylaw mentioned above, the May 2017 Town Meeting also approved a new Smart Growth Overlay District bylaw per MGL Ch. 40R. This bylaw is a significant step towards encouraging the redevelopment of the mills as well as producing affordable housing—the bylaw requires that 20 percent of all residential units in these zones be affordable. In return, the Town is eligible to receive an incentive payment totaling over \$500,000 from the State.

In a continuing effort to meet the housing needs of our town, the January Special Town Meeting approved the creation of a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, and at the May Town Meeting appropriated funds to the trust. This office will be providing support and technical assistance to the Trust to help it fulfil its mission. For example, in May, we worked with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Town of Lenox Planning office to organize an Affordable Housing Workshop for officials of regional town boards and commissions. The workshop provided training in affordable housing planning, zoning, and finance.

In terms of parks and open space planning, in the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force began working to implement the Comprehensive Plan for Lake Mansfield Recreation Area which was approved by the Selectboard in October 2016. We are first seeking funding to make stormwater improvements on Knob Hill Road and to improve the boat launch area. Engineering of Lake Mansfield Road will begin in the summer of 2017. Also, planning for walking trails and bike trails continues, including supporting the design of the riverfront trail south from Bridge Street.

FY17 was an important and positive year—important new bylaws and developments were approved to further our shared goals of downtown revitalization, recreation connections, and affordable housing development. The year was capped off when we were awarded a \$300,000 grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency for brownfield assessments. This grant is a three-year project and will pay for assessments and cleanup plans of contaminated properties, a critical step in returning blighted and historic properties to productive use.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Rembold, AICP

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

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

The CPC met 11 times in FY17, and in the fall and winter dedicated itself to reviewing CPA applications and preparing for the 2017 Town Meeting. In the two-step application process, the CPC reviewed 9 Step 1 applications for eligibility, and received 8 Step 2 applications. After thorough review the CPC recommended eight projects to Town Meeting for funding. In its recommendations, the CPC determined, among other things, that these projects meet the goals expressed.

Community Preservation Plan, provide a needed public benefit, demonstrate strong community support, and demonstrate that CPA funds will not be the only funds used for the project. The CPC prepared a report for Town Meeting that was included with the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and made a presentation to the assembled voters. All eight projects were approved by Town Meeting. They are:

Community Housing	
BHDC / Bostwick Gardens expansion – creation of affordable housing	\$200,000
Town – affordable housing trust fund	\$50,000
Historic Preservation	
Berkshire Pulse – historic building accessibility improvements	\$30,000
Wheeler Farmstead/Historical Society – accessibility improvements	\$33,000
Town – Town Hall roof replacement	\$150,000
Open Space & Recreation	
BNRC – Thomas & Palmer Preserve access	\$41,230
GBLC – riverfront greenway trail	\$58,000
Town – Lake Mansfield Rd engineering and baseline investigation	\$106,400
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$668,630</u>

These projects will result in the creation of over 30 units of affordable housing, will preserve historic buildings in town that also provide significant town-wide benefits, and will result in new public trails and recreation opportunities.

Since its inception the CPA program in Great Barrington has completed several important projects, and helped make possible an array of long-deferred conservation and preservation projects. The Construct affordable housing project funded last year is well on its way, having broken ground in the spring of 2017. The walking trails at CHP are completed.

The Historical Commission is rewiring the historic building and regularly holding museum exhibition openings. These and all of the CPA projects are important to preserving our Town as a place that is affordable and attractive for years to come. We look forward to seeing more CPA projects come to fruition, and we look forward to more worthy projects in the coming year.

For the Community Preservation Committee,
Thomas Blauvelt, Chair

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Conservation Commission is charged with the following:

- To administer and uphold the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, The Great Barrington Wetland 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, FY 2017, the Conservation Commission reviewed and/or issued:

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

The Commission continues to have active membership on the Lake Mansfield Alliance and we support the Lake Mansfield Improvement Taskforce whenever possible. A member of the Commission serves on the Community Preservation Committee, and the Commission collaborates with numerous local conservation councils, boards and citizen groups to fulfill our role in open space planning and the long term clean-up and restoration of the Housatonic River. We 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,
Gaetan Lachance, Chair

REPORT OF THE LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The members of the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force are pleased to submit this report of FY 2017 activities and accomplishments.

On September 26, 2016 the Selectboard approved the Lake Mansfield Improvement Plan and charged the task force with its implementation. Our first step has been to seek funds to allow for next phases of engineering, permitting and grant seeking. We received \$106,400 provided through the Community Preservation Act for preliminary engineering work. Woodard & Curran was hired to complete this work. Their final report is expected in early 2018. With this information we believe the town will have the information needed to make a decision on the specifics for Lake Mansfield Road and to move ahead in seeking funds for the improvements of the outlet.

- I. **Water Quality Improvements and Assessments:** The Town applied for a Section 319 grant through the Mass. DEP in order to complete the storm water mitigation work required on Knob Hill Road. We are seeking support from MA Fish and Wildlife for design improvements at the Boat Launch.
- II. **Protecting the Buffer Zone and Sensitive Habitats – Application of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act:** 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 2016/17. A small recurrence of the invasive plant, Phragmites, has been brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission and we are seeking a solution to controlling this invasive species.
- III. **Use and Accessibility – Recreational use of the lake, beach area, forest trails and Lake Mansfield continues to increase annually with number of users noted in the summer season.** Current parking was inadequate during several peak weekends in 2017. A complete summer use report will be provided through the Parks and Recreation Commission including a description of the strong summer programming and waterfront safety is essential to our at the lake. The Parks Commission and Lake Mansfield Alliance collaborated to fund the installation of a new bear-proof trash/recycle bin. Lake Mansfield Alliance (LMA), a project of Great Barrington Land Conservancy, continued to engage volunteers in the care of the recreation area and conservation forest. Efforts included sponsoring the annual clean-up day, volunteer days for community and student groups, regular trail maintenance, hand-pulling and cutting of invasive species, and the maintenance of the Christian Hill Entrance. In addition GBLC is supporting a volunteer trail steward to help with regular trail checks and is providing funding for a Greenagers intern to help with ongoing trail work. GBLC also provided for recreational opportunities including guided hike and yoga classes. The GBLC's new website www.GBLand.org provides up to date information on the Lake Mansfield amenities and programs.
- IV. **Public Safety:** While summer use increases dramatically each year, the safety of all to be a priority for the Task Force. Concern over the continuing road degradation, flooding and freezing at the outlet area and whale rock, and the imperative of supporting safe use along Lake Mansfield Road are of primary concern to the task force and is a focal point for the upcoming efforts as outlined in the approved improvement plan.

