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Town Manager

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

7:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

ORDER OF AGENDA

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

3. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:

A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- UPDATE ON DATA REPORTING SYSTEM

- WEBMASTER AND WEBPAGE REDESIGN

5. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. DEBRA STORY FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT ON WEST SHEFFIELD ROAD.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

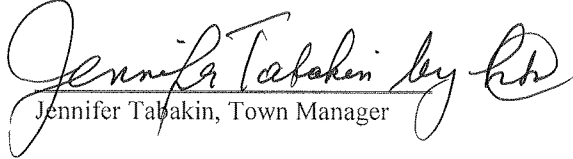
B. RICHARD BROUSSEAU FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AT 25 LAKE AVENUE.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

C. RUNNING AWAY/MATT LINICK FOR PERMISSION TO UTILIZE TOWN ROADS (ROUTE 183, DIVISION STREET, ROUTE 41 AND VAN DEUSENVILLE ROAD) ON MAY 24, 2015 FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY RACE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

D. BETSY ANDRUS/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/GB DIG AND DINE – PRESENTATION.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

- E. COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS USA INC. FOR AN ANNUAL 2015 COIN OPERATED SOFT DRINKS AND FOOD MACHINES LICENSE AT S & A SUPPLY, 20 MAPLE AVENUE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - F. COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS USA INC. FOR AN ANNUAL 2015 COIN OPERATED SOFT DRINKS AND FOOD MACHINES LICENSE AT SEWARDS TIRES INC., 952 MAIN STREET. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - G. ANDREW BELCHER/MASS BLISS, LLC FOR TWO (2) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR JULY 10, 2015 (OUTDOORS) FROM 5:00 PM-11:00 PM AND (INDOORS) FROM 10:00 PM – 2:00 AM; AND JULY 11, 2015 (OUTDOORS 5:00 AM-11:00 PM) AND (INDOORS) FROM 10:00 PM – MIDNIGHT AT SKI BUTTERNUT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - H. ANDREW BELCHER/MASS BLISS, LLC FOR TEMPORARY SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JULY 12, 2015 FROM 12:01 AM – 2:00 AM AND 6:00 AM – 5:00 PM (INDOORS AND OUTDOORS) AT SKI BUTTERNUT. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - I. JEFF CAMINITI AND HOWARD LIEBERMAN/EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS/STONE SOUP VENTURES FOR TWELVE (12) TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR MAY 9, 16, 23, 30, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27, JULY 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015 FROM NOON UNTIL 8:00 PM AT GB FAIRGROUNDS. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - J. BRUCE BERNSTEIN/AGE TRIAD AND EGREMONT COA FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE WEST PLAIN ROAD (JUST PAST THE FIRST STEINER SCHOOL PARKING LOT) FOR A ONE MILE COURSE ON JUNE 1, 2015 FROM 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - K. SARAH DONALDSON/CHARLEY’S FUND FOR PERMISSION TO USE ROUTE 7, BROOKSIDE ROAD AND EAST SHEFFIELD ROAD STARTING AND ENDING AT THE GB FAIRGROUNDS ON JUNE 27, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM FOR THE 2015 CHARLEY RIDE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. TOWN MANAGER’S EVALUATION. (DISCUSSION)
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. GB21 COALITION MEMBERS (RON BANKS, VIVIAN ORLOWSKI AND KAREN CHRISTENSEN) – POWER POINT PRESENTATION TO REQUEST SELECTBOARD’S SUPPORT FOR 21ST CENTURY INITIATIVES INCLUDING STRATEGY, BUDGET AND COMMUNITY. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
 - B. FARMER’S MARKET PARKING PLAN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- 8. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:**
- 9. SELECTBOARD’S TIME:**
- 10. MEDIA TIME:**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:**
- 12. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION and Not to Return to Open Session**
 Roll Call Vote
 Town Manager’s Contract Negotiations (M.G.L. c.30A, sec.21 #2)

NEXT SELECTBOARD'S REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.


Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED BY MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA. THE LISTING OF AGENDA ITEMS ARE THOSE REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR WHICH MAY BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. NOT ALL ITEMS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED AND OTHER ITEMS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

MEETINGS IN MAY
(Scheduled as of 4/24/15)

- Wednesday, April 29th at 1:15 PM Council on Aging- Claire Teague Center
- Wednesday, April 29th at 6 PM Mini-Town Meeting- GB Fire Station
- Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 PM Conservation Commission-Town Hall
- Monday, May 4th at 6 PM Annual Town Meeting- Monument Mountain Regional High School
- Tuesday, May 5th at 5:30 PM Republican Town Committee- Town Hall
- Wednesday, May 6th at 5:15 PM Tree Committee- Mason Library
- Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 PM Board of Health- Town Hall
- Monday, May 11th at 8:30 AM Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force- Town Hall
- Monday, May 11th at 5 PM Parks Commission- Mason Library
- Tuesday, May 12th 8 AM to 8 PM Annual Town Election
- Wednesday, May 13th 7 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting- Town Hall
- Thursday, May 14th at 5:30 PM Library Board of Trustees- Mason Library
- Thursday, May 14th at 7 PM Planning Board- Town Hall
- Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30 PM Community Preservation Committee- GB Fire Station
- Wednesday, May 20th at 6 PM Energy Committee- Town Hall

Thursday, May 21st at 2:15 PM GB Housing Authority- Bernard Gibbons Drive

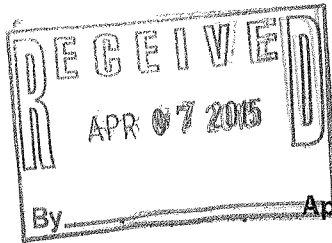
Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 PM Historic District Commission- Town Hall

Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting- Town Hall

Wednesday, May 27th at 1:15 PM Council on Aging- Claire Teague Senior Center

Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 PM Conservation Commission- Town Hall

Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 PM Planning Board- Town Hall



Town of Great Barrington

Form date: June 2011

Board of Selectmen

Fee \$50.00 (pd) 4/7
Number _____

Application for Access to a Public Way / Driveway Permit

INSTRUCTIONS

RETURN FIVE (5) COPIES OF THIS FORM AND ALL ACCOMPANYING PLANS, ALONG WITH THE \$50.00 FEE to the Department of Public Works office in Town Hall, 2nd Floor, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. Plans must show the location of the driveway on the property and must also indicate all details needed in order to determine that driveway regulations are met, including paving material, width, grade, drainage, culverts, angle to street, etc. See Chapter 153 of the Town Code for driveway regulations.

Application Date 2-27-2015

Name of Applicant / Property Owner Debra Story

Mailing address PO Box 300, Gt. Barrington, MA 01230

Phone number 413-645-3018

Location of proposed driveway / highway entrance Tax Map 30 Parcel 112.3, West Sheffield Road

Contractor who will perform the work To be determined see attached Map.

Address & phone number of contractor _____

Proposed construction date To be determined expecting March-April 2015

Type of driveway (gravel, asphalt, etc.) gravel

Print Form

Submit five (5) copies of completed form and plans.

Applicant hereby agrees to notify the Great Barrington DPW Superintendent of the date and time of driveway construction at least 24 hours before construction is begun. Applicant further agrees to conform to all requirements of the Town of Great Barrington regulations governing access to public ways and to all conditions that may be placed on this permit. See Chapter 153 of the Town Code for regulations and design requirements.

