

Town of Great Barrington 2020 Annual Town Meeting

WARRANT

with Recommendations
by the Finance Committee
and the Selectboard

Monday, June 22, 2020, 6:00 PM



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2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 22, 2020

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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
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2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS

To William Walsh, Chief of Police of the Town of Great Barrington, in said Berkshire County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town to meet at the Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road in the Town of Great Barrington in Precinct A for Precincts A, C, and D, and at the Housatonic Community Center Building in the Village of Housatonic, in Precinct B, for Precinct B on Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. for the following purposes, viz.; to elect:

MODERATOR, ONE FOR ONE YEAR
SELECTBOARD, ONE FOR THREE YEARS
BOARD OF HEALTH, ONE FOR THREE YEARS
FINANCE COMMITTEE, ONE FOR THREE YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY, ONE FOR FIVE YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TWO FOR THREE YEARS
PLANNING BOARD, TWO FOR THREE YEARS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, TWO FOR THREE YEARS

BALLOT QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Great Barrington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay the cost of building improvements to Town Hall and the Mason and Ramsdell Libraries, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

The above named officers and ballot question will be voted for on official ballots prepared by the Town Clerk.

You are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington on Monday, June 22nd, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1:

To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020 for the revolving funds as established in the Town's by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, commissions, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2021 Spending Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Building Department	\$15,000
Wiring Inspections	Building Department	\$55,000
Gas Inspections	Building Department	\$12,000
Cemetery	Public Works Department	\$ 5,000

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries:

Selectboard: \$18,750 (\$3,750 per Selectboard member)

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts 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; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below; or to take any other action relative thereto.

General Government

Town Manager/Selectboard	\$ 414,427
Finance Committee/Reserve Fund	253,300
Finance Director/Town Accountant	146,550
Technology	215,150
Assessors' Office	154,575
Treasurer/Collector	208,437
Town Clerk/Elections	130,698
Conservation Commission	30,685
Various Boards/Commission	19,970

Planning Board	5,250
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,300
Office of Planning/Community Development	134,850
<u>Public Safety</u>	
Police Department	1,723,347
Fire Department	624,496
Communications/Emergency Management	21,103
Building Inspector	167,013
Animal Control	12,520
<u>Department of Public Works</u>	2,308,258
<u>Public Health</u>	
Health Department	117,775
<u>Community Services</u>	
Council on Aging	147,161
Veterans' Affairs	143,700
Human Services	25,000
<u>Cultural/Recreation</u>	
Libraries	559,958
Parks/Recreation	115,000
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Insurance	1,765,452
Debt Service	1,803,116
Retirement	965,411
Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs	9,000
Total General Fund	\$ 12,223,502

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Salaries	\$ 473,967
Expenses	690,800
Insurance/Benefits	306,974
Miscellaneous/Transfers	180,000
Debt Service	<u>671,232</u>
Total Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$2,322,973

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,628,500, or any other sum of money, in the following approximate amounts and for the following purposes, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Street and Bridge Improvements	\$2,315,000
Building Improvements	500,000
Police Cruisers (2)	127,500
Highway Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander	230,000
EMS/Service Vehicle	60,000
Police Portable Radios (6)	46,500
Roadside Mower	180,000
Mowers (2)	32,000
1-ton Roller	30,000
Fire Equipment	35,500
Speed Trailer	12,000
Parks Equipment	<u>60,000</u>
Total	\$3,628,500

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Seventeen Million, Sixty-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Four Dollars (\$17,064,184) for the operating assessment, and Five Hundred Three Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$503,160) for the capital assessment, for a total assessment of Seventeen Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$17,567,344) of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$690,000, or any other sum of money, for Wastewater capital improvements, in the following approximate amounts and for the following purposes, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inflow & Infiltration Study	\$200,000
Maple/Main St Sewer Replacement	400,000
F350 Service Truck w/Plow & Sander	<u>90,000</u>
Total	\$690,000

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2021; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of money representing amounts received under host community agreements with marijuana establishments to fund various community programs, under an application and approval process to be administered by the Town Manager; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,000 to support the operation of the Southern Berkshire Ambulance service (Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc.); or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$100,315 to fund the Fiscal Year 2020 tuition and transportation costs for out of district vocational education, in accordance with Chapter 74 of Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$123,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2021 tuition and transportation costs for out of district vocational education, in accordance with Chapter 74 of Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee and Selectboard

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of prior fiscal year invoices from the FY20 operating budgets of the Selectboard/Town Manager, Treasurer and Technology Departments; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on May 1, 2017, which, among other things, approved the borrowing of \$70,000 to pay costs of public safety communication improvements, so as to permit the expenditure of \$20,000 authorized for

that purpose, but which is not necessary for the completion of that project, to pay costs of engineering and planning related to installing a broadband cable in the Housatonic area of the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to amend prior votes of the Town that authorized the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes pursuant to such votes, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied: or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 8 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$650,000 for capital improvements to the Housatonic School including the costs of a new roof, windows and masonry work, by revising the amounts authorized to be transferred for such appropriation as follows: increase the amount to be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate Fund (Bryant and Searles Schools) from \$300,000 to \$350,000 and decrease the amount to be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund from \$350,000 to \$300,000; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18:

Community Preservation Fund Reserves & Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for future appropriation, from the Community Preservation Fund, the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for FY21, with each item considered a separate appropriation; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Reserves:

From FY21 revenues for historic resources reserve	\$ 50,000
From FY21 revenues for community housing reserve	\$ 50,000
From FY21 revenues for open space reserve	\$ 50,000

Appropriations:

From FY21 revenues for administrative expenses	\$ 20,000
Balance of FY21 revenues for FY21 budgeted reserve	\$ 345,000

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 19:

Community Preservation Projects

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY21 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Project		Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation	
			FY21 Revenues	Fund Balance
<i>Affordable Housing</i>				
1	CDC of South Berkshire, to create new housing at 910 Main Street	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2	Town Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to acquire land for housing	\$185,000		\$185,000
	Subtotal, Affordable Housing	\$435,000		
<i>HISTORIC RESOURCES</i>				
3	Town Historical Commission, for historic properties research in Housatonic Village	\$15,000		\$15,000
4	Town Historical Commission, to preserve the historic trolley shelter	\$50,000		\$50,000
5	Historical Society, to restore and preserve Wheeler museum buildings and artifacts	\$145,000	\$145,000	
	Subtotal, Historic Resources	\$210,000		
<i>OPEN SPACE & RECREATION</i>				
6	Berkshire Natural Resources Council, to create public access/trailhead improvements	\$30,000	\$30,000	
7	Conservation Commission for the McAllister Wildlife Refuge preservation project	\$33,500	\$33,500	
8	Lake Mansfield Road design to preserve open space / create recreational land	\$120,000		\$120,000
	Subtotal, Open Space & Recreation	\$183,500		
TOTAL		\$828,500	\$458,500	\$370,000