- V. Work in the Coming Year: Fiscal year 2018 will be a very important year as the town reviews the detailed engineering of Lake Mansfield Road to determine the best solution for the park area road. We will also and continue to work at implementing water quality improvements. In addition, the task force will work with the town and GBLC to complete the accessible footbed of the loop trail, implementing the Town's vision of increasing recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities.

In conclusion, the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force 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.

Respectfully submitted by the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Great Barrington Agricultural Commission continues to advance the *Great Barrington Master Plan's* vision to create a thriving local food economy and environment. During fiscal year 2017, we focused on promoting agricultural awareness and education through local schools and community as well through collaboration with other town boards and the state legislature.

Based on the "Keep Berkshires Farming" collaborative approach used by the *Great Barrington Master Plan* and by the *Sustainable Berkshires* report of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the Agricultural Commission sought opportunities for multi-sector and regional cooperation.

Specific activities included:

- July 13, 2016: Agricultural Commission members Vivian Orłowski and Devan Arnold participated in Berkshire Hills Regional School District's Summer Service Learning Program by presenting a class about food, farming and pollinators.
- October 27, 2016: Joint meeting with the Great Barrington Planning Board to discuss a draft bylaw for large-scale solar installations on (non-APR) farms.
- Fall 2016: Discussion with the Town Manager and with The Conway School of Landscape Design about their helping the Town plan for more pollinator-friendly landscaping practices, including a low-maintenance demonstration pocket garden on Town properties.
- March 27, 2017: Great Barrington Selectboard approved the appointment of Michael Maguire as a new member of the Agricultural Commission, as unanimously recommended by the Commission.
- Spring 2017: Assisted the Williamstown Agricultural Commission, farmers and beekeepers to develop their town meeting *Resolution Declaring Williamstown to be a Pollinator-Friendly Community*, inspired by Great Barrington Town Meeting's approval in 2016 of the first such resolution in New England.
- Spring and Fall 2017: As follow up to the Town Meeting *Resolution Declaring the Town of Great Barrington to be a Pollinator-Friendly Community*, the Agricultural Commission has collaborated with our State Representative Smitty Pignatelli on pending state legislation to support pollinator protection throughout the Commonwealth. Representative Pignatelli became Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture in summer 2017.

- June 2017: Agricultural Commission collaborates with Town Planner Chris Rembold to develop recommendations to the Planning Board for a proposed solar installation on a Great Barrington farm.
- June 29, 2017: Agricultural Commission votes unanimously in favor of joining the advisory group, the Western Mass Pollinator Network, in order to enhance our outreach as a Pollinator-Friendly Community.
- June 29, 2017: Agricultural Commission votes unanimously to recommend to Planning Board planting and maintenance practices for the on-farm large solar installation. Recommendations concern tree replacement and post-project options, pollinator-friendly ground cover, suggested species/layout for pollinator-friendly plantings, managing the property without use of pesticides or herbicides, and posting an adequate reclamation bond.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Orłowski, Agricultural Commission Chair

REPORT OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectboard:

During the fiscal year 2017 the Great Barrington Tree Committee met regularly at the Mason Library on the first Wednesday of each month except July 2016, December 2016 and January 2017. . No additional meetings were scheduled although individual members frequently met in groups of 2 to complete specific tasks.

The Committee welcomed 4 new members this year: JB Brodeur, Nan Wile, Michael Peretti (Tree Warden) and Chris Wiltshire. Long term members Hilda Shapiro, Michael Wise and Beth Moser have remained on the committee.

The committee successfully met the requirements for re-application to Tree City USA. We have now been awarded this designation 5 years in a row and will re-apply again in fiscal year 2018.

Reimbursement was paid to the Town by DCR for a grant that the Tree Committee had written for the installation of 8 trees on Stockbridge Road. These trees continue to be monitored by the Committee and free pruning services have been offered by a Committee volunteer.

In addition to these accomplishments the Committee celebrated Arbor Day with an annual Arbor Day Proclamation. The Committee collaborated with Ward's Nursery to co-sponsor a successful art contest. There were 42 entries of tree art and Ward's donated trees as prizes for the winning artists. The Committee also installed an educational display at the Mason Library and donated red oak and sugar maple seedlings to be given away free to the public.

The Committee added a Recommended Tree Planting List to the Town website. We negotiated with the Town to plant a small white pine tree on Route 7 on the property of the Senior Housing complex.

The Committee consulted with the Coop regarding the planting of trees in Powerhouse Square, We also met with a representative of the McDonald's Corporation to recommend plantings for their new construction project. We have responded promptly to citizen inquiries regarding invasive species, the health of sycamore and elm trees and specific requests for plantings.

The Great Barrington Tree Committee will continue its' efforts 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,

Lisa Bozzuto, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Design Advisory Committee (DAC) is responsible for reviewing changes to the exterior of buildings, including additions, changes in or installation of signage, changes in the painting of facades, and changes in lighting within the Village Center Overlay District (VCOD) to ensure that any changes conform to the general principles as outlined in the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaws. The goal is to “encourage improvements of 1900’s buildings and new buildings to be of complementary height and style for mixed use (commercial, retail and residential).”

In the past year, the DAC reviewed 17 sign applications. We reviewed and made recommendations on facades at 100 Bridge Street and reviewed applications for 6 facade alterations.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Landry, Chairman

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Selectboard

During the reporting year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, the Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Heard an appeal by Kearsarge Energy LP of Watertown of the Building Inspector’s zoning interpretation that a commercial ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array is not by right use in an R-4 Zoning District. The specific property is a 20-acre parcel on West Plain Road owned by West Plain Road Farm Nominee Trust (Arthur J. and Robert Coons, trustees). The board voted 3-2 in favor of the appeal, but as at least four votes are needed to overturn an action of the building inspector, the motion failed. (The zoning bylaw was subsequently modified at Town Meeting.)

- Approved the special permit application of Berkshire Aviation Enterprises for property at 70 Egremont Plain Road, to build a deck and disabled access ramp onto the rear of the existing office building.