Applicant's Signature: Debra Story

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

RECOMMENDATION OF DPW / HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

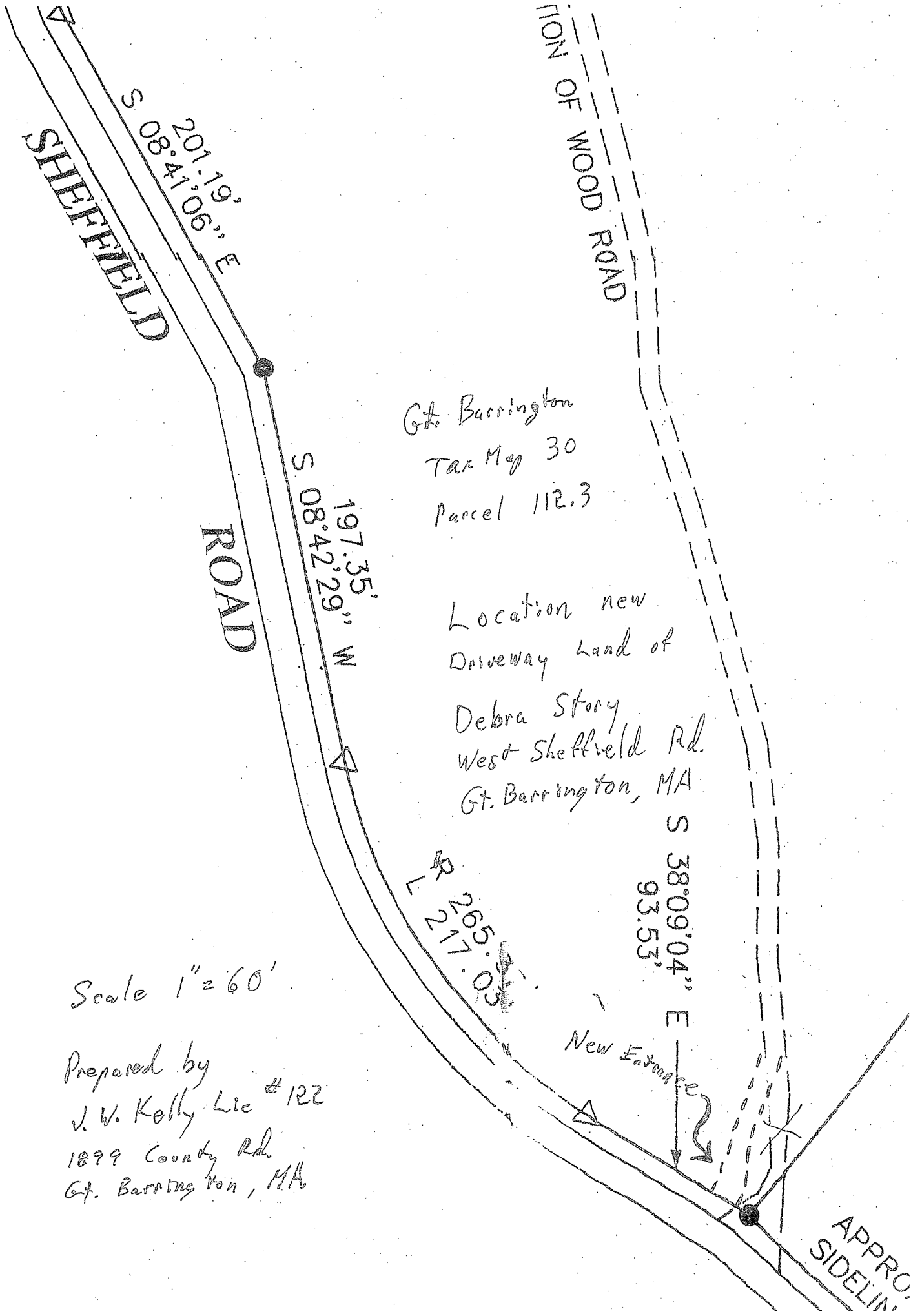
After consultation with review staff, and after full consideration of the application and the applicable requirements, I recommend that this application be:
 approved as submitted
 approved with conditions attached
 disapproved for reasons attached
 resubmitted with changes suggested per attached

	Staff Reviews Received:		
	Received	Conditions Recommended	Other Permits Required
Conservation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Chief:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PERMIT FOR ACCESS TO A PUBLIC WAY / DRIVEWAY

Pursuant to its vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed, at its meeting on _____, the Great Barrington Board of Selectmen granted permission to construct or alter this access to a public way at the address and in the location indicated in this application, in accordance with the plans accompanying this application, and subject to any conditions attached.

For the Selectmen: _____, its _____, _____
(signature) (title) (date)

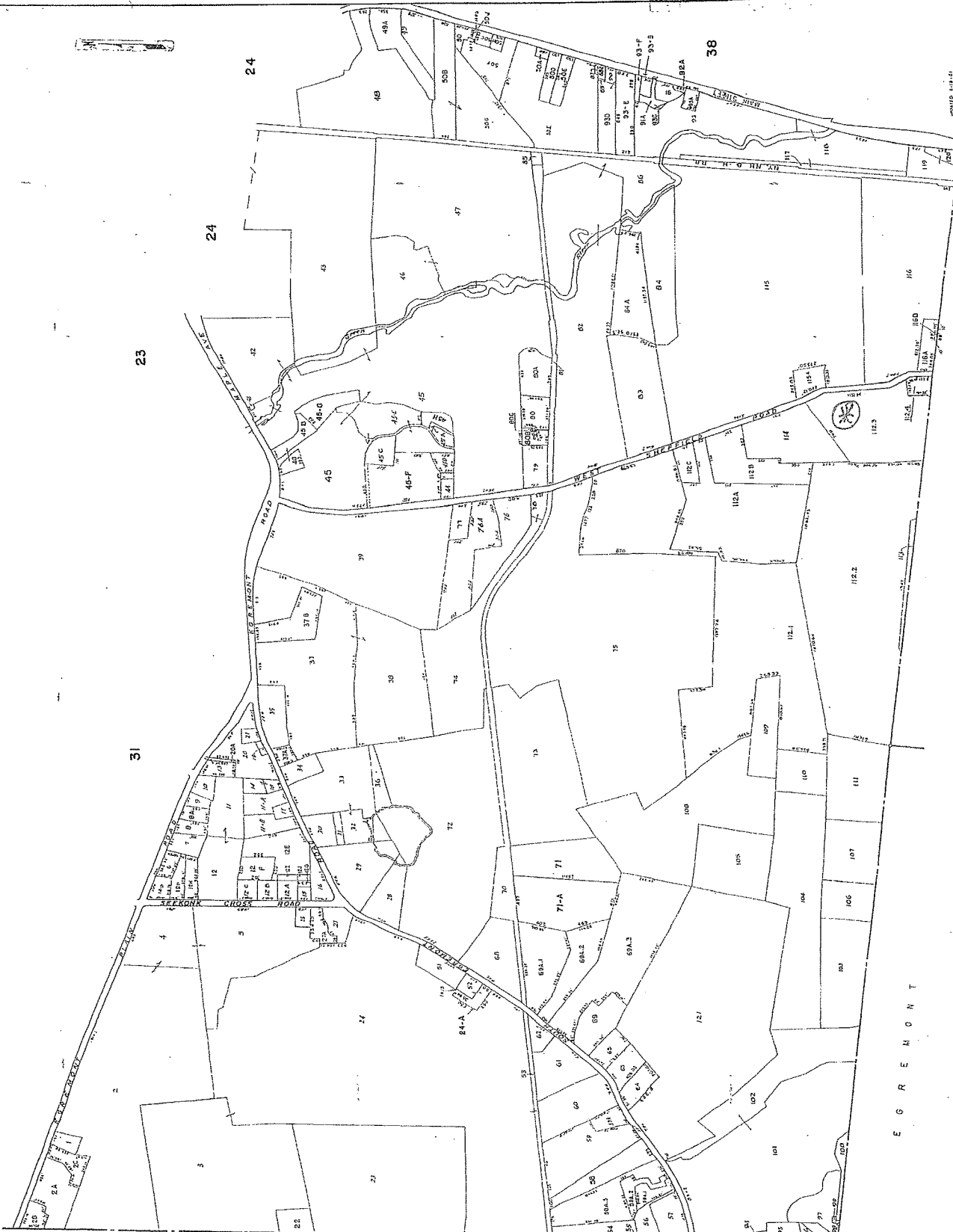


Gt. Barrington
 Tax Map 30
 Parcel 112.3

Location new
 Driveway land of
 Debra Story
 West Sheffield Rd.
 Gt. Barrington, MA

Scale 1" = 60'
 Prepared by
 J. W. Kelly Lic #122
 1899 County Rd.
 Gt. Barrington, MA

APPROX.
 SIDELIN'



GREAT BARRINGTON
 MASS.
 1" = 400'
 30
 GORDON F. ANSWORTH ASSOCIATES
 ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS
 100 STATE STREET
 GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

NOTE
 These maps were prepared
 for use in connection with

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TOWN MANAGER

Town of Great Barrington

Form date: June 2011

APR 13 2015

Board of Selectmen

Fee \$50.00 (pd) 4/13

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

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Application Date 4/9/15

Name of Applicant / Property Owner Richard Brousseau

Mailing address c/o Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 88, Great Barrington, MA 01230

Phone number (413) 528-3291

Location of proposed driveway / highway entrance 25 Lake Avenue

Contractor who will perform the work T.B.D.

Address & phone number of contractor T.B.D.