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 13 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held on May 6, 2019, which approved the appropriation of \$100,000 from FY20 Community Preservation Act revenues to the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the purpose of downpayment assistance, so as to permit the expenditure of said appropriation for either downpayment assistance or for rental assistance; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 21:

Easements and/or Land Takings for Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire certain easements and/or property through all legal means including donation, purchase, or eminent domain, in order to implement a wastewater pump station upgrades project, including construction of four new pump stations at the following locations:

1. Cone Ave area
2. Rising Mill area
3. Fairgrounds
4. Senior Center

as shown on plans entitled “Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades Project,” prepared by DPC Engineering, LLC, Longmeadow, MA, October 2019, and which are on file with the Town Clerk, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 22: (Zoning by Citizen Petition)

We the undersigned voters of Great Barrington hereby request the following modifications to Section 8.4 of the Zoning Bylaw, to be added to the Warrant at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. These same modifications regarding Mixed Use Development (MXD) were put forth by the GB Planning Board at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting and approved by an overwhelming majority of voters. The Town vote was subsequently overturned by the Massachusetts Attorney General due to a procedural error, based on the Town’s failure to present the required publication of the Amendment prior to the vote.

We are hereby submitting and requesting for the 2020 Warrant that the language contained in the 2019 Warrant Amendment be voted on again. To note, this is the *identical* language that was endorsed by Select Board and Planning Board in 2019, and approved by the Town of Great Barrington voters at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting:

Article 21, Amendment 6, Section 8.4 of the Zoning Bylaw:

6. Amend portions of Section 8.4, mixed use development, as follows

8.4.1 General. ~~For mixed uses in the B, B2, I, and I2 zones, all of the following requirements shall apply. For mixed uses in the B3 zone, see Section 9.4. For mixed uses in the HVC and HVOD zones, see Sections 9.9 and 9.10 respectively. For mixed uses in MXD zones, see Section 9.11. The requirements of this section shall apply to mixed use development. Where zoning districts have requirements that conflict with this section, the requirements of the applicable zoning district shall prevail.~~

8.4.2 Requirements.

1. When residential use is combined with other nonresidential permitted uses, the controlling

dimensional requirements shall be the less restrictive. For the multifamily component of a mixed use development there shall be at least 2,500 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit. The Selectboard may, by special permit, reduce the lot area per unit requirement.

2. A portion of the street level floor space shall be reserved for nonresidential use. Inside the Village Center Overlay District, this portion shall be a minimum of 75%. Inside the Village Center Overlay District, a minimum of 75% of street-level floor space shall be reserved for nonresidential use. Outside the Village Center Overlay District, a minimum of 25% of street-level floor space shall be reserved for nonresidential use. The Selectboard may, by special permit, reduce the nonresidential space requirement.

ARTICLE 23: (Zoning by Citizen Petition)

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

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

9.11.2 Location. The MXD shall consist of the land shown on the ~~2015~~ 2016 Town of Great Barrington Assessors' Map 22 as Parcels 2, 3A, 4-13 ~~4-6, 18-63 63, 66-88 66-72, 81-88,~~ 88A and on Map 25 as Parcels 1-4.

2. *Amend the Zoning Map by placing the following parcels in a R3 zone, as follows: the land shown on the 2016 Town of Great Barrington Assessors' Map 22 as Parcels 7-13, 18-62, 73-80.*

Purpose of the Amendment: At the 2016 Annual Town Meeting the Town Planning Board put through a proposal that created the MXD zone. The stated purpose of the 2016 proposal cites “the recommendations of the 2013 Master Plan to update the zoning in certain commercial areas within walking distance of a village center, to preserve and enhance the mix of residential and retail uses, and to reflect the context of the built fabric.” This MXD zone does not accomplish its stated purposes. It joins together two drastically different neighborhoods: the Mahaiwe Triangle (mostly residential parcels on Pope, Mahaiwe and Manville Streets, and 14 residential parcels along nearby Main Street) with commercial parcels west of Maple Avenue and south of Manville Street. The Mahaiwe Triangle is not a commercial area; it consists of one-family residences 60-120years old with a smattering of houses legally converted into two-family and professional space.

As two separate pending lawsuits are demonstrating, this MXD zone has created a loophole by which land developers are acting without any effective zoning regulations. By examining the Table of Use Regulations in Zoning Bylaw §4.1.2, it is appropriate to place the Mahaiwe Triangle in a R3 Zone.

	Min lot	Width	Front	Side	Rear	Bldg %	Story	Height
R3	5000	50	25	10	30	25	2.5	35
B2	43,560	50	50	20	30	25-40	2.5	35
MXD	5000	50	15	10	10	75	3.5	40

ARTICLE 24: (Zoning by Citizen Petition)

We the undersigned, seek a zoning change to the i2 zoning district. Under use regulations 3.0c section 13(marijuana establishment and Manufacturing) in the i2 Zone. The current zoning is listed as a no. We would ask the planning board to change this to a SB zone.

ARTICLE 25: (Zoning by Citizen Petition)

We the undersigned submit this citizen's petition to the voters of the Town of Great Barrington:
To see if the Town will vote to amend sections 7.18.4 and 7.18.5 of the Great Barrington Zoning bylaw 7.18 Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and modify section 3.1.4 Table of Uses accordingly or to take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose of the Amendment: The undersigned propose this amendment in response to the concerns expressed by some residents in numerous public meetings and forums as to the negative impacts of marijuana businesses in our community, particularly those located or proposed to be located in or near our residential neighborhoods. Our Master Plan states, "Great Barrington's vision includes protecting and enhancing our compact village centers, historic treasures, natural resources, farms, and open spaces, all of which contribute to Great Barrington's distinctive character. Our goals include directing development and growth into village centers, supporting existing residential neighborhoods, and ensuring that new developments in resource areas are sited and build it in a way that sustains our rural countryside and agricultural areas."

The Master Plan further states, "Residents expect and deserve quiet neighborhoods free from odor, glare, noise and other impacts of commercial activity. Proper buffering and design standards can help ensure business remains healthy and residential property values remain stable, while still encouraging concentration of development in the core areas." The undersigned bring forward the below changes to Zoning by law 7.18 in an effort to better align this bylaw and the Table of Uses with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan.

Proposed deletions of existing text are ~~struck through~~.
Proposed insertions are underlined.

Amend Portions of Section 7.18.4 as follows:

7.18.4. Locational requirements. Marijuana establishments may be located in accordance with Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations, except as follows:

1. No marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center may be located closer than ~~200~~ 500 feet from a preexisting public or private school providing education in Kindergarten or any of Grades 1 through 12 child care facility, including preschools and daycare centers, or any facility in which children commonly congregate, including, but not limited to, a public library, a playground or park, and athletic field or recreational facility, a place of worship, or a town-owned beach.

