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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

SELECTBOARD'S MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014

7:00 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION

TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET

ORDER OF AGENDA

7:00 PM - OPEN MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. SB - AUTHORIZATION OF INTERIM LOAN FOR PHASE I OF THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (VOTE)

Note: Selectboard to sign loan documents at the end of the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

4. SELECTBOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS:
A. GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD.

B. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:
A. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

6. LICENSES OR PERMITS:

A. BETSY ANDRUS/SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE:

- ONE SOUTH BOUND LANE ON MAIN STREET FROM CARR HARDWARE TO MAIN STREET CLOTHING

- RAILROAD STREET TO ANY MOVING TRAFFIC

- EAST SIDE OF PARKING LOT BETWEEN TRIPLEX AND RUBI'S

- TOWN HALL PARKING IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING

FROM 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM ON AUGUST 23, 2014 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 24, 2014) FOR SUMMERFEST OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

B. BETSY ANDRUS/SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR AUGUST 23, 2014

FROM 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM FOR SUMMERFEST OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN.
(DISCUSSION/VOTE)

- C. BETSY ANDRUS/SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TEMPORARY SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR AUGUST 24, 2014 (RAIN DATE) FROM 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM FOR SUMMERFEST OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- D. ROBIN M. VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR 8/2/14 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- E. ROBIN M. VICKERY/GREAT BARRINGTON FISH AND GAME FOR ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR 8/23/14 FROM 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM AT 338 LONG POND ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- F. STEFFEN ROOT/ALAN RIVENSON/BERKSHIRE CYCLING ASSOCIATION FOR TEMPORARY WEEKDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM AT SKI BUTTERNUT, 380 STATE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- G. THERESA E. SONSINI/MSCGB, INC. D/B/A THE 528 CAFÉ FOR 2014 AMENDED COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE (TO INCLUDE OUTDOOR SEATING UP TO 24 SEATS) AT 240 STOCKBRIDGE ROAD. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONTINUATION - SB - RECOMMENDATION TO THE ZBA ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF HOUSATONIC SOLAR 1 LLC TO INSTALL A SOLAR PANEL ARRAY IN THE FORMER GRAVEL BED AT 49 VAN DEUSENVILLE ROAD IN AN R2 1-ACRE RESIDENTIAL ZONE. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)
- B. NATIONAL GRID – DONATION OF WEATHER STATION. (DISCUSSION/VOTE)

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

10. SELECTBOARD'S TIME:

11. MEDIA TIME:

12. ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT SELECTBOARD'S REGULAR MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Board authorization of an interim loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust for Phase 1 of the Sewer Improvement Project in an amount which is not to exceed \$3,930,130.

BACKGROUND: On May 7, 2012 Town Meeting authorized a total borrowing of \$4,500,000 for Phase 1 of the Sewer Improvement Project. The project is currently estimated to cost \$4,257,730 as follows: design engineering \$327,600, construction engineering \$393,100, construction \$3,368,600 and project contingency \$168,430. The Town has a loan commitment from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust at an interest rate of 2% for the construction component of the project (\$3,930,130).

FISCAL IMPACT: The interim loan interest rate is .10% and will be replaced with a permanent loan at the completion of the project at a rate of 2%. These project costs are fully paid for by the sewer enterprise fund.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approves the interim loan of amount not to exceed \$3,930,130. Please see attached specific vote wording as provided and required by bond counsel.

PREPARED BY: Lauren Sartori
Lauren Sartori, Financial Coordinator

DATE: 7-24-14

Approved: Jennifer Tabakin
Jennifer Tabakin, Town Manager

MEETINGS IN AUGUST
(Scheduled as of 7/23/14)

- Monday, July 28th at 6 PM Agricultural Commission- Mason Library
- Wednesday, July 30th at 1:30 PM Council on Aging- Claire Teague Senior Center
- Tuesday, August 5th at 7:30 PM ZBA- Town Hall
- Wednesday, August 6th at 5:15 PM Tree Committee- Mason Library
- Thursday, August 7th at 6 PM Community Preservation Committee Informational Meeting- Town Hall
- Monday, August 11th at 5 PM Parks Commission- Mason Library
- Monday, August 11th at 7 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting- Town Hall
- Thursday, August 14th at 5:30 PM Library Board of Trustees- Mason Library
- Thursday, August 14th at 7 PM Planning Board- Town Hall
- Thursday, August 14th at 7:30 PM Board of Health- Town Hall (small conference room)
- Monday, August 18th at 7 PM Selectboard Special Meeting- Town Hall
- Thursday, August 21st at 2:15 PM GB Housing Authority- Bernard Gibbons Drive
- Thursday, August 21st at 6:30 PM Historic District Commission- Town Hall
- Monday, August 25th at 7 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting- Town Hall
- Wednesday, August 27th at 1:30 PM Council on Aging- Claire Teague Center
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2014 SummerFest Event Description.