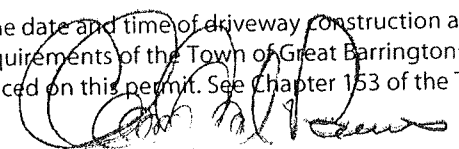
Proposed construction date May 1st

Type of driveway (gravel, asphalt, etc.) Asphalt

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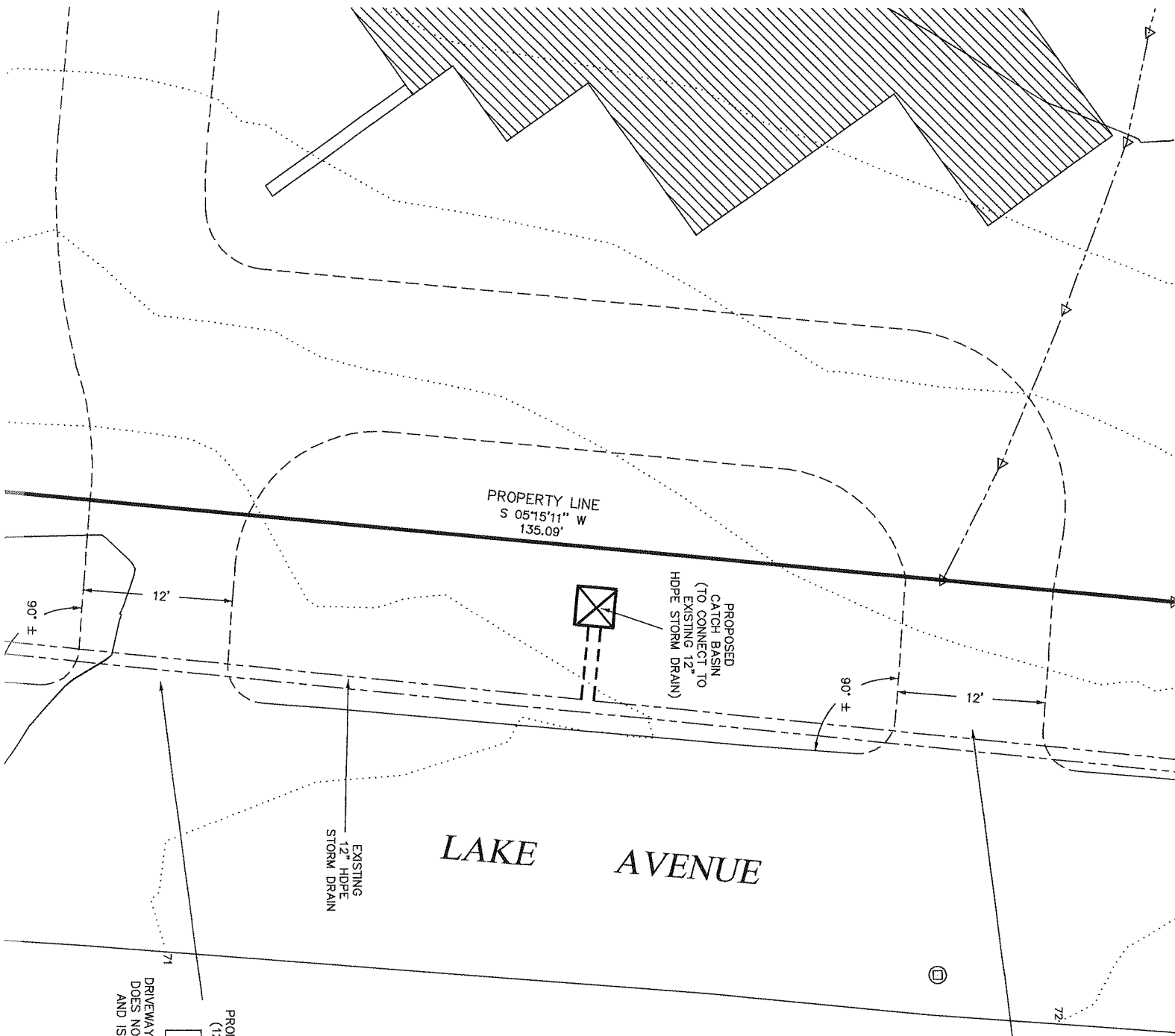
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Planning:	(✓)	()	()

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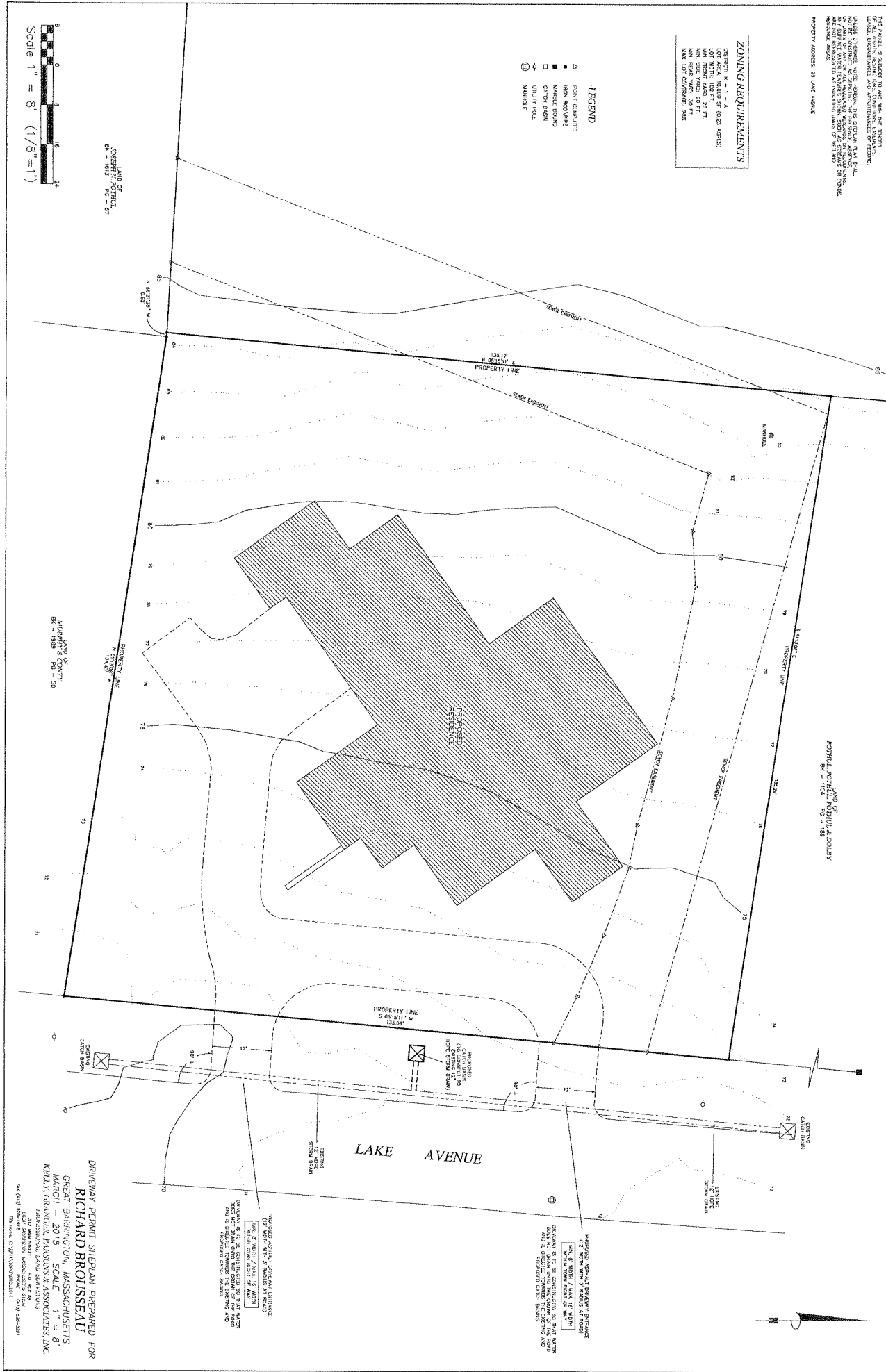
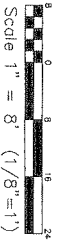
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THIS PLAN IS SUBMITTED TO AND WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCES, LOCAL ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS OF RECORD. THE APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCE IS THE ZONING BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AS AMENDED TO DATE OF THE DATE OF THIS PLAN. THE APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCE IS THE ZONING BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AS AMENDED TO DATE OF THE DATE OF THIS PLAN. THE APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCE IS THE ZONING BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AS AMENDED TO DATE OF THE DATE OF THIS PLAN.

ZONING REQUIREMENTS
 Zoning: R-1
 Lot Area: 1000 sq. ft. (0.23 acres)
 Lot Width: 100 ft.
 Lot Depth: 100 ft.
 Min. Side Yard: 20 ft.
 Min. Rear Yard: 20 ft.
 Min. Lot Coverage: 20%

- LEGEND**
- ▲ POINT COMPASS
 - IRON ROD/PIPE
 - MANHOLE
 - CATCH BASIN
 - UTILITY POLE
 - MANHOLE



LAND OF JOSEPH J. POTERILLO JR. BK - 1138 PG. 50

LAND OF JAMES W. MARRAS BK - 1138 PG. 50

LAND OF POTERILLO, JOSEPH J. & POLLY BK - 1134 PG. 189

DRIVEWAY PERMIT SITEPLAN PREPARED FOR
RICHARD BROUSSÉAU
 GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
 MARCH - 2015 SCALE 1" = 8'
 KELLY GRANVILLE PLOSSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 212 MAIN STREET, SUITE 200
 GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01930
 TEL: 413-528-2211 FAX: 413-528-2211

PROPOSED DRIVEWAY, TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION (SEE NOTES FOR NOTES WITH 2' RADIUS AT CORNER)

EXISTING DRIVEWAY, TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION (SEE NOTES FOR NOTES WITH 2' RADIUS AT CORNER)

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Memorial Day Marathon Race - 2015

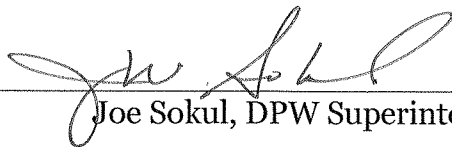
BACKGROUND: This will be the sixth year in a row the Towns of Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Lee and Lenox have been working with "Running Away," organizing a series of running events on Memorial Day Weekend. The 2015 race is scheduled for Sunday May 24, 2015. The company organizes and manages races all over the United States and would like to continue the event that has become a success in the Berkshires.