2. The distance in paragraph 1 is to be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the proposed marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center and the nearest point of the property line of the protected uses stated above in paragraph 1.

3. The Selectboard may, by special permit pursuant to Section 10.4, authorize a deviation from this distance requirement if it finds the marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center will not be detrimental to a protected use.

4. No Marijuana Establishment of Medical Establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center will be allowed in any Residential District as described in Section 2.0 of the Zoning Bylaws.

4. 5. Other types of marijuana establishments licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission may be permitted in accordance with the appropriate use category in the Table of Use Regulations.

2. Amend portions of Section 7.18.5 as follows:

7.18.5. Physical Requirements. In addition to pertinent requirements of implementing regulations of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission. Marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers shall comply with the following:

1. All aspects of a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center relative to the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, sales, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing marijuana, marijuana accessories, related supplies, or educational materials shall take place at a

fixed location within a fully enclosed building or fenced area dedicated to the cultivation of marijuana and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business.

2. No unprotected storage of marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials is permitted.

3. No use shall be allowed by a Marijuana Establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center which creates a nuisance to abutters of the surrounding area, or which creates any hazard, including but not limited to fire, explosion, fumes, gas, smoke, odors, obnoxious dust, vapors, offensive sound or vibration, flashes, glare, objectionable effluent or electrical interference, which may impair the normal use and peaceful enjoyment of any property, structure or dwelling in the area.

4. No odor from marijuana or its processing can be detected by a person with an unimpaired and otherwise normal sense of smell at the exterior of a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or at any adjoining use of property.

5. No noise from the establishment of its operations, including but not limited to ventilation, can be detected by a person with unimpaired and otherwise normal hearing at the exterior of a Marijuana Establishment of Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or at any adjoining use or property.”

6. Marijuana Establishments or Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers with grow operations in a translucent building shall not illuminate grow operations between dusk and dawn.

3. 7. Marijuana not grown inside a securable structure shall be enclosed within a six-foot fence, and inasmuch as possible the plants shall be screened from view, at grade, from a public way or from a protected use.

4 8. No outdoor cultivation of marijuana shall be allowed within ~~fifty (50)~~ two hundred (200) feet of any property line.

ARTICLE 26: (by petition)

To see if the residents of this Town will vote to amend Chapter 241 of the Town Code, Division 3 Miscellaneous Rules and Regulations, as set forth below:

1. *Amend Section 241-1 Placement on Agenda, as follows:*

Every Great Barrington committee or board, whether appointed or elected, shall place on their agenda of public meetings an item for citizen speak time. Except for procedural and housekeeping matters, Town residents shall have the right to address a Board on any item that requires a vote at a time before a Board votes on that item. Such residents will be allowed as much time as the proponent of an item is permitted to have.

Purpose of the Amendment: Under current law and procedure, residents have the right to speak at a public hearing or on a special permit or during Citizen Speak at the end of the evening’s meeting or when recognized by the Chair of a Board. There are often items on the agenda of a public meeting for which a Board will have a discussion and vote. Each Board allows the proponent of an item to present its proposal and to present evidence and testimony relative to such proposal. During and after such presentation, a Board may ask questions of the proponent. Rarely does a Board allow residents the right to speak at that time, before a vote on the item. Residents may speak as of right during the Citizen Speak portion at the end of a meeting. But this may be of little consequence to the merits of a proposal as a vote has already been taken. There are often meetings where a Board member may commend a resident on their comment and how the comment was relevant to the proposal. Unfortunately, the vote had already been taken.

This amendment will give residents the right to speak on a particular item at a time when the discussion of an item is still a viable matter. That is, the right to speak and offer comment on matters that affect them, before a Board has voted. In this way, a Board will have the benefit of hearing more than one side of an issue, not just the proponent but also those affected by such proposal. A Board must listen to more than just the proponent of a proposal.

ARTICLE 27: (by petition)

To see if the residents of this Town will vote to amend Chapter 189 of the Town Code, Division 2 Selectmen's Regulations, as set forth below:

Amend Section 189-1 Meetings, subdivision C, paragraph (4), as follows

(4) Although the press and the public have the right to be present at any open meeting, they have no right to participate unless they are recognized by the Chairman. Except for procedural and housekeeping matters, Town residents shall have the right to address the Board on any item that requires a vote at a time before the Select Board votes on that item. Such residents will be allowed as much time as the proponent of an item is permitted to have.

Purpose of the Amendment: Under current law and procedure, residents have the right to speak at a public hearing or on a special permit or during Citizen Speak at the end of an evening's meeting or when recognized by the Chair of the Select Board. There are often items on the agenda of a public meeting for which the Select Board will have a discussion and vote. The Select Board allows the proponent of an item to present its proposal and to present evidence and testimony relative to such proposal. During and after such presentation, the Select Board may ask questions of the proponent. Rarely does the Select Board allow residents the right to speak at that time, before a vote on the item. Residents may speak as of right during the Citizen Speak portion at the end of a meeting. But this may be of little consequence to the merits of a proposal as a vote has already been taken. As an example there was a recent meeting where a Board member commended the resident on their commitment and how the comment was relevant to the proposal. Unfortunately, the vote has already been taken.

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ARTICLE 28: (by petition)

Resolution to Prohibit Hazardous and Toxic Waste Storage, Disposal, or Dumping in Great Barrington MA

To see if the Town of Great Barrington will vote to approve the following resolution:

Whereas the storage and disposal of hazardous and toxic waste, including PCB's from a variety of sources to include the "Rest of River" cleanup by GE is deleterious to the health of all life;

Whereas the storage and disposal of such waste is antithetical to the Food Sovereignty and Pollinator Friendly resolutions as adopted by the Town of Great Barrington;

Whereas we have sovereign rights as promulgated and protected under the Constitution of the United States of America, among them Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Without our health, healthy water, land and air, we are denied those inalienable rights;

Therefore, we, the citizens of the Town of Great Barrington, do here by adopt this resolution that prohibits the disposal, dumping or storage of hazardous and toxic waste from any source on the land or in the water in the Town of Great Barrington (including Housatonic) under any circumstances to ensure our rights and the rights of future generations to a healthy life.

ARTICLE 29: (by petition)

We the undersigned voters of Great Barrington request to have the following Article included in the warrant for 2020 Annual Town Meeting:

Article:

We the people of Great Barrington hereby mandate that the Town maintain Lake Mansfield Road as a two-way vehicular road from end to end in perpetuity, effective immediately.