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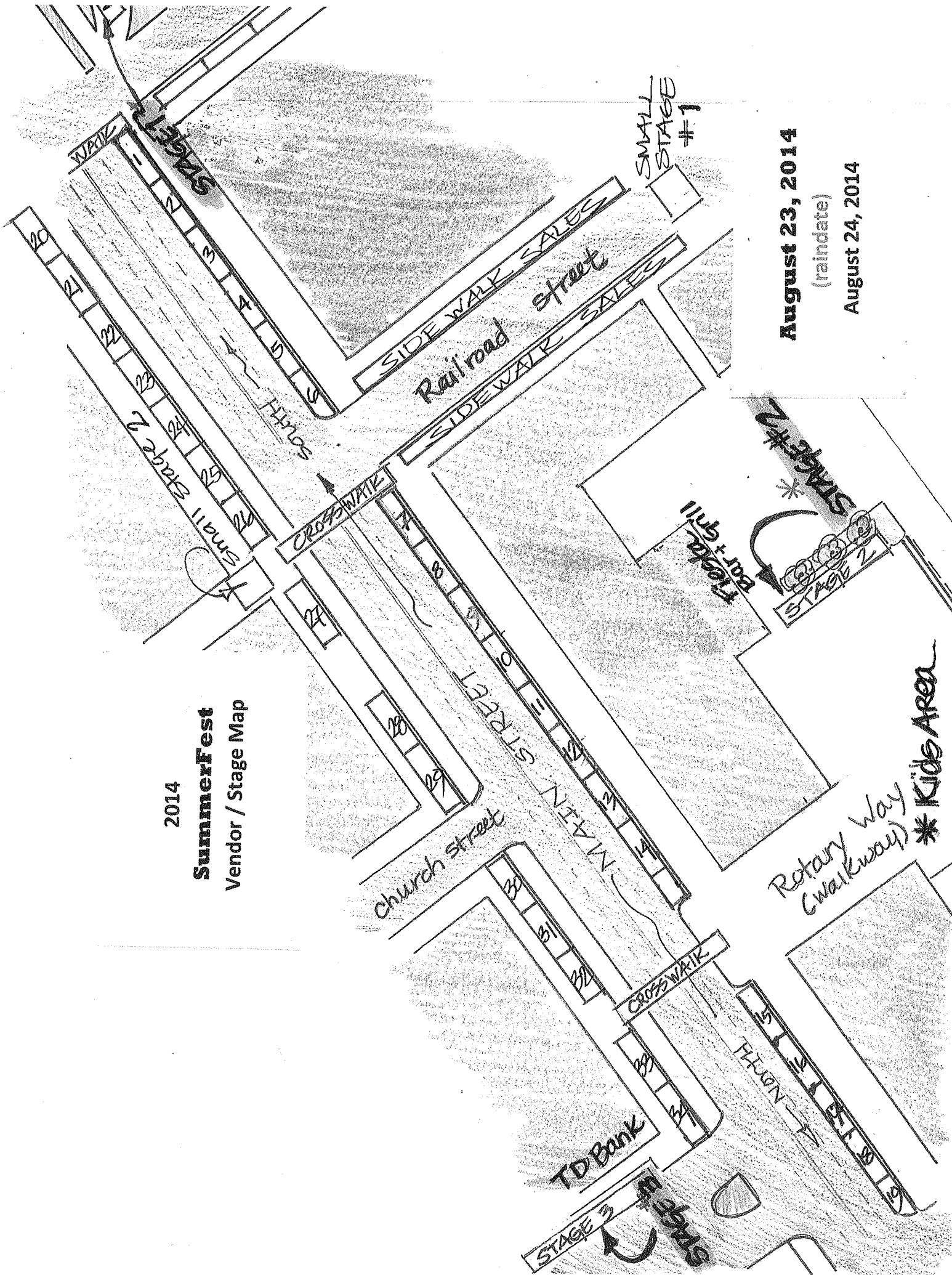
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2014
SummerFest
 Vendor / Stage Map



August 23, 2014
 (raindate)
 August 24, 2014

* Kids Area



SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To the Town of Great Barrington,

July 24, 2014

The First Congregational Church would like to give permission to the Southern Berkshire Chamber to use our parking lot for SummerFest on August 23, 2014, with a rain date of August 24, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Van Ausdall".

Pastor Van Ausdall



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application
\$25.00 per day

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: Betsy Andrus

Business/Organization: Southern Berkshire Chamber

D/B/A (if applicable): _____

Address: 40 Railroad str. st. 2

Mailing Address: PO Box 810 Et Barr. Ma. 01230

Phone Number: 413-528-4284

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

Live band with up to 6 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) _____

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): refer to sketch

Date(s) of Entertainment*: Saturday Aug 23rd 2014
*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: Set-up 1-3pm Event 3-9pm
Clean-up 9-10pm

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.