As in previous years a portion of which route would be in Great Barrington. The race organizers have identified an area in Housatonic where they would like to run. The Town staff has met and reviewed the event and has no issues. Other Towns in the area are supporting this effort with hopes that it continues to be an annual event. Town staff sees this as a way to showcase our area. The organizers will continue to coordinate their efforts with Town staff, especially the Police Department. The organizers will pay for required police details. A map of the course through Housatonic is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Selectmen vote to support this event and send a letter of support.


FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact for the Town. All costs associated with the race are borne by the organizer.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY: _____


Joe Sokul, DPW Superintendent

DATE: 4/21/2015

APPROVED: _____


Jenifer Tabakin, Town Manager

DATE: 4/23/15

RunningAway

RUN. EXPLORE. RELAX.



April 17, 2015

To: Joe Sokul, Town of Great Barrington

From: Matt Linick

Dear Joe –

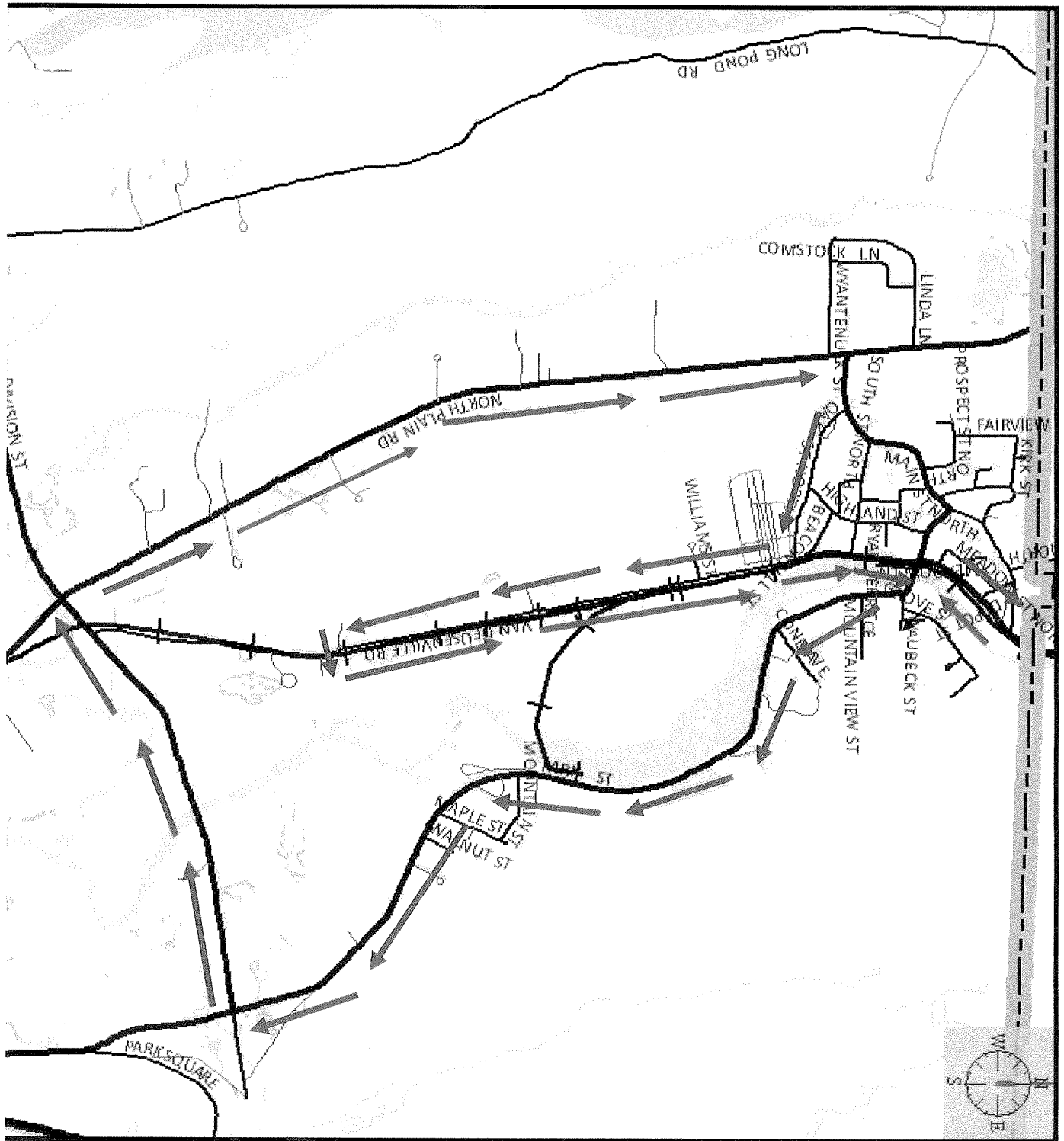
It was great seeing you last week to catch up and touch base about the Memorial Day Races.

We would like to formally request the use of the roads on May 24, 2015 in Great Barrington as we have done the last five years. We will be using the same course which will use Rt. 183, Division Rd., Rt. 41, and Van Deusenville Rd. No road closures will be needed as we will be using cones to separate the runners from the traffic. We will hire GB police as we have done the past five years.

The race has seen great growth and we are projecting over 1500 participants in year six! Additionally we donated over \$15,000 to Team Red White & Blue last year and have set a goal of raising over \$30,000 for both Team RWB and locally Soldier On.

Thanks for your time and support of the 6th Annual Memorial Day Races.

Matt Linick
Running Away Inc.



GB Dig and Dine

June 1, 2015 5:30-7:30

Rain date June 2, 2015

Picture 200 people dressed in white having an elegant dinner in the midst of the
Main Street Construction.

Food by Allium, Castle Street Cafe, & Prairie Whale

\$35/person - set menu

White attire required.



**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW-
They're going fast!**

Contact Barbara (413) 528-0511 info@evergreencrafts.com

GB Dig & Dine

June 1, 2015 5:30-7:30

Raindate: June 2, 2015

Location: Main Street sidewalk from The Emporium to Lance Vermulen Realty – we will be flexible depending on construction at that time

25 8' tables placed end to end with spacing for accessibility

Dishes & silverware will be rented

Tablecloths, napkins, pitchers

Clear plastic glassware [for safety]

200 Diners expected

Food: will be prepared at Allium, Castle Street Café, & Prairie Whale. Tables will be provided on site for plating.

Professional staff will be provided by above restaurants for plating & serving

Beverage: water w/ lemon & cucumber

Trash containers

Clean up crew

* New for 2015 *

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

APPLICATION FOR COIN OPERATED SOFT DRINKS AND FOOD MACHINES

FEE: \$25.00 (per machine) (pd)

DATE: 4/6/15

LICENSE NUMBER: _____

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions relating thereto:

OWNER(S) NAME: Coca-Cola Refreshments USA Inc

NAME OF BUSINESS: Coca-Cola Refreshments USA Inc

D/B/A (if applicable): _____

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: 521 Lake Kathy Dr, Brandon, FL 33510

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: 8135692600 HOME TELEPHONE: _____
ex 3140/3240

LOCATION WHERE LICENSE IS TO BE USED: S+A Supply
20 maple Ave

NUMBER OF MACHINES: 1

TYPE OF MACHINE(S):

Soda

Pursuant to M.G.L. ch 62C, Sec. 49A. I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

[Signature]
Signature of Individual or Corporate Name

by [Signature]
Corporate Officer (if applicable)

SS# _____

OR

FID# [REDACTED]

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ext 3140/3240

LOCATION WHERE LICENSE IS TO BE USED: Sewards Tires Inc

~~_____~~ 952 Main Street

NUMBER OF MACHINES: 7

TYPE OF MACHINE(S):

Soda

Pursuant to M.G.L. ch 62C, Sec. 49A. I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

[Signature]
Signature of Individual or Corporate Name

by: _____
Corporate Officer (if applicable)

SS# _____

OR

FID# ~~_____~~



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application
\$25.00 per day $\times 2 = \$50.00$

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Andrew Belcher
Business/Organization: Mass Bliss, LLC.
D/B/A (if applicable): MassBliss
Address: 1119 Ashley Falls Road, Ashley Falls, MA, 01222
Mailing Address: PO Box 403, Ashley Falls, MA, 01222
Phone Number: (860) 480-0940

TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ
 Live band with up to 8 pieces, including singers Public Show
 Other (please explain) _____