ARTICLE 30: (by petition)

We sign this petition to close down and outlaw all privately owned “prisons-for-profit” state-wide in MA. These institutions are literally ruining the lives of countless inmates (and their loved ones), whereas properly run and supported State correctional facilities do help rehabilitate people giving them hop in the present, and futures they can look forward to, namely, the chance to contribute to society and live more and more meaningful lives for themselves and others.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Town Manager/Selectboard						
01122-51105	1	Elected Selectboard (5 members)	12,500	18,750	6,250	0%
01122-51108	2	Town Manager	120,000	120,000	-	0%
01122-51113	3	Administration	102,327	102,327	-	0%
01122-51114	4	Committee Clerks	7,500	7,500	-	0%
01122-51200	5	Intern	22,500	1,000	(21,500)	100%
01122-51420	6	Longevity	950	1,250	300	32%
		Total Salaries	265,777	250,827	(14,950)	-6%
01122-52000	7	Contracted Services	-	20,000	20,000	100%
01122-52300	8	Publications	5,000	2,500	(2,500)	-50%
01122-53020	9	Legal	55,000	90,000	35,000	64%
01122-53070	10	Consultants	9,200	18,000	8,800	96%
01122-53450	11	Advertising	15,000	13,000	(2,000)	-13%
01122-54200	12	Office Supplies	4,000	5,000	1,000	25%
01122-57100	13	Travel/Training	5,000	10,100	5,100	102%
01122-57300	14	Dues and Memberships	5,000	5,000	-	0%
		Total Expenses	98,200	163,600	65,400	67%
		Total Town Manager/Selectboard	363,977	414,427	50,450	14%
Finance Committee						
new	15	Contingency	-	128,000	128,000	100%
new	16	Travel/Training	-	100	100	100%
01131-57300	17	Dues and Memberships	300	200	(100)	-33%
01131-57800	18	Reserve Fund	100,000	125,000	25,000	25%
		Total Finance Committee	100,300	253,300	153,000	153%
Finance Director/Town Accountant						
01135-51107	19	Finance Director/Town Accountant	105,000	105,000	-	0%
01135-51113	20	Financial Clerk	-	9,400	9,400	100%
01135-51114	21	Accounts Payable Clerk	9,500	5,000	(4,500)	-47%
		Total Salaries	114,500	119,400	4,900	4%
01135-53010	22	Audit and Accounting Services	25,500	25,500	0	0%
01135-53070	23	Contracted Services	2,000	-	(2,000)	100%
01135-57100	24	Travel/Training	2,000	1,500	(500.00)	-25%
01135-57300	25	Dues and Memberships	300	150	(150)	-50%
		Total Expenses	29,800	27,150	(2,650)	-9%
		Total Town Accountant	144,300	146,550	2,250	2%
Technology						
01136-51107	26	IT Coordinator Stipend	6,000	6,000	-	0%
		Total Salaries	6,000	6,000	-	0%
01136-52400	27	Repairs & Maintenance	17,500	15,000	(2,500)	100%
01136-52700	28	Contracted Services	24,000	23,000	(1,000)	100%
01136-53000	29	Software Licenses	111,043	128,650	17,607	100%
01136-53030	30	Data Services	20,085	22,500	2,415	100%
01136-53400	31	Telephone	30,000	20,000	(10,000)	-
		Total Expenses	202,628	209,150	6,522	3%
		Total Technology	208,628	215,150	6,522	3%

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Assessors						
01141-51106	32	Principal Assessor	82,875	72,000	(10,875)	-13%
01141-51109	33	Board of Assessors	1,200	1,200	-	0%
01141-51113	34	Administrative Assessor	46,785	55,125	8,340	18%
01141-51420	35	Longevity	950	750	(200)	-21%
		Total Salaries	131,810	129,075	(2,735)	-2%
01141-53010	36	Contracted Services	20,000	20,000	-	0%
01141-54200	37	Office Supplies	2,000	2,000	-	0%
01141-57100	38	Travel/Training	2,600	3,000	400	15%
01141-57300	39	Dues and Memberships	300	500	200	67%
		Total Expenses	24,900	25,500	600	2%
		Total Assessors	156,710	154,575	(2,135)	-1%
Treasurer/Collector						
01146-51106	40	Treasurer/Collector	79,087	79,087	-	0%
01146-51107	41	Assistant Collector	54,550	48,000	(6,550)	100%
01146-51113	42	Financial Clerk	18,864	28,200	9,336	49%
01146-51114	43	Parking Clerk Stipend	1,150	1,150	-	100%
01146-51300	44	Overtime	-	1,000	1,000	100%
01146-51420	45	Longevity	750	200	(550)	-73%
		Total Salaries	154,401	157,637	3,236	2%
01146-53000	46	Tax Title Litigation	17,100	12,100	(5,000)	-29%
01146-53010	47	Contracted Services	7,500	14,000	6,500	100%
01146-53430	48	Postage	20,000	12,000	(8,000)	-40%
01146-53800	49	Financial Services	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25%
01146-54200	50	Office Supplies	10,800	7,000	(3,800)	-35%
01146-54202	51	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	1,500	1,500	-	0%
01146-57100	52	Travel/Training	2,465	2,500	35	1%
01146-57300	53	Dues and Memberships	175	200	25	14%
		Total Expenses	61,540	50,800	(10,740)	-17%
		Total Treasurer/Collector	215,941	208,437	(7,504)	-3%
Town Clerk/Elections						
01161-51106	54	Town Clerk	60,012	58,000	(2,012)	-3%
01161-51108	55	Election Workers	7,000	8,000	1,000	14%
01161-51109	56	Registrar of Voters	2,112	2,112	-	0%
01161-51113	57	Clerical	18,864	25,886	7,022	37%
01161-51420	58	Longevity	300	300	-	0%
		Total Salaries	88,288	94,298	6,010	7%
01161-52450	59	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	5,000	2,500	(2,500)	-50%
01161-52470	60	Publications/Town Code	6,000	7,200	1,200	20%
new	61	Office Supplies	-	3,500	3,500	100%
01161-55300	62	Elections	12,000	12,000	-	100%
new	63	Records Preservation	-	3,600	3,600	100%
01161-55800	64	Other Supplies	9,700	2,600	(7,100)	-73%
01161-55860	65	Subscriptions	2,600	-	(2,600)	-100%
01161-57100	66	Travel/Training	2,500	4,500	2,000	80%
01161-57300	67	Dues and Memberships	2,500	500	(2,000)	-80%
		Total Expenses	40,300	36,400	(3,900)	-10%
		Total Town Clerk/Elections	128,588	130,698	2,110	2%
Conservation Commission						
01171-51112	68	Conservation Agent	23,810	23,810	-	0%
01171-51113	69	Clerical	800	800	-	0%
		Total Salaries	24,610	24,610	-	0%