- Approved the application of Don R. Torrico for a special permit to extend a pre-existing, non-conforming structure, 400 Main St., Great Barrington

- As requested by Attorney Peter Puciloski and Construct Executive Director Jane Ralph regarding the Forest Springs affordable housing development at the former Hi- Fidelity property on State Road, waived the requirement that driveways and parking areas be paved; instead, they will be gravel. The board also approved the signing of an Affordable Housing Restriction as required by Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development under Comprehensive Permit regulations, with approval of town counsel.

- Approved a request from Great Barrington Holiday Inn Express (Navin Shah, trustee, KSNS Stockbridge Road Realty Trust) for a one-year extension of its special permit granted Sept. 16, 2015, to enlarge the existing motel and make other changes to the property on Stockbridge Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Majdalany, Chairman

Members: Carolyn Ivory, Vice-chairman; Kathy Kotleski; Michael Wise; David McAlester; Don Hagberg, Alternate;
John Katz, Alternate

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a list of arrests, investigations and activities by the Great Barrington Police Department for Fiscal Year 2017.

• 911 Calls:	2,298
• Arrests:	221
• Protective Custody:	27
• Accidents:	250
• Breaking & Entering:	20
• Larcenies:	60
• Malicious Destruction:	26
• Assaults:	47
• Sexual Assaults:	7
• Stolen Vehicles	4
• Summons Arrests:	81
• Fines collected from parking tickets:	\$18,805
• Revenue from issued firearm licenses:	\$3,236
• Fines returned from the courts (motor vehicle citations & other fines):	\$8,815
• Revenue from administrative fees assessed for paid details:	\$14,213
• Revenue from regional dispatching/lock-up agreements:	\$4,600
• Alarm permits and false alarm charges:	\$21,395

Grants:

- Federal grant for body armor: \$2,142
- Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Grant to purchase protective shields for each cruiser trunk for officers responding to high risk incidents. \$2,219
- State 911 Department for air conditioning for the computer room: \$26,256
- State 911 Department for Emergency Medical Dispatching Training: \$5,925
- We received a private donation of just over \$10,000 to purchase AEDS for all cruisers.

Following are just a few highlights and projects the department has worked on in the past year. The Great Barrington Police Department became the first department in Berkshire County to receive accreditation status from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in January. In July we again participated in the annual KOPS and KIDS CAMP in Sheffield. Approximately fifty children enjoyed a week of activities including a ropes course. Officers began carrying the life-saving overdose reversal drug Narcan and have already saved several lives.

In August Chief William Walsh attended a conference at the White House on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Task Force established 59 recommendations on community policing and building community trust for law enforcement agencies to follow. A summer picnic sponsored by TRIAD focused on BE SEEN BE SAFE, a program that educates our senior citizens on pedestrian safety issues. All attendees received a free high visibility green vest for use while walking and for motor scooters. Extra vests are carried in police cruisers to hand out by police officers. Every other week police officers have lunch at the Senior Center to foster good relationships with these great people.

The newest member of the department K-9 Titan began working with his K-9 handler. He's a German shepherd and completed nine weeks of intensive training. We received a substantial private donation from Iredale Minerals and Cosmetics to help fund this program. Daniel Bartini and Andres Huertas were hired as fulltime officers and completed the police academy. Richard Congdon retired as a reserve officer after eighteen years of service. He was a good and dedicated employee. We worked with community advocacy groups in developing an Immigration Trust Policy approved at the May town meeting.

We invite everyone to check out our website and Facebook page. You can find much information on firearms licensing, sex offender information, department activities, various forms and press releases.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Walsh, Jr., Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Honorable Selectboard:

We continued to collaborate with local schools, colleges and other institutions in developing safety plans to better respond to critical incidents.

The fire and police departments participated in two training exercises with Fairview Hospital and the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

With a \$2,500 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency we purchased protective shields for each cruiser trunk for officers responding to high risk incidents.

All applicable new town employees were trained in the Incident Command System 100 and the National Incident Management System 700 classes.

We participate in monthly meetings with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee to coordinate critical incident response with ten other towns.

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 527 incidents in Fiscal Year 2017. The breakdown by category is shown:

- Structure Fires: 9
- Other Fires: 26
- Motor Vehicle Accidents 24
- Rescues: 14
- Medical: 127
- Service: 28
- False Alarms: 252
- Other: 29

Our most notable fire was on Dresser Ave in December in which Great Barrington Police officers and firefighters rescued an elderly male party trapped in the dwelling. Tragically, he later succumbed to his injuries. The roof fire at the old powerhouse mill building in Housatonic was also impressive but damage to the abandoned building was limited. Firefighters were kept busy with searches and rescues for hikers throughout the summer and fall, primarily on Monument Mountain.

Fire prevention continues to be a priority for the Department. A total of 686 inspections were performed in accordance with Massachusetts General Law. The following breakdown shows the inspections by type:

Safety Education continues to be a focus. Muddy Brook Elementary School hosted us during Fire Prevention Week in October. As always, the students in each class were enthusiastic and engaged in discussions on how they can prevent fires and what to do if an emergency situation arises. We returned again in the spring for Safety Day. Firefighters volunteered their time to team up with the Police Department and Southern Berkshire Ambulance for an interactive day with the students. The objectives were to teach a wide variety of safety awareness, provide hands on activities relating to our jobs, and initiate positive relationships with emergency responders at a young age. We had multiple students state it was the best day of the school year! A new initiative this year was working with a civics class at the high school to raise awareness of the tragic effects of drinking and driving through a mock accident demonstration and the production of a short film.

The Department believes well trained firefighters are the most important component of providing quality services to the community. In total over 6,300 hours were dedicated to training by Great Barrington firefighters. Training consists of night and weekend programs from the Massachusetts Fire Academy and conferences lead by nationally recognized experts, along with weekly Department drills. We had three new recruits – firefighters Jessica Dezieck, Mohamed Morell, and Michael Powell – graduate from the Massachusetts Fire Academy, earning their Firefighter 1 & 2 certifications. We are happy to have them on board. Also, three firefighters earned their EMT certifications after four months of classes – Brian Mead, Jessica Dezieck, and Randy Higgins.

One of the biggest accomplishments in FY17 was hiring Lieutenant Darrell Marks fulltime as a Firefighter/EMT. His position previously was part time. His primary duties involve fire prevention, equipment maintenance, and assisting with general department administration. Lieutenant Marks still serves as a call firefighter during nights and weekends.