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers
 Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition
 Floorshow Play Moving picture show Light show Jukebox
 Other (please explain) Movement Workshops i.e. Yoga

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L.Chp.140 Sec.183A)

_____ YES NO

Please circle: INDOOR and OUTDOOR Entertainment

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): Ski Butternut -

Site Map included

Date(s) of Entertainment*: 7/10/15 and 7/11/15

*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: Outdoor 7/10 5pm - 11pm and 7/11 5am - 11pm
Indoor 7/10 10pm - 2am and 7/11 10pm - 2am Midnight

ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

[Signature]
Signature of Individual or Corporate Officer

4/7/15
Date

[Redacted]
SS# or FID#

TOWN USE ONLY:

DRT Review with Conditions: _____

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____



4/12/15

To: Great Barrington Board of Selectmen
334 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Re: MassBliss Permission Letter

To whom it may concern,

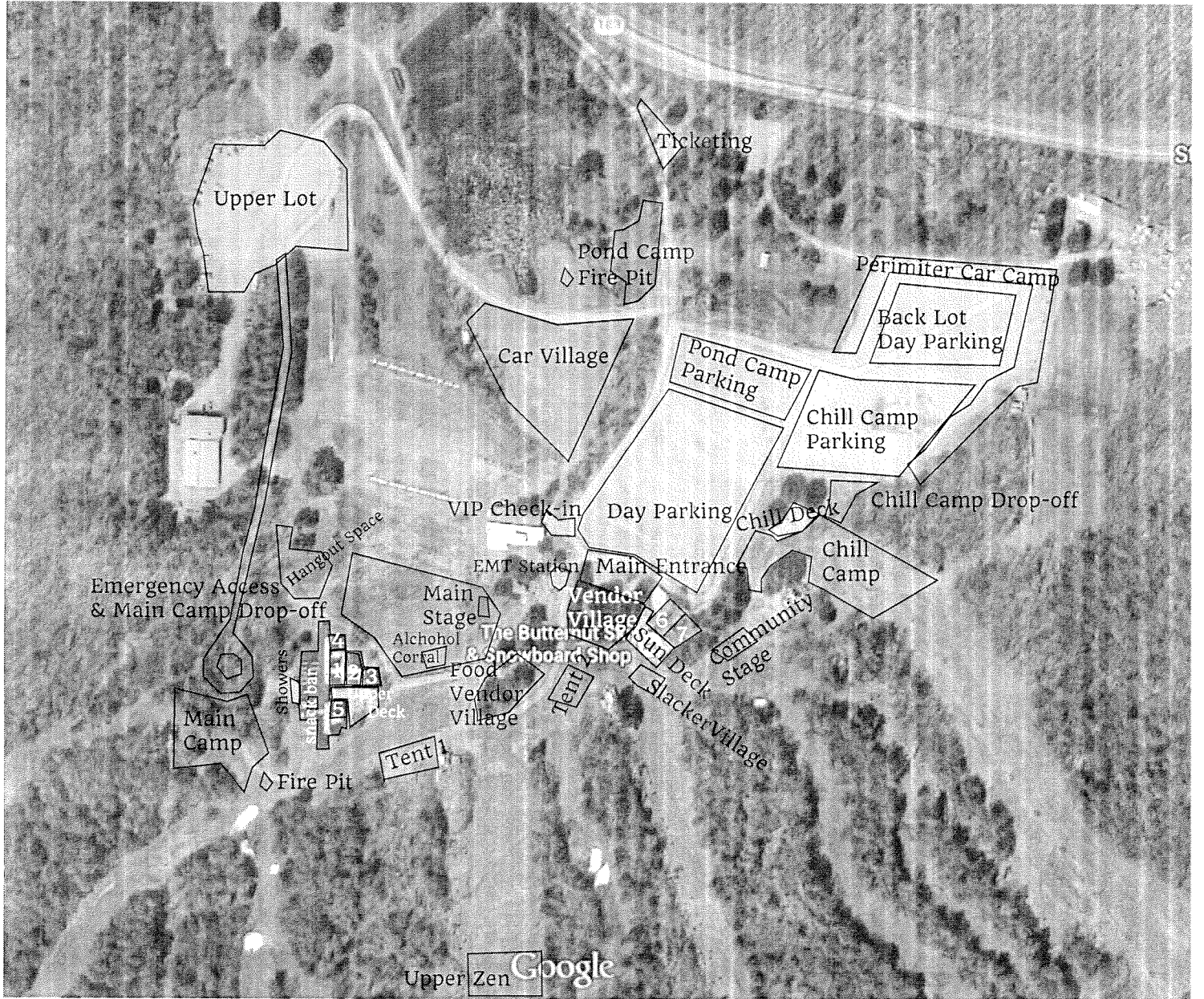
Please be advised that Andrew Belcher and/or MassBliss LLC, has the permission of Butternut Basin Inc. (d.b.a. Ski Butternut) to rent the ski area facilities at 380 State Road, Great Barrington MA for the purposes of holding the MassBliss Mindfulness Festival from 7/10/15 – 7/12/15.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ryel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

David P. Ryel
Ski Butternut
Summer Events Manager
T: 413-528-2000 x154
E: daver@skibutternut.com



MassBliss 2015 Schedule

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00:00		Opening Body	Opening Body
7:30:00		Movement	Movement
8:00 AM			
8:30 AM			
9:00 AM			
9:30 AM		Break	Break
10:00 AM		Keynotes	Keynotes
10:30 AM			
11:00 AM			
11:30 AM			
12:00 PM	Gates Open	Break	Break
12:30 PM		Workshop Block 1	Workshop Block 1
1:00 PM		1b	1b
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM		Workshop Block 2	Workshop Block 2
2:30 PM		2b	2b
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM		Workshop Block 3	Workshop Block 3
4:00 PM		3b	3b
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM		Workshop Block 4	Closing Ceremony
5:30 PM		4b	
	Group Sunset		
	Movement &		
6:00 PM	Meditation		
6:30 PM		Break	
7:00 PM	Break	Fit Break	
7:30 PM		Performances Begin	
8:00 PM	Entertainment Block	Entertainment Block	
8:30 PM			
9:00 PM			
9:30 PM			
10:00 PM			
10:30 PM			
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11:30 PM			
12:00 AM			

Site Map Key

Ticketing- all ticketing for festival will be done at entrance

Pond Camp- Family tent camping

Car Village- Overnight car camping

Perimeter Car Camp- Overnight car camping

Chill Camp/Deck- Family tent camping and hangout

Community Stage- small performance stage with PA available to participants via sign up sheet

Fire Pit 1 and 2- fire ringed by rocks with staggered seating surrounding for relaxing and socializing

Sun Deck- Lower lodge deck of hanging out and enjoying sun

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Food vendor village- Food trucks and food tents

Vendor Village- crafts and goods made by locals

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Alcohol Corral- Serves Big Elm and Sheffield Distillery

Spaces 1-7- workshop spaces

Upper Zen- workshop space



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Temporary Sunday Entertainment License Application
(Local Approval ONLY-State Approval Required Separately)

____ Hours between 1:00 pm-11:59 pm (\$2.00 per Sunday) Hours between 9:00 am- 11:59 pm (\$5.00 per Sunday)

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Ch.136 Sec.4.

Name: Andrew Belcher
Business/Organization: Mass Bliss, LLC
D/B/A (if applicable): Massbliss
Address: 1119 Ashley Falls Road, Ashley Falls, MA, 01222
Mailing Address: PO Box 403, Ashley Falls, MA, 01222
Phone Number: 860-480-0940

TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ

Live band with up to 8 pieces, including singers Public Show
 Other (please explain) _____

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers
 Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition
 Floorshow Play Moving picture show Light show Jukebox
 Other (please explain) Movement workshops i.e. Yoga

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L. Chp.140 Sec.183A)

____ YES NO

Please circle: INDOOR ^{and} ~~OUTDOOR~~ Entertainment

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): Ski Butter out -

Site Map Included

Date(s) of Entertainment: Sunday, 7/12/15

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 6am - 5pm
12:01 am - 2:00 am

ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

[Signature]
Signature of Individual or
Corporate Officer

4/7/15
Date

[Redacted]
SS# or FID#

TOWN USE ONLY:

DRT Review with Conditions: _____

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____



4/12/15

To: Great Barrington Board of Selectmen
334 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Re: MassBliss Permission Letter

