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# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

## REVISED

SELECTBOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA


CLAIRE TEAGUE SENIOR CENTER

917 MAIN STREET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017, 5:45 P.M.

### ORDER OF AGENDA

- I. Call to Order.
- II. SB – Request for permission to put Art Installation on Town Hall property. (Discussion/Vote)
- III. SB – Proclamation for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Barrington Historical Society.  
(Discussion/Vote)
- IV. SB – Appointment of members to the Board of Trustees for the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust. (Discussion/Vote)
- V. Citizen Speak Time.
- VI. Adjournment.

  
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**From:** Gabrielle Senza <[ggenza@mac.com](mailto:ggenza@mac.com)>  
**Date:** April 18, 2017 at 4:55:01 PM EDT  
**To:** Sean Stanton <[seanstanton@hotmail.com](mailto:seanstanton@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Walk Unafraid for the GB Trust Policy

Hi Sean -

What I'm looking to bring before the Select Board is a proposal for putting up a public art project in front of Town Hall that raises awareness of the Great Barrington Trust Policy we'll be voting on at Annual Town Meeting.

Like the Elizabeth Freeman Center has done in years past, I'd like to install a project that I am doing in collaboration with the Latino community.

Below is a list of goals for the project.

Can you please let me know if we can get this proposal added to the agenda for the next meeting?

It's on the 24th right? Time?

Thanks so much!

Best wishes,

Gabrielle

**Goals for Walk Unafraid Great Barrington:**

1. To bring together and strengthen community
2. To build comradery among all members of our community
3. To share in an empowering experience
4. To amplify the voices of people most at risk for being marginalized or targeted
5. To counter bigotry & hate with love & strength
6. To counter prejudice & ignorance with humanity & education
7. To raise awareness of the Great Barrington Trust Policy before the Annual Town Meeting vote on 5/1/17
8. To help visually suggest the deeper effects of racism in all forms - from violent attacks to micro-aggressions
9. To show the public passing through Great Barrington (and in the press) that Great Barrington Residents, Law Enforcement and the Town Government all stand for a safer community by protecting the rights and privacy for ALL our community members
10. To create a community where everyone can WALK UNAFRAID

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SELECTBOARD

### Great Barrington Historical Society Proclamation, 2016

#### Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts

The Selectboard issue this Proclamation to acknowledge and honor the Great Barrington Historical Society for forty years of effort to preserve and protect our historical heritage. We support their mission and efforts in:

- the long term preservation and security of important historical artifacts pertinent to the Town collected by and donated to the Society;
- the creation of programs and exhibits that share and stimulate interest in our Town's history; and
- the creation of the Great Barrington Town Museum and Educational Research Center located at the historically significant Wheeler Farmstead.

**This proclamation is issued to highlight the accomplishments of the Historical Society.**

Since its formation in 1977, the Society has:

- collected, preserved, and initiated cataloguing of over 50,000 artifacts, photos, and documents in the archives, with additions to the collection occurring weekly;
- purchased important historical artifacts pertinent to the history of Great Barrington including an 18th Century slave document and Washington Cenotaph;
- created programs and exhibits to stimulate and share interest in our Town's history;
- purchased the 1768 Wheeler Farmstead, thereby saving it from demolition;
- achieved National Register of Historic Places designation of the Wheeler Farmstead; and
- raised the funds through private donations and grants to stabilize the barns, protect trees and plantings; and to renovate the main building to create the town museum and educational research center.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

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Sean Stanton, Chair

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Stephen C. Bannon

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Daniel Bailly

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Edward Abrahams

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William Cooke

*Purpose statement – consider including in the printed warrant for Town Meeting for informational purposes, but it is not part of the bylaw itself:*

In the 2007 Town Meeting, Great Barrington voted, “That the Town accept Section 55C of MGL Chapter 44, regarding establishment of a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.” However, the trust has yet to be established.

The purpose of this warrant article is to create the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

### **Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

**Section 1: Purpose.** The purpose of the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund (the “Trust”) is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Great Barrington, for the benefit of low and moderate income households and for the funding of community housing, as defined in and in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44B §55C.

*Already have 6 appointed*

**Section 2: Board of Trustees.** There shall be a Board of Trustees, which shall include seven (7) Trustees, to be appointed by the Selectboard for terms not to exceed two (2) years. To the extent possible, the Board of Trustees should include members with experience in banking, real estate, real estate law and residential development. Trustees must be residents of the Town of Great Barrington. At least one member of the Board of Trustees shall be a member of the Selectboard. In order to stagger the terms of the Trustees, the first three Trustees appointed shall have terms of one year, and the remaining four shall have terms of two years.

**Section 3: Powers of the Board of Trustees.** The powers of the Trustees, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C, shall include the following:

1. to accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the Trust in connection with any bylaw or any general or special law or any other source, including money from chapter 44B of the General Laws (Community Preservation Act); provided, however, that any such money received from chapter 44B shall be used exclusively for community housing and shall remain subject to all the rules, regulations and limitations of that chapter when expended by the Trust, and such funds shall be accounted for separately by the Trust; and provided further, that at the end of each fiscal year, the Trust shall ensure that all expenditures of funds received from said chapter 44B are reported to the Community Preservation Committee of the Town for inclusion in the community preservation initiatives report, form CP-3, to the Department of Revenue.
2. to purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments

## Helen Kuziemko

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**From:** Jonathan Hankin <jbhankin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Tabakin; Sean Stanton; Bill Cooke; Ed Abrahams; Stephen C. Bannon; Daniel Bailly; Helen Kuziemko  
**Subject:** GB Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

Dear all,

(I hope I got the title correct.) Please consider me for board membership.

I would bring to the board over 30 years as a licensed architect in California, 20 years on the GB Planning Board, hands-on experience in renovating a number of houses as well as new construction, a long term interest in addressing the challenges of providing affordable housing in our community, and, perhaps least important, I am a licensed real estate broker in Massachusetts for 20+ years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jonathan

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Jonathan Hankin

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From: <[hc3@d-store.com](mailto:hc3@d-store.com)>  
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Cc: Dan Bailly <[danielbbailly@gmail.com](mailto:danielbbailly@gmail.com)>

Dear Ms. Tabakin,

Thanks for contacting me. E-mail was uncooperative while I was away, so if any of this is redundant, I apologize.

My home is 412 Monterey Road, GB, phone number is 644-8887. Please leave a message if we don't answer.

From the 1970's to the present, my partner Peter and I have been committed to and involved in creating safe, affordable housing for no-to-moderate-income people. We did this in neighborhoods where such living space was in short supply, in cities like Stamford and Norwalk, CT, in Key West, FL, and San Diego CA.

It would be an honor to volunteer in my community in this respect. I hope you will consider me for the AHTB.

Sincerely,  
Bill Warford

Sent from Windows Mail