This winter we switched to a new electronic Records Management System. It involved a tremendous amount of work learning a new system, customizing it for our needs, and importing and entering large amounts of data. It enables us to keep and analyze much more accurate data, streamline some operations, and make preplan information more readily available in the field.

We are always looking for more call/volunteer firefighters. We believe this is one of the most fun, challenging, and rewarding jobs and our recruitment efforts this past year tried to focus on that. We prepared a presentation and handouts for the high school and spent time at Monument Mountain talking to students. We also held our first open house at the station where people were able to watch and participate in demonstrations of some of the skills required of

firefighters. We encourage anyone interested in joining to talk to a firefighter, stop by the station, or call 413-528-0788 for more information.

This year we partnered with the Red Cross in their “Sound the Alarm” program. The goal is to ensure there are smoke and CO detectors in every dwelling since they have been proven to save lives. Firefighters spent several days installing detectors in houses throughout town. We would like to thank the residents who took advantage of this life saving initiative.

After a very busy year of searches and rescues on our local mountains and parks we identified the serious need for an All-Terrain Vehicle to help haul equipment and rescuers along trails. We raised over \$23,000 to purchase a Can-Am UTV with a rescue body on it capable of carrying rescuers, equipment, and a patient in a stretcher. The unit was proudly put in service in the spring with no expense to the taxpayers. It has been successfully used since then, decreasing the time spent on rescues, and increasing the safety of the patients and firefighters. We would like to thank those who made this purchase possible.

We also successfully acquired grants to purchase needed equipment. In July we were notified our application for over \$160,000 to replace our Self Contain Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) was awarded by FEMA. The state of the art equipment replaced our old SCBA which were becoming unreliable and expensive to maintain. We also obtained a grant from the state to help purchase protective gear for fighting brush fires.

We had several retirements of long standing members this past year. Firefighter Thomas Lovett was a main stay in Housatonic for the past 20 years, typically driving and operating the first due engine out of the station at night. He was a fixture at fundraisers, training, and other department events. He still helps by entering incident reports into our electronic records management system.

Also, Deputy McCormick retired in February. His 54 years of service were long and distinguished with many unique contributions from his knowledge, network of people, and experience. His leadership on and off the fireground have played an integral role in shaping the department into providing the professional level of service we do today. He still stops by the station or shows up to training to see what is going on and lend a hand or offer advice. His continued assistance is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the community for its support and the officers and firefighters for their hard work and dedication. This is what makes the Great Barrington Fire Department a truly outstanding resource for the community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Burger, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Board of Health continued to provide high quality services to the Town of Great Barrington with a wide and constantly growing breadth of responsibilities. In addition to conducting inspections and issuing permits for a variety of activities related to public health, we also take lead on public health issues such as providing annual flu clinics, ensuring healthy housing for our residents, maintaining safe drinking and swimming water quality, actively limiting tobacco use by teens and adolescents, as well as tracking/preventing communicable diseases.

Health inspection functions in Great Barrington are mandated by State laws and regulations and local Board of Health Regulations with additional priorities set by the Board of Health and Town Manager. While Health Departments across the country are regionalized on a county or state level, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts leaves it up to each

city/town to provide their own health services. In a small yet active and growing town like Great Barrington, staff need to be able to be general practitioners of public health in order to adequately respond to the wide variety of questions and needs they are faced with each day.

The following is list of the many responsibilities under the Board of Health's jurisdiction.

- Beaver Nuisances
- Body Art Establishments/Practitioners
- Camps for Children
- Demolition Inspections (rodents/hazardous)
- General Complaints
- Emergency Management
- Flu Clinics
- Food Establishments
- Funeral Directors
- Garbage Haulers
- Housing Inspections and Complaints
- Infectious Diseases
- Lodging
- Nail/Tanning Salons
- Public Nuisances
- Onsite Wells
- Opioid Addiction
- Public/Semi-public Pools
- Public Beaches
- Rabies
- Septage Haulers
- Septic Systems
- Temporary Food Events
- Tobacco

The Health Department issued 384 licenses and permits and conducted a total of 579 inspections (428 food and 151 general) during FY17.

In addition to the above, the Board of Health office/Animal inspector responded to 20 rabies incidents and animal bites, including quarantines, coordination with other jurisdictions and submissions of samples to the state lab for rabies testing. As part of Mr. Larkin's duties, the Animal Inspector conducted 20 Barn Inspections.

During FY17, we collected a total of \$77,505.00 in permitting and inspectional fees from our various activities. This is an increase of \$26,841.50 from the permitting, inspectional, and licensing fees that the Health Department collected in FY16. This revenue will offset the expenses associated with staffing and effectively running the Health Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jurczyk, Board of Health Administrative Agent

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard:

During the year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 this department did 217 inspections and collected \$13,070.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Krupski, Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard:

During the year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 this department did 143 inspections and collected \$8,570.00 in fees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Gennari, Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard:

During the year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 this department did 585 inspections and collected \$35,070.00 in fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Piontek, Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Selectboard:

I hereby submit to you the Inspector of Buildings Report for Fiscal Year 2017.

Building Permits July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

<u>BUILDING PERMITS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERMIT FEE</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
New Structure/Foundation	19	\$31,115.00	\$4,537,429.00
Addition, Alteration, Repair	98	\$23,121.00	\$3,552,401.00
Insulation	25	\$875.00	\$78,990.00
Windows	14	\$483.00	\$107,634.00
Siding	03	\$105.00	\$15,530.00
Roofing	50	\$3,115.00	\$565,835.00
Photovoltaic	16	\$1,806.00	\$322,989.00
Sign	69	\$2,100.00	\$61,865.00
Selective Demo Full Demo	04	\$346.00	\$48,751.00
Tent	21	\$600.00	0.00
Sheet Metal	20	\$4,984.00	\$639,950.00
COI/OR Certificate of Occupancy	82	\$5,990.00	0.00
Trench	34	\$1,020.00	0.00
Liners/Chimneys/Stoves	13	\$420.00	\$38,000.00
Pool/Demo Pool	04	\$300.00	\$206,500.00
Foundation	04	\$448.00	\$84,000.00
Fence	01	\$35.00	\$4,200.00
Alarm	03	\$336.00	\$44,582.00
Commercial	91	\$84,588.00	\$14,022,745.00
Commercial, new buildings	3	\$11,032.00	\$1,591,000.00
<u>SHED</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>\$7,920.00</u>
TOTALS	576	\$172,889.00	\$25,930,321.00