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01171-52000	70	Contracted Services	5,000	-	(5,000)	100%
01171-52470	71	Land Maintenance/Trails	5,000	5,000	-	100%
01171-54200	72	Office Supplies	500	700	200	40%
01171-57300	73	Dues and Memberships	350	375	25	7%
		Total Expenses	10,850	6,075	(4,775)	-44%
		Total Conservation Commission	35,460	30,685	(4,775)	-13%
Historic District Commission						
reclassified	74	Repairs/Restoration	2,500	-	(2,500)	-100%
		Total Historic District Commission	2,500	-	(2,500)	-100%
Planning Board						
01175-51113	75	Board Clerk	5,000	5,000	-	0%
		Total Salaries	5,000	5,000	-	0%
01175-54200	76	Office Supplies	200	200	-	0%
01175-57300	77	Subscriptions and Dues	50	50	-	0%
		Total Expenses	250	250	-	0%
		Total Planning Board	5,250	5,250	-	0%
Board of Appeals						
01176-51113	78	ZBA Clerk	1,000	1,000	-	0%
		Total Salaries	1,000	1,000	-	0%
01176-54200	79	Office Supplies	250	200	(50)	-20%
01176-55860	80	Subscriptions	100	100	-	0%
		Total Expenses	350	300	(50)	-14%
		Total Board of Appeals	1,350	1,300	(50)	-4%
Planning/Community Development						
01177-51107	81	Assistant Town Manager/Director	84,155	100,000	15,845	19%
01177-51112	82	Affordable Housing Stipend	2,000	2,000	-	100%
01177-51420	83	Longevity	300	300	-	0%
		Total Salaries	86,455	102,300	15,845	18%
01177-54200	84	Office Supplies	500	500	-	0%
01177-56410	85	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	2,000	2,000	-	0%
01177-56411	86	Economic Development	15,000	27,500	12,500	100%
01177-57100	87	Travel/Training	2,000	2,000	-	0%
01177-57300	88	Dues and Memberships	535	550	15	3%
		Total Expenses	20,035	32,550	12,515	62%
		Total Planning/Community Development	106,490	134,850	28,360	27%
Parking Clerk						
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			\$ 1,469,494	\$ 1,695,222	\$ 225,728	15%

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PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department						
01210-51117	89	Police Chief	95,760	95,760	-	0%
01210-51121	90	Police Officers	1,099,800	1,099,800	-	0%
01210-51123	91	Police Specials	54,430	58,500	4,070	7%
01210-51125	92	Administrative Assistant	43,540	49,270	5,730	13%
01210-51131	93	Parking Control Officer	15,000	15,808	808	5%
01210-51300	94	Overtime	145,000	175,000	30,000	21%
01210-51410	95	Holiday Pay	53,600	53,600	-	0%
01210-51420	96	Longevity	5,550	6,250	700	13%
01210-51920	97	Uniform Allowance	19,125	19,125	-	0%
01210-51930	98	Training	51,878	61,500	9,622	19%
		Total Salaries	1,583,683	1,634,613	50,930	3%
01210-52450	99	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	1,635	1,635	-	0%
01210-52900	100	Care of Prisoners	1,500	1,500	-	100%
01210-54200	101	Office Supplies	8,400	7,500	(900)	-11%
01210-54201	102	Office Equipment	1,380	3,050	1,670	121%
01210-54202	103	Additional Equipment	3,100	4,250	1,150	37%
01210-54800	104	Vehicular Supplies	14,000	20,000	6,000	43%
01210-55840	105	Uniforms	13,000	13,000	-	0%
01210-55850	106	Crime Prevention/Ammunition	13,084	13,140	56	0%
01210-55860	107	Subscriptions	1,945	2,345	400	21%
01210-57100	108	Travel/Training	44,920	18,000	(26,920)	-60%
01210-57300	109	Dues and Memberships	3,114	4,314	1,200	39%
		Total Expenses	106,078	88,734	(17,344)	-16%
		Total Police Department	1,689,761	1,723,347	33,586	2%
Fire Department						
01220-51117	110	Fire Chief	84,660	84,660	-	0%
01220-51127	111	Firefighters	145,000	140,000	(5,000)	-3%
01220-51129	112	Fire Inspectors	126,000	150,000	24,000	19%
01220-51113	113	Clerical	21,910	19,836	(2,074)	100%
01220-51300	114	Overtime	20,000	37,000	17,000	85%
01220-51420	115	Longevity	200	200	-	0%
		Total Salaries	397,770	431,696	33,926	9%
01220-52450	116	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	44,000	44,000	-	0%
reclassified	117	Communications	-	5,000	5,000	-
01220-53800	118	Hydrant Rentals	105,000	110,000	5,000	5%
01220-54200	119	Office Supplies	1,200	800	(400)	-33%
01220-55810	120	Firefighting Supplies	30,000	25,000	(5,000)	-17%
01220-55811	121	Fire Prevention	1,000	1,000	-	0%
01220-57100	122	Travel/Training	7,000	5,000	(2,000)	-29%
01220-57300	123	Dues and Memberships	1,500	2,000	500	33%
		Total Expenses	189,700	192,800	3,100	2%
		Total Fire Department	587,470	624,496	37,026	6%

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Communications/Emergency Mgmt						
01230-52450	124	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	10,000	9,000	(1,000)	-10%
01230-52700	125	Contracted Services	10,877	8,615	(2,262)	-21%
01230-54200	126	Office Supplies	350	350	-	0%
01230-58500	127	Additional Equipment	5,800	3,138	(2,662)	-46%
		Total Expenses	27,027	21,103	(5,924)	-22%
Total Communications/Emergency Management			27,027	21,103	(5,924)	-21.9%
Building Inspector						
01241-51107	128	Building Commissioner	65,410	65,400	(10)	0%
01241-51108	129	Assistant Building Inspector	50,225	50,225	-	0%
01241-51113	130	Clerical	37,420	37,276	(144)	0%
01241-51420	131	Longevity	1,050	1,050	-	0%
		Total Salaries	154,105	153,951	(154)	0%
01241-52000	132	Contracted Services	3,500	3,500	-	100%
01241-52411	133	Property Security and Safety	2,400	2,400	-	0%
01241-54200	134	Office Supplies	2,462	2,462	-	0%
01241-57100	135	Travel/Training	4,400	4,400	-	0%
01241-57300	136	Dues and Membership	300	300	-	0%
		Total Expenses	13,062	13,062	-	0%
Total Building Inspector			167,167	167,013	(154)	0%
Animal Control						
01292-51107	137	Animal Control Officer	11,000	11,000	-	0%
		Total Salaries	11,000	11,000	-	0%
01292-53000	138	Professional Services	500	500	-	0%
01292-55800	139	Supplies	200	200	-	0%
01291-57100	140	Travel/Training	770	770	-	100%
01292-57300	141	Dues and Memberships	50	50	-	0%
		Total Expenses	1,520	1,520	-	0%
Total Animal Control			12,520	12,520	-	0%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			\$ 2,483,945	\$ 2,548,479	\$ 64,534	3%