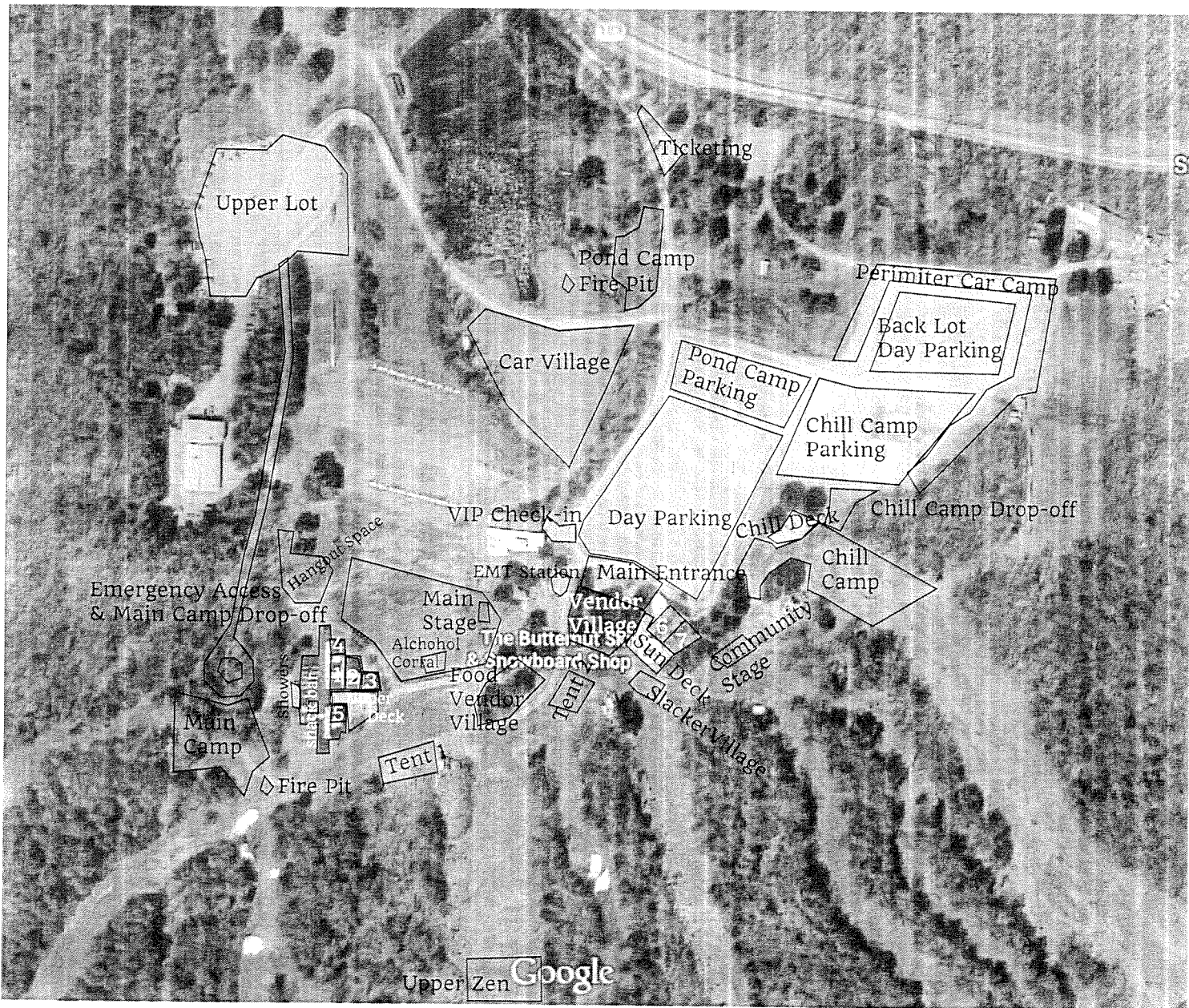
To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that Andrew Belcher and/or MassBliss LLC, has the permission of Butternut Basin Inc. (d.b.a. Ski Butternut) to rent the ski area facilities at 380 State Road, Great Barrington MA for the purposes of holding the MassBliss Mindfulness Festival from 7/10/15 – 7/12/15.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

Sincerely,

David P. Ryel
Ski Butternut
Summer Events Manager
T: 413-528-2000 x154
E: daver@skibutternut.com



MassBliss 2015 Schedule

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00:00		Opening Body	Opening Body
7:30:00		Movement	Movement
8:00 AM			
8:30 AM			
9:00 AM			
9:30 AM		Break	Break
10:00 AM		Keynotes	Keynotes
10:30 AM			
11:00 AM			
11:30 AM			
12:00 PM	Gates Open	Break	Break
12:30 PM		Workshop Block 1	Workshop Block 1
1:00 PM		1b	1b
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM		Workshop Block 2	Workshop Block 2
2:30 PM		2b	2b
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM		Workshop Block 3	Workshop Block 3
4:00 PM		3b	3b
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM		Workshop Block 4	Closing Ceremony
5:30 PM		4b	
	Group Sunset Movement & Meditation		
6:00 PM		Break	
6:30 PM		Fit Break	
7:00 PM	Break	Performances begin	
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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application
\$25.00 per day X 12 = \$300.

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: JEFF CAMINITI & HOWARD LIEBERMAN
EDUCATIONAL &
Business/Organization: ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS
D/B/A (if applicable): STONE SOUP VENTURES
Address: 118 HURLBURT ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
Mailing Address: SAME ↑
Phone Number: 413-528-8489 OR CELL 954-609-3648

TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ

Live band with up to 7^{OR LESS} pieces, including singers Public Show

Other (please explain) _____

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers

Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition

Floorshow Play Moving picture show Light show Jukebox

Other (please explain) MUSIC WORKSHOPS / SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP
PERFORMING ARTIST WORKSHOP

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L.Chp.140 Sec.183A)

___ YES

NO

Please circle: INDOOR or OUTDOOR Entertainment

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): GREAT BARRINGTON FAIR GROUNDS
659 Main Street, GB

Date(s) of Entertainment*: ²⁰¹⁵ MAY 9th MAY 16th MAY 23rd MAY 30th JUNE 6th
*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: JUNE 13th JUNE 20th JUNE 27th JULY 4th
JULY 11th JULY 18th JULY 25th

Noon to Dusk 8 PM → MAY 9, 2015 → JULY 25th (12 SATURDAYS)

ALL entertainment licenses will be reviewed by the Design Review Team (DRT), which is comprised of several Town departments, for comments/concerns on this application.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

[Signature]
Howard Kelem

Signature of Individual or
Corporate Officer

4/17/15
4/17/15

Date

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
SS# or FID#

TOWN USE ONLY:

DRT Review with Conditions: DRT reviewed 4/21. Everything ok as
per attached site plan. Will work with Police for traffic

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____

details if required. Will coord. food + hot brooms
with Health Dept & tent / stage permits with
Bldg. Insp.



Porta potties

Power



Food

Stage

Parking

Parking

N Reed St

Stone Soup Saturday Series

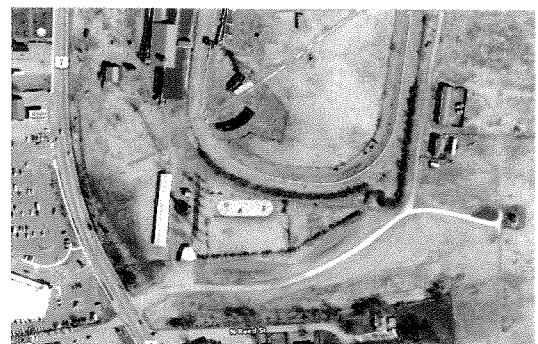
Local Talent supporting Local Culture



Great Barrington has an unbelievable amount of local talent attracted to the Berkshires, our local yet national Cultural Mecca. The intention of the Saturday Series is to bring some of this talent together to share their gifts in this unusually creative community.

Every Saturday beginning in May until the weather gets too bad we will be out beginning at noon playing music, dancing and teaching workshops in the performing arts.

The 2015 Saturday series brings together performers and poets, craftspeople and cooks, and artists and artisans every Saturday to celebrate and share our local creative community. In sort we are creating a MeaningPlace!



Founding supporters and sponsors include Berkshire Columbia Musicians Collaborative, Angel Underwriters, the Silicon Vally Innovation Institute East, Sambaland the Berkshire Bateria, the Gypsy Joynt, the Great Barrington Fair Ground and Great Barrington Bagel.

TO SHARE THIS SEND PEOPLE TO OUR WEB SITE STONESOUP-VENTURES.COM



A Community Redevelopment Project
GREAT BARRINGTON
Fair Ground

12 April, 2015

Stone Soup Ventures, represented by Howard Lieberman and Jeff Caminiti, have permission to pursue the use of the Great Barrington Fairgrounds as a venue for musical productions and similar events.



Janet Elsbach
For Fair Ground Community Redevelopment Project

Subject: Asking Select Board Approval

Dear Jennifer Tabakin:

I met with Chief William Walsh on Wednesday to see if it were possible to close West Plain Road for a short period of time. He offered his support for the idea, but said that I needed to go through you to the GB Select Board. That is the purpose of this letter.

AGE (Alford, Great Barrington, Egremont) Triad and The Egremont Council on Aging is joining with 89 other towns across Massachusetts in a "Keep Moving Program to engage older adults in a weekly walking routine. The culmination of this activity will be our participation in the Massachusetts "Go the Distance" Walking Challenge. In cooperation with the Great Barrington Rudolph Steiner School, we hope to conduct the Walking Challenge on a one mile course in front of the school on West Plain Road on June 1 from 3:30pm to about 5:00pm. Students, along with faculty, parents and grandparents, will be invited to join in. We have arranged with the GB Senior Center to send at least one van full of walkers. Walkers from Alford, Great Barrington, and Mt. Washington will accompany us in what we believe will be a joyous intergenerational event.