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 2016. The Department of Public Works (DPW) includes the Divisions of Highway, Wastewater, Public Grounds (cemeteries, parks, and public buildings grounds), Public Buildings (facilities). The Department also manages 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 ± plus 50+ cross-walks), traffic sign maintenance, re-establishing drainage ditches, reconstructing catch basins (1000±), 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 all 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 ± 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 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 is open Friday (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM), Saturday (7:00 AM – 3:00 PM) and Sunday (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM). 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:
 - Repaving of Taconic Ave
 - Repaving of Monument Valley Rd
 - Repaving of Seekonk Rd
- New equipment purchased by the Department included:
 - Freightliner dump truck
 - F350
- Ongoing projects included:
 - Southern Berkshire District Court House Floor Repair
 - Highway Garage remediation
 - Police Station roof repairs and exterior painting
- Projects under design for future improvements include:
 - Cottage St Bridge Repairs
 - Division St Bridge Repairs
 - Comprehensive Pavement Management Plan
 - Ramsdell Library Chimney Repair
 - South Main St retaining wall repair
 - Town Hall front steps repair

- Annual contracts managed by the Department include:
 - Custodial Supplies
 - WWTP Chemicals – Various suppliers
 - Sludge Management Contract
 - Catch Basin Cleaning
 - Refuse Collection (buildings)
 - Diesel Fuel
 - Heating Oil
 - Gasoline
 - Elevator Service
 - Building Alarm Services
 - Building Sprinkler Systems Service
 - Landfill monitoring
 - Uniform Services
 - Backup Generators annual maintenance contracts
 - Annual Boiler Maintenance

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean T. VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Wastewater Division received at its treatment facilities some 324 million gallons of wastewater and 2.21 million gallons of septic tank waste from January 2017 through December 2017. The treatment of the wastewater removed 96.2% of the biochemical oxygen demand and 97.8% 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 completed phase-II at the wastewater facilities which involves an influent station upgrade. The upgrade involves new pumps and screening system, also the recycling of the plant effluent for process water.

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

A considerable amount of storm water was removed from the sanitary sewer at the completion of the Front Street Drainage on Main Street Project in Housatonic.

Manholes were rebuilt and various point repairs were made to the sewer system.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Drumm, Wastewater Superintendent

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Parks and Recreation Commission the responsibility of oversight for programming, development and budgeting for the various parks and playgrounds of the town. None of it could be accomplished without the excellent work by Sean Van Deusen and his crew at the DPW. The Cemetery Department constructed new replacement picnic tables over the winter for use in the parks.

In FY 17 the Parks and Recreation Committee finished the following projects:

- Completed a review, rewrite and approval of the policies and procedures and the park usage form that the Park and Recreation Commission will operate under.
- Fences have been repaired at Grove Street Park as well as a replacement tree was added.
- The new swing set has been installed at Olympian Meadows and the fitness equipment has been installed in Housatonic.
- The Millers and Babe Ruth put new roofs on the dugouts at Memorial Field and a pad has been poured in the lean-to for the mower off the existing shed.
- Provided assistance to the Lake Mansfield Alliance to purchase Bear Proof trash containers for the lake.
- The Alice Brubriski Park has been upgraded with a picnic area, benches and grilling area as well as a handicapped access sidewalk for handicapped parking as well as tree plantings. Ball field fence has been repaired. Reviewed and met with the residents of Housatonic as to how the dog issue should be dealt with in the park.
- Berkshire South continued as the management for Lake Mansfield, Memorial Field, and the Housatonic Playground and programs were successful. New replacement grills were added at Lake Mansfield.
- Started review with Benchmark Development of the rehab of Memorial Field with regard to new seating, handicapped accessible parking, new backstop, new dugout in conjunction with the project at the COOP market
- Reviewed drop off policy at the Housatonic Park for small children. It will be finalized in winter of 2017.
- Kathy Plungis stepped off the commission and we added 2 new members Ilana Siegel and Chris Wiltshire.
- The gazebo at Town Hall has been refurbished and new plantings have been installed.
- New flagpole and flag at GB Park.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

During the fiscal year that began July 1, 2016 and ended June 30, 2017 there were three Elections and one Annual Town Meeting and one Special Town Meeting.

	<u>Registered Voter</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>% Voted</u>
State Primary Election September 8, 2016	4513	755	17%
State Election, November 8, 2016	4683	3764	80%
Special Town Meeting January 26, 2017	4625	180	4%
Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2017	4595	406	11%
Annual Town Election May 9, 2017	4595	633	14%

The Special Town Meeting in January 2017 was to accept the restated Berkshire Hills Regional School District Agreement, which passed. The establishment of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bylaw also passed at that meeting.

The Annual Town Meeting was held May 1st, 2016⁷ with voters (11%) acting on 28 warrant articles, including several bylaw changes. The most notable article was the creation of the Smart Growth Overlay District in the Zoning Bylaws which passed.

There were 88 marriages, 128 births and 155 deaths recorded during the fiscal year. We also issued 1012 dog licenses and 110 Business Certificates. The Annual Census was 6839 with 4,607 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington at the end of the fiscal year.

Our Assistant Town Clerk Linda Coons retired in December 2016. She has worked for the town for many years and I would like to congratulate her on her much earned retirement and thank her for all her years of service to the Town of Great Barrington. She has been a great asset to our community over the years. We will miss her.

At the same time, I would like to welcome our newest Assistant Town Clerk, Ellyn Dupont, who works part time in the Clerk's Office and part time in the Treasurer/Collector's Office as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ryan, MMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

During the fiscal Year there were three voter registration sessions. As of June 30, 2017 there were 4,597 registered voters in Great Barrington. Registered voters by party affiliation were:

American Ind.	1
Conservative	1
Democrats	1922
Green Party USA	2
Green Rainbow	11
Libertarian	11
Republicans	325
Unenrolled	2,280
United Independent Party	44

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, 2016 was 6,839.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ryan, MMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

Town of Great Barrington Annual Town Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017 6:00PM

Monument Mountain Regional High School

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 6:01 P.M. by Moderator Michael Wise who welcomed everyone to the Town Meeting. He noted that he hoped to conclude all business this evening. Mr. Wise 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 and any use of social media during the meeting is prohibited. He also asked that cell phones be shut off as well. Mr. Wise requested that everyone stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance led by the boy scouts.