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PUBLIC WORKS					
Public Buildings					
01192-51106	142	Crew Leaders	103,800	53,310	(50,490) -49%
01192-51115	143	HCC Custodian	7,500	7,500	- 100%
01192-51135	144	Working Foreman	61,060	60,825	(235) 100%
01192-51137	145	Laborers/Operators	150,855	201,390	50,535 100%
01192-51301	146	Overtime	10,000	10,000	- 0%
		Total Salaries	333,215	333,025	(190) 0%
01192-52110	147	Electricity	105,000	107,000	2,000 2%
01192-52120	148	Gas/Oil	47,000	69,000	22,000 47%
01192-52121	149	Gas/Oil-Libraries	18,000	-	(18,000) -100%
01192-52310	150	Water/Sewer	10,500	12,500	2,000 19%
01192-52410	151	Repairs-Buildings/Grounds	60,000	60,000	- 0%
01192-52700	152	Contracted Services	55,000	60,000	5,000 9%
01192-52701	153	Facility Leases	35,000	-	(35,000) -100%
01192-52920	154	Trash Removal	2,350	2,800	450 19%
01192-54300	155	Parks/Cemeteries Supplies	4,000	4,000	- 100%
01192-54500	156	Custodial Supplies	14,000	14,000	- 0%
01192-55200	157	Courthouse Bldg Maintenance	17,000	22,000	5,000 29%
01192-57300	158	Dues and Memberships	100	-	(100) 100%
		Total Expenses	367,950	351,300	(16,650) -5%
		Total Public Buildings	701,165	684,325	(16,840) -2%

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Highway						
01422-51110	159	DPW Superintendent	87,340	87,340	-	0%
01422-51113	160	Administrative Assistant	39,000	39,000	-	0%
01422-51115	161	Tree Warden	7,500	7,500	-	0%
01422-51120	162	Highway Superintendent	73,055	73,055	-	0%
01422-51134	163	Mechanic	51,985	59,550	7,565	15%
01422-51135	164	Working Foreman	64,940	64,690	(250)	100%
01422-51136	165	Laborer/Operator	155,955	155,350	(605)	100%
01422-51138	166	Recycling Center Staff	16,185	16,185	-	0%
01422-51139	167	Equipment Operators	176,445	174,205	(2,240)	100%
01422-51300	168	Snow & Ice Overtime	70,108	70,108	-	0%
01422-51301	169	Highway Overtime	9,800	14,000	4,200	43%
01422-51420	170	Longevity	5,550	3,750	(1,800)	-32%
		Total Salaries	757,863	764,733	6,870	1%
01422-52110	171	Street Lights	135,000	140,000	5,000	100%
01422-52115	172	Water/Sewer	1,000	1,000	-	0%
01422-52120	173	Gas and Oil	6,000	6,500	500	8%
01422-52410	174	Building Repairs and Maintenance	6,000	-	(6,000)	-100%
01422-52450	175	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	65,000	70,000	5,000	8%
01422-52490	176	Street Repairs and Maintenance	87,000	110,000	23,000	26%
01422-52700	177	Contracted Services	51,000	51,000	-	0%
01422-52701	178	Trash Hauling and Recycling	39,000	55,000	16,000	41%
01422-52702	179	Hazardous Waste Collection	8,000	10,000	2,000	25%
01422-52740	180	Clothing and Uniforms	10,800	16,000	5,200	48%
01422-52900	181	Licenses	500	-	(500)	-100%
01422-53050	182	Landfill Engineering	14,000	12,000	(2,000)	-14%
01422-53810	183	Tree Services	92,500	85,000	(7,500)	100%
01422-54200	184	Office Supplies	1,000	1,500	500	50%
01422-54810	185	Gasoline and Diesel	96,000	90,000	(6,000)	-6%
01422-55300	186	Highway Supplies	31,900	28,000	(3,900)	-12%
01422-55700	187	Snow & Ice Supplies	150,000	150,000	-	0%
01422-57100	188	Travel/Training	2,500	3,000	500	100%
01422-57300	189	Dues and Memberships	200	200	-	0%
01422-58541	190	Garage Remediation	34,000	30,000	(4,000)	-12%
		Total Expenses	831,400	859,200	27,800	3%
		Total Highway	1,589,263	1,623,933	34,670	2%
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			\$ 2,290,428	\$ 2,308,258	\$ 17,830	1%
HUMAN SERVICES						
Board of Health						
01511-51129	191	Health Agent	51,250	51,250	-	0%
01511-51130	192	Health Inspectors	48,425	48,425	-	100%
01511-51131	193	Animal Inspector	1,000	1,000	-	100%
		Total Salaries	100,675	100,675	-	0%
01511-52700	194	Contracted Services	13,875	11,000	(2,875)	-21%
01511-57100	195	Travel/Training	3,400	3,400	-	0%
01511-57300	196	Dues and Memberships	300	200	(100)	-33%
01511-57800	197	Supplies	2,870	2,500	(370)	-13%
		Total Expenses	20,445	17,100	(3,345)	-16%
		Total Board of Health	121,120	117,775	(3,345)	-3%
Human Services						
01528-57800	198	Human Services	35,000	25,000	(10,000)	-29%