To make the walk as safe as possible for children and adults, we are requesting that West Plain Road be closed from 3:30pm to 5:30pm on June 1, 2015. We would start the event just past the first Steiner School parking lot, so parents who needed to pick up their children could enter and exit from Pumpkin Hollow Road. There is one farm but no houses along that stretch of road, so it should cause minimal discomfort for anyone. Both Chief Brian Shaw of Egremont and Chief William Walsh support the idea. I hope you will agree.

Bruce Bernstein
Chair, AGE Triad and the Egremont COA

Hi Jenn,

I have attached route descriptions, with the roads in GB marked. This is the best I can do for now, until I hear from the person who originally created the maps. The ride will begin and end at ~~Berkshire Bike & Board at 29 State Road.~~

*GB Fairgrounds at 659
Main
Street*

The ride will take place on June 27, starting at 9:00 am. Final riders should finish by 1:00 pm.

I don't think it's necessary to close the road; we've never done that in the past. We will just need the edge of the road.

Background info: Charley's Fund, founded in 2005 by Alford residents Tracy and Benjamin Seckler and with its main office in Great Barrington, is a non-profit whose mission is to accelerate the development of life-saving treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. We support the most compelling medical research and drive new solutions to translate promise into results. Most of our revenue comes from individual donations; however, a few years ago we began holding two fundraising events each year. Since 2010 we have held the Race Against Time, a road race in New York City (and starting in 2013 we've held an adjunct Race Against Time at MMRHS), and since 2011 (with the exception of 2014) the Charley Ride, a non-competitive bike ride. The bike ride will consist of two routes: a 30 mile route and a 62-mile route. Riders will not be charged a registration fee; however we urge them to get sponsors for their rides. Any rider who raises \$350 or more will receive a free 2015 Charley Ride jersey.

I spoke to Joe Sokol this morning and he told me that the approval letter required by the DOT for the state roads on the routes (in GB) will be generated at the same time the Selectboard approves the use of town roads on the routes.

Thanks for your guidance and let me know if you need anything else!
Sarah



Sarah Donaldson
Administration & Finance Manager
www.charleysfund.org
413.528.0400

CHARLEY RIDE 30

GB Fairgrounds

Start

G.S.

- ~~0.03mi Turn right onto State Rd Rt 7~~
- ~~0.15mi Turn left onto Main St~~
- 2.02mi Turn left onto Brookside Rd
- 2.27mi Turn right onto E Sheffield Rd
- 3.44mi Continue onto Boardman St
- 7.23mi Slight left onto Maple Ave
- 7.28mi Slight right onto Hewins St
- 10.83mi Head southwest on Hewins St toward E Stahl Rd
- 11.01mi Continue onto W Stahl Rd
- 11.14mi Turn left onto E Main St
- 11.74mi Continue onto Andrus Rd
- 11.81mi Continue onto Rannapo Rd
- 12.69mi Slight left onto Cooper Hill Rd
- 13.02mi Head southwest on Cooper Hill Rd toward Silver St
- 13.93mi Water will be at the top of Cooper Hill
- 13.93mi Sharp right onto Silver St
- 17.25mi Turn left onto US-7 N/S Main St
- 18.12mi Slight left onto Berkshire School Rd
- 20.88mi Turn right onto MA-41 N/N Undermountain Rd

24.6mi Turn right onto MA-23 E/MA-41 N

25.83mi Continue to follow MA-23 E/MA-41 N GE

28.54mi Slight left onto Main St to Fairgrounds GE

29.48mi Turn right onto State Rd over bridge Rt 7 GB

29.6mi Turn left at Berkshire Bike and Board. Congratulations! GB

Finish

CHARLEY RIDE 62 MILE

Berkshire Bike and Board 413-528-5555


GB Fairgrounds


Start


G.B.


- 0.04mi Turn right onto State Rd / ~~RT-7~~
- 0.16mi Turn left onto Main St
- 1.78mi Head southeast on S Main St
- 2.03mi Turn left onto Brookside Rd
- 2.28mi Turn right onto E Sheffield Rd
- 3.16mi Head south on E Sheffield Rd
- 3.45mi Continue onto Boardman St
- 7.24mi Slight left onto Maple Ave
- 7.29mi Slight right onto Hewins St
- 7.97mi Head southeast on Hewins St
- 10.28mi Turn left onto Polikoff Rd
- 12.83mi Head south on Allyndale Rd toward Sodom Rd
- 14.59mi Head south on Casey Hill Rd toward U.S. 44 E/E Canaan Rd
- 14.62mi Turn left onto U.S. 44 E/E Canaan Rd
- 14.65mi Turn right onto Lower Rd
- 15.78mi Slight left to stay on Lower Rd
- 17.2mi Turn left onto US-7 S/High St
- 17.69mi Turn right onto Sand Rd
- 17.7mi Turn left to stay on Sand Rd
- 19.83mi Head south on Sand Rd toward CT-126 S/Belden St/Point of Rocks Rd
- 21.04mi Turn left onto CT-126 S/Belden St/Point of Rocks Rd
Continue to follow CT-126 S/Point of Rocks Rd
- 21.71mi Turn left onto Page Rd
- 21.99
- 22.6mi Turn left onto US-7 N/S Canaan Rd
- 23.19mi Water will be on your right at Crossroads Deli and Fuel
- 23.21mi Sharp right onto CT-63 S/Huntsville-South Canaan Rd
- 24.16mi Head southeast on CT-63 S/Huntsville-South Canaan Rd
- 24.64mi Turn right onto Music Mountain Rd
- 29.07mi Slight right onto Lime Rock Station Rd
- 30.04mi Turn right onto US-7 N/Lime Rock Rd
- 30.05mi Turn left onto Warren No 1 Turnpike
- 30.8mi Continue onto Warren Turnpike Rd
- 31.45mi Head north on Warren Turnpike Rd toward Water St
- 31.5mi Turn left onto Water St
- 31.8mi The bridge is closed to traffic, but passable on bike
- 31.81mi Turn left onto Falls Mountain Rd
- 31.87mi Turn left onto Dugway Rd
- 34.04mi Head southwest on Dugway Rd toward CT-112 E/Lime Rock Rd
- 34.08mi Turn right onto CT-112 W/Lime Rock Rd
- 35.09mi Turn right onto Salmon Kill Rd
- 35.3mi Turn left to stay on Salmon Kill Rd
- 39.2mi Turn right onto CT-41 N/U.S. 44 E/Main St
- 39.24mi Water is on your left, across the street at the public water fountain


CHARLEY RIDE 62 MILE


39.47mi  Head north on CT-41 N/U.S. 44
E/Main St toward Under Mountain Rd
Continue to follow U.S. 44 E


41.03mi  Turn left onto Taconic Rd


43.62mi  Slight right onto Twin Lakes Rd


43.7mi  Turn right to stay on Twin Lakes Rd


45.07mi  Continue onto Cooper Hill
Rd/Copper Hill Rd


46.07mi  Slight left onto Silver St


49.39mi  Turn left onto US-7 N/S Main St


49.79mi  Head northwest on US-7 N/S Main St
toward Egremont Rd


51.84mi  Turn left onto Egremont Rd


53.74mi  Continue onto Sheffield-Egremont
Rd


55.51mi  Continue onto MA-23 W/MA-41 S


55.82mi  Head southwest on MA-23 W/MA-41
S toward Baldwin Hill Rd S

55.9mi  Turn right onto Baldwin Hill Rd S


57.78mi  Turn right onto Baldwin Hill Rd E

58.65mi  Turn right onto MA-71 E/Egremont
Plain Rd

60.39mi  Continue onto MA-23 E/MA-41
N/Egremont Rd
Continue to follow MA-23 E/MA-41 N

61.4mi  Head northeast on MA-23 E/MA-41
N/Maple Ave toward Newsboy Monument Ln

61.96mi  Slight ~~left~~ ^{right} onto Main St *to Fairgrounds*

62.9mi  Turn right onto State Rd over bridge
Berkshire Bike and Board will be on your left

*Congratulations!

G.B.
Finish



To: Great Barrington Selectboard

From: GB21

Date: April 27, 2015

Subject: A Fresh Approach to Meeting 21st-century Challenges as a Community

In November 2014, a group of neighbors and friends who had found themselves unable to support the MMRHS renovation project decided to form a new association, GB21, with a shared commitment to building community and to a sustainable future for the town we love.

Our first step was to circulate a petition calling on the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee and the Great Barrington Selectboard to undertake several new initiatives. This petition was signed by over 150 people, and led to many new conversations between citizens and the boards, to lively discussion of the BHRSD three-town agreement, and to planning for a new school task force. The initial signers, parents and business people active in community affairs and eager to see positive steps taken, saw the petition as an outline that the School Committee and the Selectboard could use to make practical changes, gain consensus, and build confidence in a shared vision for education in the 21st century.