Mr. Wise introduced the Town Officials seated on the stage; Town Clerk Marie Ryan, Town Accountant Robert Patterson, Town Council David Doneski, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton, Selectboard: Stephen Bannon, Daniel Bailly, Edward Abrahams and William Cooke. Then he introduced the Finance Committee; Chair, Thomas Blauvelt, Walter Atwood, Eugene W. Curletti and Janet Lee.

The rules of the meeting were explained by Mr. Wise. 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. Wise 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. Wise requested that voters speak only once per motion and limit their comments to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the merits of the motion and should not be repeated. 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. Each voter has received a warrant, a yellow card and a packet of yes/no cards. Mr. Wise will instruct voters when these are to be used and what color to use if needed. He noted that a counter has been assigned to each section of the auditorium and will report their numbers to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by someone else in the audience to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED AT 6:08 PM

Mr. Wise introduced Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin who presented a power point slide presentation in regards to the budget articles.

ARTICLE 1:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town amend the Great Barrington Code by inserting a new bylaw establishing revolving funds, to be under the control of the Town Treasurer, as set forth in the Warrant for this Town Meeting, and authorize the Town Clerk to assign chapter and section numbers for the bylaw within Division 1, Part I of the Town Code; and further, to set FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as set forth in the Warrant, namely, Plumbing Inspections -\$15,000, Wiring Inspections - \$50,000, Gas Inspections -\$15,000, Town Code Printing - \$10,000, Parks and Recreation - \$5,000, Recycling/Green Product Sales - \$5,000, Cemetery - \$5,000, and Fire Inspections - \$5,000.

VOTED AT 6:23 PM

ARTICLE 2:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

Selectboard: \$12,500 (\$2,500 per Selectboard member)

VOTED AT 6:24 PM

ARTICLE 3:

On a motion by Thomas Blauvelt and seconded by Karen Smith, 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 6:25 PM

ARTICLE 4:

On a motion by Walter Atwood and seconded by someone in the audience, that the sum of \$3,010,000 is appropriated to

- a) pay the costs of building improvements at a cost of approximately \$836,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- b) pay the costs of purchasing and equipping two new police cruisers at a cost of approximately \$100,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- c) pay the costs of acquiring a new highway dump truck at a cost of approximately \$190,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- d) pay the costs of acquiring a new cemetery dump truck at an approximate cost of \$63,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- e) pay the costs of acquiring a new highway skid steer at an approximate cost of \$55,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- f) pay the costs of replacing communications antennae at a cost of approximately \$70,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- g) pay the costs of information technology upgrades at a cost of approximately \$136,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- h) pay the costs of street, road and sidewalk improvements at an approximate cost of \$1,430,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto
- i) pay the costs of engineering services at a cost of approximately \$100,000
- j) pay the costs of Olympian Meadow improvements at a cost of approximately \$30,000, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto

and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow \$3,010,000 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; and, further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Mr. Wise stated that this article had to be a 2/3rd secret ballot. He then read each item in the article and asked if anyone had a question to yell out a hold on that item. There were holds put on item (a), (c), and (g).

- (a) Eileen Mooney and Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin spoke on this item.
- (c) Patrick Fennell and Sean Van Deusen spoke on this item.
- (g) Patrick Fennell and Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin spoke on this item.

Someone in the audience made a motion to request a separate vote on item (g). The Moderator then asked for a hand count to have a separate vote on item (g).

MOTION FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON ITEM (vii) DEFEATED AT 6:30 PM

Mr. Wise then asked for a vote on the entire motion. He requested voters to go to the ballot boxes and vote using the pink yes/no slips.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 6:45 PM

YES – 327 NO – 28

ARTICLE 5:

On a motion by Walter Atwood and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below, and to authorize the use of funds from the Town Manager/Selectboard line item in an amount sufficient to pay the fiscal year 2018 cost items associated with collective bargaining agreements for Town employees and for non-union employees upon execution of the applicable agreement setting forth the Town’s obligation for such fiscal year.

General Government

Town Manager/Selectboard	\$491,076
Finance Committee	\$300
Reserve Fund	\$150,000
Town Accountant	\$103,900
Technology	\$179,100
Assessors	\$142,770
Treasurer/Collector	\$182,396
Town Clerk/Elections	\$112,462
Conservation Commission	\$24,436
Historic District Commission	\$2,500
Various Boards/Commission	\$9,470
Planning Board	\$5,850
Board of Appeals	\$2,600
Office of Planning/Community Development	\$100,775
<u>Public Safety</u>	
Police Department	\$1,557,588
Fire Department	\$513,200
Communications/Emergency Management	\$34,288
Building Inspector	\$160,400
Parking Clerk	\$1,150
Weights/Measures	\$4,700
Animal Control	\$12,850
<u>Department of Public Works</u>	\$2,116,679
<u>Public Health</u>	
Board of Health	\$118,857
Inspector of Animals	\$2,000
<u>Community Services</u>	
Council on Aging	\$178,819
Veteran’s Affairs	\$181,851

Human Services	\$52,000
<u>Cultural/Recreation</u>	
Libraries	\$518,503
Parks/Recreation	\$75,750
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Insurance	\$1,736,331
Debt Service	\$1,475,000
Retirement	\$819,000
Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs	\$15,433
Unfunded Employee Benefits	\$30,000
<u>Total General Fund</u>	<u>\$11,112,034</u>

VOTED AT 6:41 PM

ARTICLE 6:

On a motion by Walter Atwood and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing fiscal year for the purposes outlined below.

<u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u>	
Salaries	\$420,368
Expenses	\$620,450
Insurance/Benefits	\$238,911
Miscellaneous/Transfers	\$108,629
Debt Service	\$657,000
Total Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$2,045,358
<u>Total Wastewater Treatment Plant</u>	<u>\$2,045,358</u>

James Stark, Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin, Town Counsel David Doneski and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Tim Drumm, all spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:45 PM

ARTICLE 7:

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$155,919.03, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 9 of the May 7, 2001 Town Meeting for remodeling, reconstructing, equipping and making extraordinary repairs to the Mason Library, to authorize expenditure of said sum for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to any Town library or for any other Town library improvement purposes for which the Town is authorized to borrow for a period of twenty (20) or more years.

Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin and William Warford spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 6:49 PM

ARTICLE 8:

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Forty Five Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Three Dollars (\$14,745,183) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Eighty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$584,214) for the capital

assessment, for a total assessment of Fifteen Million, Three Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand , Three Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars (\$15,329,397) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

School Superintendent Peter Dillon spoke on this article. Someone in the audience requested a motion for a secret ballot. The Moderator asked for a show of hands if this article should be by secret ballot.

MOTION FOR SECRET BALLOT DEFEATED AT 6:57 PM

Mr. Wise then called for the vote on the main motion.

VOTED AT 6:57 PM

ARTICLE 9:

On a motion by Eugene W. Curletti and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town authorize the use of \$2,450,000.00 in Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2018.

Town Accountant Robert Patterson and Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:01 PM

ARTICLE 10:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Eugene W. Curletti, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for deposit into the Police Special Detail Revolving Account.

VOTED AT 7:01 PM

ARTICLE 11:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Walter Atwood, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to reduce the deficit in the Fiscal Year 2017 snow and ice budget.

VOTED AT 7:02 PM

ARTICLE 12:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses in fiscal year 2018 and for Budgeted Reserve, and reserve for future appropriation for community preservation projects the following reserve amounts, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY 2018 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$43,050
From FY 2018 revenues for community housing reserve	\$43,050
From FY 2018 revenues for open space reserve	\$43,050

Appropriations:

From FY 2018 revenues for administrative expenses	\$19,178
From undesignated fund balance for 2018 budgeted reserve	\$250,000

Thomas Blauvelt, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee explained the article and did a short power point presentation. He told the audience they could follow along by looking at the yellow insert in the warrant.

VOTED AT 7:07 PM

ARTICLE 13:

On a motion by Janet Lee and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for fiscal year 2018 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation. Town Planner Chris Rembold explained each project in this article. Bill Warford and Harrison Ungar also spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 7:21 PM

ARTICLE 14:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of the Town Hall property, located at 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, and shown on Assessors’ Map 19 as parcel 91, from the Selectboard for the municipal purpose of a town hall, to the Selectboard for the purpose of a town hall and historic preservation purposes and for the purpose of conveying a perpetual historic preservation restriction encumbering the land and the buildings thereon to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission; and authorize the Selectboard to convey such restriction on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Selectboard deems appropriate, and to take all action and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

The following people spoke on this article:

Town Planner Chris Rembold	Craig Okerstrom Lang	David Jaicks
Bill Warford	Town Counsel David Doneski	Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton
Gabrielle Senza	Charles Williamson	Steve McAlister

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:34 PM

ARTICLE 15:

On a motion by Daniel Bailly and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town accept and acquire a storm drainage easement from 47 Railroad, LLC in, over and through the property located adjacent to the Castle Street Parking Lot, said easement area being shown generally on a plan entitled “Preliminary 3/31/17 Plan Showing a Drainage Easement to be Conveyed to the Town of Great Barrington prepared for 47 Railroad, LLC Great Barrington, Massachusetts” by Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates, Inc., dated March – 2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; and authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

VOTED AT 7:36 PM

ARTICLE 16:

On a motion by William Cooke and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town authorize the Selectboard to grant an easement in, over and through a portion of the site of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 100 Bentley Road, to the Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire for wetlands mitigation activities in connection with the development of the property located at 100 Bridge Street; and authorize the Selectboard to execute all documents and take all actions necessary in connection therewith.

The following people spoke on this article:

Steve Farina	Town Planner Chris Rembold
Bill Warford	Rosalma Zubizarreta

The Moderator asked for the vote and then asked for the counters to do a hand count

VOTED AT 8:06 PM
YES – 185 NO – 170

ARTICLE 17:

On a motion by Jonathan Hankin and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 10.5.5, item 2, as shown in Article 17 of the warrant for this Town Meeting. Planning Board member Jonathan Hankin gave the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:45 PM

ARTICLE 18:

On a motion by Brandee Nelson and seconded by Malcolm Fick, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 11, Definitions, as shown in Article 18 of the warrant for this Town Meeting. Planning Board Chair Brandee Nelson gave the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 7:47 PM

ARTICLE 19:

On a motion by Malcolm Fick and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.12, Solar Energy Systems, and revising Section 3.1.4, Section 4.1, and Section 11, as shown in Article 19 of the warrant for this Town Meeting. Planning Board Member Malcolm Fick gave the Planning Board report on this article.

A motion was made by Barbara Syer and seconded by Patricia Ryan for the following amendment to this article;

Move to amend the proposed table of use regulations in Article 19, by adding the following footnote:

For residentially zoned properties within the Taconic West Avenue National Historic District, ground mounted accessory use solar systems are allowed by Planning Board Special Permit only.

Patricia Ryan then gave a short power point presentation on the amendment.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jonathan Hankin	Craig Okerstrom Lang
Ronald Banks	Daniel Bailly
Jack Musgrove	Sharon Gregory

The moderator asked for the vote and then requested a hand count.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:22 PM
YES – 180 NO – 125

A motion was then made by Sharon Gregory and seconded by someone in the audience for the following amendment to this article;

Move to amend the proposed solar bylaw by adding a sentence after Section 9.12.3, section #1 as follows:

“In R1A, R1B, R3 zones, ground mounted solar arrays of any size are prohibited from being placed nearer to the front lot line or front setback line than the primary structure.”

Sharon Gregory then gave a short power point presentation on the amendment.

The following people spoke on this article:

Jonathan Hankin	Town Planner Chris Rembold
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Holly Hamer
Jack Musgrove
Nan Wile

Joseph Cooney
Malcolm Fick
Rosalma Zubizarreta

The moderator asked for the vote and then requested a hand count.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 8:30 PM
YES – 187 NO – 141

A motion was then made by Holly Hamer and seconded by someone in the audience for the following amendment to this article;

Motion to amend the proposed solar bylaw that addresses the residential/farming zones of R2 and R4:

- In Section 9.12.4.4 after “Agricultural Land” add “in any zone” in the first sentence
- In Section 9.12.4.4, in the last sentence beginning with “The land removed from Agricultural use...” change 15 acres to 5 acres
- In the Table of Use Regulations, 3.1.4, under Commercial Scale in residential zones, R2 and R4, change “PB” to “N”, not allowed.