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		Total Human Services	35,000	25,000	(10,000)	-29%
Council on Aging						
01541-51106	199	COA Director	54,925	54,925	-	0%
01541-51107	200	Assistant Director	21,910	19,836	(2,074)	-9%
01541-51115	201	Custodian	9,000	9,000	-	0%
01541-51200	202	Coordinator	9,360	-	(9,360)	100%
01541-51420	203	Longevity	500	200	(300)	-60%
		Total Salaries	95,695	83,961	(11,734)	-12%
01541-52450	204	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	3,000	5,000	2,000	67%
01541-52700	205	SBETC Transportation	45,000	45,900	900	2%
01541-53810	206	Activities	7,950	7,950	-	0%
01541-54200	207	Office Supplies	2,500	2,500	-	0%
01541-57100	208	Travel/Training	1,400	1,400	-	0%
01541-57300	209	Dues and Memberships	450	450	-	0%
		Total Expenses	60,300	63,200	2,900	5%
		Total Council on Aging	155,995	147,161	(8,834)	-6%
Veterans' Affairs						
01543-52710	210	Veterans' Services	5,000	6,000	1,000	20%
new	211	Supplies	-	3,000	3,000	100%
01543-57700	212	Veterans' Benefits	100,000	102,500	2,500	3%
01543-57701	213	Veterans' District Assessment	33,100	32,200	(900)	-3%
		Total Veterans' Affairs	138,100	143,700	5,600	4%
Libraries						
01610-51143	214	Head Librarian	62,375	62,375	-	0%
01610-51145	215	Assistant Librarians	93,400	93,045	(355)	0%
01610-51146	216	Library Clerks	276,830	268,260	(8,570)	-3%
01610-51420	217	Longevity	1,600	1,800	200	13%
		Total Salaries	434,205	425,480	(8,725)	-2%
01610-52400	218	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	2,050	3,200	1,150	56%
01610-54200	219	Office Supplies	10,045	10,346	301	3%
01610-55800	220	Non-print Materials	34,850	35,896	1,046	3%
01610-55860	221	Books and Subscriptions	76,875	79,181	2,306	3%
01610-55861	222	Programming Supplies	3,075	3,167	92	3%
01610-57100	223	Travel/Training	1,600	1,648	48	3%
01610-57300	224	Dues and Memberships	1,010	1,040	30	3%
		Total Expenses	129,505	134,478	4,973	4%
		Total Libraries	563,710	559,958	(3,752)	-1%
Parks & Recreation						
01650-52400	225	Maintenance and Repairs	3,000	8,000	5,000	167%
01650-54201	226	Park Improvements	11,000	7,500	(3,500)	-32%
01650-54501	227	Recreational Programs	750	-	(750)	-100%
01650-54502	228	Supplies	5,000	-	(5,000)	-100%
01650-57803	229	Lake Management	4,000	8,000	4,000	100%
01650-57805	230	Youth Programming	70,000	85,000	15,000	21%
01650-57810	231	Waste Management	5,000	6,500	1,500	30%
		Total Parks and Recreation	98,750	115,000	16,250	16%
Boards and Commissions						
01691-52400	232	Historical Commission	7,470	7,470	-	0%
reclassified	233	Historic Districts Commission	2,500	4,000	1,500	60%
01691-57800	234	Agricultural Commission	2,000	2,000	-	0%
01691-57810	235	Dubois Committee	5,000	5,000	-	0%
01691-57820	236	Strategic Sustainability Committee	1,000	500	(500)	-50%
new	237	Transportation Committee	-	1,000	1,000	100%

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Proposed Operating Budget**

Account #		Department	FY2020 Original Budget	FY2021 Final Approved Budget	Dollar Change from FY20 Budget	% Change from FY20 Budget
		Total Boards and Commissions	17,970	19,970	2,000	11%
TOTAL CULTURAL/RECREATION/HUMAN SERVICES			\$ 1,130,645	\$ 1,128,564	\$ (2,081)	0%
INSURANCE/DEBT/RETIREMENT						
Debt						
01752-59100	238	Debt Service (Long Term Principal)	1,270,000	1,275,000	5,000	0%
01752-59120	239	Long Term Interest	286,150	244,450	(41,700)	-15%
01752-59130	240	Short Term Interest	95,000	271,166	176,166	185%
01752-59150	241	Debt Issuance Costs	10,000	12,500	2,500	25%
		Total Debt	1,661,150	1,803,116	141,966	9%
Retirement						
new	242	Recruitment and Retirement	-	25,000	25,000	100%
01911-51750	243	Medicare	69,300	74,500	5,200	8%
01911-51760	244	Retirement Assessment	787,660	865,911	78,251	10%
		Total Retirement	856,960	965,411	108,451	13%
Insurance						
01945-51710	245	Workers Compensation	37,500	65,000	27,500	73%
01945-51740	246	Health and Life Insurance	1,602,000	1,645,200	43,200	3%
01945-51741	247	Insurance Deductibles	10,250	20,000	9,750	95%
01945-57400	248	General Insurance	130,000	140,000	10,000	8%
01945-57425	249	Public Safety Insurance	75,000	69,752	(5,248)	-7%
new	250	Medical Services	-	5,000	5,000	100%
new	251	Miscellaneous Expenses	-	500	500	100%
01945-59610	252	Allocation from Wastewater	(158,000)	(180,000)	(22,000)	100%
		Total Insurance	1,696,750	1,765,452	68,702	4%
Miscellaneous						
01693-57800	253	Celebrations and Seasonal Events	10,000	5,000	(5,000)	-50%
01693-57810	254	Band Programs	4,000	4,000	-	0%
		Total Miscellaneous	14,000	9,000	(5,000)	-36%
TOTAL INSURANCE/DEBT/MISCELLANEOUS			\$ 4,228,860	\$ 4,542,979	\$ 314,119	7%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND - OPERATING			\$ 11,603,372	\$ 12,223,502	\$ 620,130	5%

**FISCAL YEAR 2021
Proposed Operating Budget**

Account #		Department	FY2020 Original Budget	FY2021 Final Approved Budget	Dollar Change from FY20 Budget	% Change from FY20 Budget
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT						
60442-51133	255	Superintendent	77,225	77,225	-	0%
60442-51137	256	Laborer/Operator	218,115	218,980	865	0%
60442-51139	257	Operator/Technician	125,995	125,520	(475)	100%
60442-51200	258	Clerical	17,570	18,792	1,222	100%
60442-51300	259	Overtime	31,000	31,000	-	0%
60442-51420	260	Longevity	2,750	2,450	(300)	-11%
		Total Salaries	472,655	473,967	1,312	0%
60442-52110	261	Electricity	152,618	176,800	24,182	16%
60442-52120	262	Gas and Oil	29,000	29,000	-	0%
60442-52310	263	Water	5,500	5,500	-	0%
60442-52400	264	Repairs and Maintenance	86,200	86,200	-	0%
60442-52740	265	Uniforms	3,250	3,500	250	8%
60442-52800	266	Contracted Hauling	164,000	164,000	-	0%
60442-52801	267	Contracted Services	8,500	10,000	1,500	18%
60442-52900	268	Collection System	48,400	55,000	6,600	14%
60442-53020	269	Legal	2,500	2,500	-	0%
60442-53050	270	Engineering and Architecture	11,000	11,000	-	0%
60442-53410	271	Telephone	3,000	3,000	-	0%
60442-53430	272	Postage	4,000	4,000	-	0%
60442-53800	273	Other Services	4,200	5,600	1,400	33%
60442-54200	274	Office Supplies	2,500	2,500	-	0%
60442-54800	275	Vehicular Supplies	4,000	4,000	-	0%
60442-54810	276	Gasoline	12,000	5,600	(6,400)	-53%
60442-55800	277	Chemicals and Other Supplies	99,600	99,600	-	0%
60442-55840	278	Safety Equipment	4,000	4,000	-	0%
60442-57100	279	Travel/Training	4,000	4,000	-	0%
60442-57400	280	General Insurance	37,600	39,480	1,880	5%
60442-57401	281	Workers Compensation	12,500	13,125	625	5%
60442-57402	282	Health and Life Insurance	145,000	156,600	11,600	8%
60442-57403	283	Medicare	6,500	7,000	500	8%
60442-57404	284	Retirement	79,910	85,669	5,759	7%
60442-57406	285	Unfunded Employee Benefits	5,100	5,100	-	0%
60442-57407	286	Allocation to General Fund	158,000	180,000	22,000	14%
new	287	Contingency	-	15,000	15,000	100%
60442-59100	288	Debt Service (Long Term Principal)	455,022	462,392	7,370	2%
60442-59120	289	Long Term Interest	184,044	157,390	(26,654)	100%
60442-59130	290	Short Term Interest/Pay downs	-	26,450	26,450	100%
60442-59150	291	Debt Issuance Costs	5,000	25,000	20,000	100%
		Total Expenses	1,736,944	1,849,006	112,062	6%
TOTAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT			\$ 2,209,599	\$ 2,322,973	\$ 113,374	5%