We also created three articles for the Town Meeting warrant, based on the points covered in the petition.

The petition will need continued revision, as details change from month to month, but the fundamental points are clear and consistent: proactive planning, regional cooperation and equity, and open government.

We are now asking the members of the Selectboard to discuss and vote to support the GB21 call for meeting 21st-century challenges through greater focus on strategic planning and budgeting initiatives, and to welcome GB21 and other community participation and leadership in such initiatives.



Visit www.gb21.info to read more, sign up for news, & share your views.

Recognizing that the condition of Monument Mountain Regional High School and many other school-related issues have become part of the public discourse during 2014, a group of Great Barrington citizens has written the following proposal for action by the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee and the Great Barrington Select Board. GB21 is a citizen initiative that brings together positive ideas for resolving the short-term and long-term challenges facing our school district and towns. Its signers believe that there are specific steps that can be taken to address inequities in the District agreement and resolve out-of-district policies before committing our town or the District to major, new, long-term expenditures, and also as a prologue to any renovation project. The Petition itself is a separate print document with space for signatures and there is an online petition as well. Further information, news, and updated documents can be found at www.gb21.info. Sign up for the mailing list there, or offer support by writing greatbarrington21@gmail.com.

FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL FOR ACTION

1. Create a “Master Plan” for education that takes account of costs to the towns in order to ensure long-term sustainability. This Master Plan should address issues including 21st-century educational objectives, the region’s declining population, effective utilization of existing building space, and options for cooperation and/or consolidation with other school districts to optimize costs and improve programming.
2. Tackle urgent repairs including a new roof and new boilers without delay, by both applying to MSBA and other relevant programs and soliciting actual bids from local and regional contractors.
3. Renegotiate the District agreement to create equity between the three member towns.
4. Increase financial transparency and cooperation by creating a three-town, District-wide Finance Committee.
5. Gain community support for the Master Plan before proceeding with further construction plans. Schedule regular on-going community forums and make District information more easily accessible online.

EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

1. **Create a “Master Plan” for education that takes account of costs to the towns in order to ensure long-term sustainability.** This Master Plan should address issues including 21st-century educational objectives, the region’s declining population, effective utilization of existing building space, and options for cooperation and/or consolidation with other school districts to optimize costs and improve programming. “Right sizing” the high school and the District means ensuring that existing building space is fully utilized, that “Choice-In” and “Tuition-In” programs are offered only if they cover the true costs of educating non-District students, and increasing cooperation with other school districts. Experts agree that school-district consolidation can reduce costs, provide students (particularly at the high-school level) with a wider array of superior programs, avoid state-mandated “choice” restrictions, and share costs equitably. The School Committee should therefore:
 - a. Lead an effort to reduce duplicate programs between schools in southern Berkshire school districts without compromising, and perhaps expanding, the choice of programs available to District students.
 - b. Use the 2009 study “Independent Analysis for Opportunities to Consolidate” as a guide and initiate immediate talks with nearby districts about future consolidation. The 2009 study notes that more than one high-school campus could be included in an enlarged, consolidated district. Southern Berkshire, Lee-Tyringham, and Lenox should be included in the planning for a regional high-school district.
 - c. Set a one-year target for reaching an “Agreement in Principle” with other districts and announce a 5+-year plan to phase-in the changes.

- d. Consider creating with other districts a small, shared vocational facility in South County, integrating regular and specialized programs, as soon as possible.
2. **Tackle urgent repairs including a new roof and new boilers without delay, by both applying to MSBA and other relevant programs and soliciting actual bids from local and regional contractors.** This two-pronged approach should enable the District to weigh different approaches in terms of costs and timing. For example, the MSBA restrictions require the use of non-local contractors and tend to bring additional management and overhead costs. By tackling urgent repairs without further delay, the School Committee will gain time to realign future construction with the Master Plan, including the right-sizing of the school, while ensuring that needed repairs are made as quickly as possible.
 3. **Renegotiate District agreements to create equity between the three member towns.** Ensure that “Choice-In” and “Tuition-In” programs are offered only if they cover the true costs of educating non-District students. MMRHS currently educates nearly half the students of the entire southern Berkshire County.
 - a. **Cost Sharing.** Share all capital and debt service costs in the same proportion as the towns’ representation on the School Committee. Great Barrington currently has 50% of the School Committee votes but pays nearly 70% of all District costs.
 - b. **Space Utilization.** Move the District offices to Great Barrington, using available space within the District buildings, saving rental expenses now paid to the town of Stockbridge., and provide the new Finance Committee with data on under-occupied schools with a view toward consolidating unused space and reallocating student-level divisions to ensure that existing buildings are used to capacity.
 - c. **Tuition-In and Choice-In Policies.** Change policies to ensure an equitable division of costs between the three District towns, including long-term commitments such as capital expenditures, debt service, and the continuing costs associated with out-of-district students already being educated in the District. The methodology for “true costs” needs to be developed and agreed upon by the new District Finance Committee quickly so that policy and agreement changes can be made and implemented. Until such changes are made, the following actions be taken:
 - i. The District to place a moratorium on the “Choice-In” option for new students.
 - ii. The District to place a moratorium on “Tuition-In” programs.
 4. **Increase financial transparency and cooperation by creating a three-town, District-wide Finance Committee** to review all strategic planning assumptions and the District’s annual budget, and to review, comment, and vote on the school budget before the budget is presented to the towns. In addition, an independent CPA should be used to develop “true costs” and financial metrics to guide the District and its constituents.
 5. **Gain community support for the Master Plan before proceeding with further construction plans.** The “Monument Matters” effort was the beginning of an outreach to the community. Using this type of outreach program leading up to presenting the annual budget or a “Master Plan” would improve community relations, along with these additional steps:
 - a. Schedule and publicize quarterly open community forums, in a location and with a structure to promote relaxed Q&A and the sharing of ideas.
 - b. Add to the District website a simple interactive “reference desk” page that enable citizens to locate documents and reports related to school management and strategic planning.



Visit www.gb21.info to read more, sign up for news, & share your ideas.

2015 GB21-sponsored Warrant Items

Article

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Great Barrington request the following article be placed on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2015:

Proactive Planning

We ask the Great Barrington Selectboard and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's School Committee, in recognition of the will of the voters in 2013 and 2014 concerning capital expenditures for Monument Mountain Regional High School, to support leading-edge education with fair-share taxation by taking the following steps in 2015:

1. Involve the broader community, including the group GB21, in developing a strategic "Master Plan" for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District;
2. Make short-term and long-term academic and financial goals, (including research on other effective educational and financial models) the focus of the planning process; and
3. Include student population forecasts, operating and capital costs and funding sources (particularly those outside the District), and short- and long-term options for cooperation, or consolidation, with neighboring school districts; while
4. Take active steps to improve communication with and between the BHRSD, District Towns' leaders and community groups, taxpayers, and residents.

Article

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Equity among Towns Sending Students to Schools in Berkshire Hills Regional School District

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1. Expand talks with Selectboards and/or School Committees from “Tuition-In” towns in order to gain their full financial commitment (to pay the same amount per student as district towns pay for high school students with a minimum dollar commitment over the following 15 years) before making further long-term or building plans for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District that would accommodate their student populations;
2. Support efforts to increase “Choice-In” payments mandated by the state and preparing an analysis of the effect over five years of ceasing to accept “Choice-In” students, including reductions in operating expenses, in order to decide by the end of the coming fiscal year whether to set new limits on or to cease accepting new “Choice-In” students.
3. Schedule regular meetings with representatives from the other two District towns within the first quarter of the next fiscal year for the purpose of changing the assessment method for the three towns and create equity among Berkshire Hills Regional School District. Representatives should include Selectboards, Finance Committee members, and members of the public, and should include a professional facilitator.

Article

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Great Barrington request the following article be placed on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2015:

Transparency on Finances

We ask the Great Barrington Selectboard and the Great Barrington members of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District’s School Committee, in recognition of the will of the voters in 2013 and 2014 concerning capital expenditures for Monument Mountain Regional High School, to support leading-edge education with fair-share taxation by taking the following steps in 2015:

4. Increase financial transparency and openness, cooperation, and communication with voters and the community at large by ensuring that financial management and strategic planning reports are provided on a timely and regular basis to BHRSD member towns’ Finance Committees and to any joint Finance Committee of the BHRSD’s towns, and made readily available to members of the public;
5. Create a system, in cooperation with the Great Barrington Finance Committee and other Finance Committees, for accurate measurement of operating and capital costs per student for lower, middle and high schools; and
6. Demonstrate responsiveness to voter concerns by (1) tackling only small-scale urgent repairs at Monument Mountain Regional High School before presenting a strategic Master Plan for BHRSD, and (2) encouraging and enabling local and regional contractors to bid on those repair projects.