Holly Hamer then gave a short power point presentation on the amendment.

The following people spoke on this article:

Brandee Nelson, Planning Board Chair
Sharon Gregory
Jack Musgrove
Jonathan Hankin
Karen Smith

Malcom Fick
Michael Cohen
Craig Okerstrom Lang
Bill Warford

Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton called for the vote. The moderator then asked for a show of hands to call the vote on the amendment. The Moderator stated that there was a 2/3rds majority vote to call the vote on the amendment.

MOTION FAILED FOR AMENDMENT AT 8:49 PM

Jack Musgrove and Sharon Gregory spoke on the main motion.

The Moderator then asked for the vote on the main motion with the first two amendments.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE WITH AMENDMENTS AT 8:51 PM

ARTICLE 20:

On a motion by Jack Musgrove and seconded by Sean Stanton, that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.13, Smart Growth Overlay District, as shown in Article 20 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, and with the clerical revisions shown on the projection screen and the copy provided to the Town Clerk at this meeting for the purpose of creating overlay districts, as opposed to a single district, in particular a north district and a south district, and the revisions shown to subsections 9.13.2 and 9.13.6 as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, which are also shown on the screen and the copy provided to the Town Clerk. Planning Board Member Jack Musgrove gave the Planning Board report on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 8:57 PM

ARTICLE 21:

On a motion by William Cooke and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town adopt the Resolution regarding protection of sustainable and organic agriculture in the Town of Great Barrington, as set forth in Article 21 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

William Cooke and Vivian Orłowski spoke on this article.

VOTED AT 9:01 PM

ARTICLE 22:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by Steve Bannon, that the Town amend Chapter 135 of the Great Barrington Code, Plastic Bag Reduction, as shown in Article 22 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

VOTED AT 9:02 PM

ARTICLE 23:

On a motion by Edward Abrahams and seconded by Karen Smith, that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, section 8J to authorize the creation of a Commission on Disability and the appointment of members of the Commission by the Selectboard, as defined in the law.

VOTED AT 9:03 PM

ARTICLE 24:

On a motion by Steve Bannon and seconded by Sean Stanton, that the Town amend Chapter 91 of the Great Barrington Code, Schedule of Town Clerk’s Fees, as shown in Article 24 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Craig Okerstrom Lang made a motion to amend this article to read as follows:

- Line 13 – certificate of birth \$2
- Line 30 – certificate of marriage \$2
- Line 44 – certificate of death \$2

Mr. Wise asked for a vote on the amendment.

AMENDMENT VOTED AT 9:08 PM

James Brown, Town Counsel David Doneski, Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton and Town Manager Jennifer Tabakin all spoke on this article.

VOTED WITH AMENDMENT AT 9:10 PM

ARTICLE 25:

On a motion by Sean Stanton and seconded by someone in the audience, that the Town adopt the resolution to designate the Town Of Great Barrington as a Safe And Inclusive Community, as set forth in Article 25 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

The following people spoke on this article;

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| Gwen VanSant | Anne O’Dwyer |
| Barbara Zheutlin | Jeff Lowenstein |
| Roslma Zubizarreta | Lara Setti |
| Gabrielle Senza | Lilly Swartz |
| Police Chief William Walsh | Anne Alquist |
| Steve Farina | Christopher Tufts |

Someone in the audience called for the vote. The Moderator asked for a show of hands to call the vote on the main motion. Mr. Wise asked called for a vote on the main motion.

VOTED AT 9:33 PM

ARTICLE 26: (by petition)

Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton requested this article be passed over.

ARTICLE PASSED OVER AT 9:34 PM

ARTICLE 27: (by petition)

One a motion by Robert Slonaker and seconded by Sean Stanton the following motion was made;

Voted that the Town transfer a portion of land between Gilmore Avenue and Hillside Avenue, identified as an approximately 0.81 acre portion of Assessor’s Map 14, Lot 60, to the charge of the Great Barrington Parks Commission to be held and managed by the Parks Commission as a public park under the specific care, custody, and control of the Parks Commission pursuant to Chapter 45, Section 3 of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Craig Okerstrom Lang, Nick Diller and Andrew Blechman spoke on this article.

DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY VOTE AT 9:38 PM

ARTICLE 28:(by petition)

On a motion by Sharon Gregory and seconded by someone in the audience, the following motion was made;

“Voted, that the School Committee and the Select Board take necessary steps to create a formal delegation of school committee members, town officials and citizens to open discussion with other school districts and towns to create an expanded regional high school.

The following people spoke on this article;

Sharon Gregory
Bill Warford
Ronald Banks

Sean Flynn
Steve Bannon
Peter Dillon

Someone in the audience called for the vote. The moderator asked for a show of hands to vote on the main motion. Mr. Wise asked called for a vote on the main motion.

MAIN MOTION DEFEATED AT 9:49 PM

Selectboard Chair Sean Stanton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

There were 406 voters (11%) at the meeting out of 4595 registered voters in the Town of Great Barrington.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Y. Ryan, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Local Emergency Numbers

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

<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>CALL:</u>	<u>TELEPHONE:</u>
Board of Health	Health Inspector	528-0680
Cemeteries	Vacant	528-1800
DPW Superintendent	Sean Van Deusen	528-0867
Emergency Communications	William R. Walsh, Jr.	528-0306
Fence Viewer	Bernard Drew	528-4953
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	Vera Cartier	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/Transfer 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 School District	Monument Mountain High School	528-3346
	Monument Valley Middle	644-2300
	Muddy Brook Elementary	644-2350
School Superintendent	Peter Dillon	298-4017
Senior Center/Council on Aging	Polly Mann Salenovich	528-1881
Sewer Treatment Plant	Bill Ingram	528-0650
TOWN HALL:		528-1619
Assessor's Office	Chris Lamarre	x 5
Conservation Commission	Shepley Evans, Agent	x 122
Selectboard	Helen Kuziemko	x 2
Town Accountant	Susan Carmel	x 6
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Karen Fink	x 4
	<i>*Parking Clerk, Tag Sale Permits, Tax Bills (Real Estate & Motor Vehicle), Sewer Bills</i>	
Town Clerk	Marie Ryan	x 3
	<i>*Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates, Dog Licenses, Voter Registration</i>	
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