FY21 Capital Requests

Dept	Project	Total Amount	Borrow	Other	Funding Source
Police	(6) Portable Radios	\$ 46,500	\$ 46,500	\$ -	
	* (2) Police Cruisers	\$ 127,500	\$ 127,500	\$ -	
	* Speed Trailer	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	
	Total Police	\$ 186,000	\$ 186,000	\$ -	
Fire*	EMS/Service Vehicle	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	
	Jaws of Life	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	
	Thermal Camera	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ -	
	Total Fire	\$ 95,500	\$ 95,500	\$ -	
DPW	Vehicles & Equipment				
	* 4600 DumpTruck w/plow and sander	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000	\$ -	
	Roadside Mower	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ -	
	(2) Mowers	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -	
	1-ton Roller	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	
		\$ 472,000	\$ 472,000	\$ -	
	Buildings & Grounds				
	Ramsdell Library HVAC System/Furnace	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	
	Town Hall Elevator Repair/Rebuild	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ -	
	Selectboard Meeting Room Improvements	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
	Town Hall Improvements (carpet/furniture)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	
	Street and Bridge Improvements				
	Engineering	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	
	Old Route 7 Greenway Path	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -	
	Lake Mansfield Road (engineering/permitting)	\$ 165,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 120,000	CPA
	Bridge Engineering	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -	
Street Improvements	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 930,000	\$ 420,000	Ch 90	
	\$ 2,315,000	\$ 1,775,000	\$ 540,000		
	Total DPW	\$ 3,287,000	\$ 2,747,000	\$ 540,000	
Parks	Park Equipment (various)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	
	Total Parks	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	
	Total General Fund	\$ 3,628,500	\$ 3,088,500	\$ 540,000	
Wastewater	Inflow & Infiltration Study	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	
	Maple/Main St Sewer Replacement	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	
	F350 Service Truck (w/plow & crane)	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	
	Total Wastewater	\$ 690,000	\$ 690,000	\$ -	
Total FY21 Capital Requests		\$ 4,318,500	\$ 3,778,500	\$ 540,000	

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
SUMMARY OF FY2021 PROPOSED PROJECTS**

General Fund Capital Projects

Capital projects proposed for FY21 total \$4,318,500 and are summarized below.

Street, Roads, Path, Sidewalks and Engineering:

The FY21 proposed budget for streets, roads, engineering, etc. is \$2.3 million.

That total includes over \$400,000 to advance engineering for ongoing projects, including the South Main Street corridor improvements. In order to secure construction grants in the range of \$8 million through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or the South Main project, the Town must fund the design costs. If we continue this effort, we will be well placed to secure the TIP funds next year. This project is critical to improving a heavily used roadway serving major housing sites and businesses, and where pedestrian and bicycle improvements will greatly improve safety and mobility. The engineering funds will also be utilized to begin design to repair or replace the bridge on Brookside Road.

The capital program will utilize Chapter 90 funds, CPA, and borrowing for \$1.5 million in street improvements. This includes \$650,000 for paving, crack sealing, and guardrails town-wide. Improvements are slated for the side streets near Belcher Square and off of Stockbridge Road. This work will include drainage and incorporate a context sensitive Complete Streets approach. It also includes design for Lake Mansfield Road. Also included in the streets budget are improvements to parking lots of two town buildings – the Senior Center and Town Hall. These require significant improvements, totaling approximately \$700,000. Both projects include considerations for lighting, and at Town Hall we will include accommodation for an electric vehicle charging station.

The total budget also includes \$380,000 to construct the multi-use trail off of Stockbridge Road, connecting to the CHP campus. This trail is the second highest priority of our Complete Streets priority plan (after the Housatonic Main Street sidewalk extension, which is already funded). It will be permitted this June and ready for construction this summer. We hope to offset at least half of the construction cost with a Mass Trails grant.

Building and Grounds: The FY21 budget for buildings and grounds is \$500,000, including:

- Ramsdell Library: The boiler and furnace system needs to be repaired or replaced. \$300,000 is proposed for this.
- Town Hall: The elevator will require \$160,000 in repairs, and \$30,000 is proposed for carpet and furniture replacement as well as improvements to the meeting room.

Parks: \$60,000 is proposed in order to install and/or replace play equipment at other parks throughout Town.

Vehicle Replacement and Upgrades: Total vehicle spending is proposed at \$659,500, all funded through borrowing. It includes replacement of one heavy truck for the Highway Department and a new roadside brush mower/tractor. The lead time for these vehicles is up to two years, so by the time we take delivery our existing equipment will be that much older.

In addition, two Police vehicles are due for replacement this year in keeping with the regular replacement schedule, and the Fire Department's 2008 EMS/Service vehicle is due for replacement.

Capital FY21 summary, continued

Equipment & Technology: The Police and Fire Departments seek a total of \$94,000 this year. For the Police, it is year two of its three year program to replace its radios, purchasing six radios each year. The Police also propose to purchase a speed-sign trailer. The Fire Department needs to replace a thermal imaging camera and the Jaws of Life.

Wastewater Capital Projects

Not included in the above total are projects funded through the wastewater (sewer) enterprise fund. For FY21, the Wastewater Division seeks approval of \$690,000 in capital projects as follows:

\$200,000 to continue work on the EPA mandated Inflow and Infiltration analysis of the collection system;
\$400,000 to replace the sewer main under Main St from Taconic Ave to the intersection of Route 7/23;
\$90,000 to replace a 2011 service truck (with crane and plow).

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and of this Warrant and your doings thereon, make due return to the Clerk of said Town at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Great Barrington, this 11th day of June, 2020.



Stephen C. Bannon, Chair



Edward D. Abrahams



William F. Cooke

Kate F. Burke

Leigh S. Davis

Selectboard of the Town of Great Barrington

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



William R. Walsh, Chief of Police
Town of Great Barrington

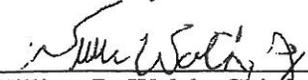
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS.

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof in the following places in the Town of Great Barrington, namely:

The vestibule of the Town Hall Building and the Post Office in the Town of Great Barrington, the post office in the Village of Housatonic, Mason Library in the Town of Great Barrington, and the Ramsdell Library in the Village of Housatonic, Seven days, at least before the time of holding the within mentioned Town Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 11th day of June, 2020.



William R. Walsh, Chief of Police
Town of Great Barrington