Elisabeth [Signature]
Signature of Individual or
Corporate Officer

7.9.14
Date

[Redacted]
SS# or FID#

TOWN USE ONLY:

DRT Review with Conditions: DRT has reviewed, Applicant is
in process of coordinating with police dept. (CR)

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____

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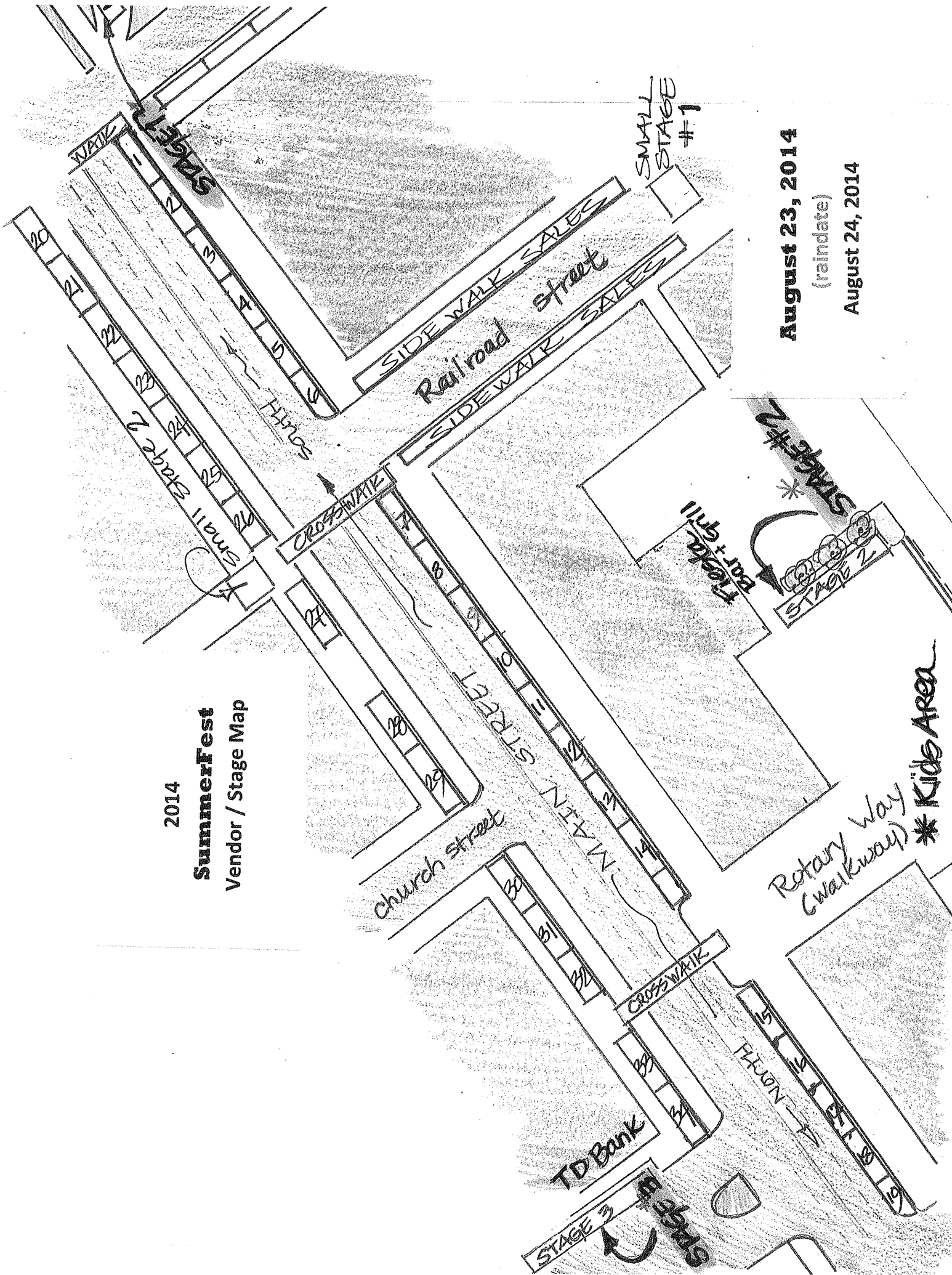
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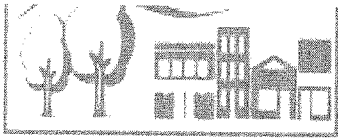
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Pastor Van Ausdall

rain date ONLY!



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: Betsy Andrews

Business/Organization: Southern Berkshire Chamber

D/B/A (if applicable): —

Address: 40 Railroad Str. Suite 2

Mailing Address: PO Box 810 Gt Barr. Ma. 01230

Phone Number: 413 528-4284

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

Live band with up to 6 pieces, including singers Public Show

Other (please explain) _____

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YES

NO

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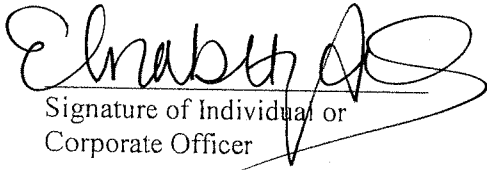
Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): check sketch

Date(s) of Entertainment: **Sunday**, raindate ONLY! - Aug. 24. 2014


Start & End Times of Entertainment: Set-up 1-3pm Event 3-9pm
Clean-up 9-10 pm

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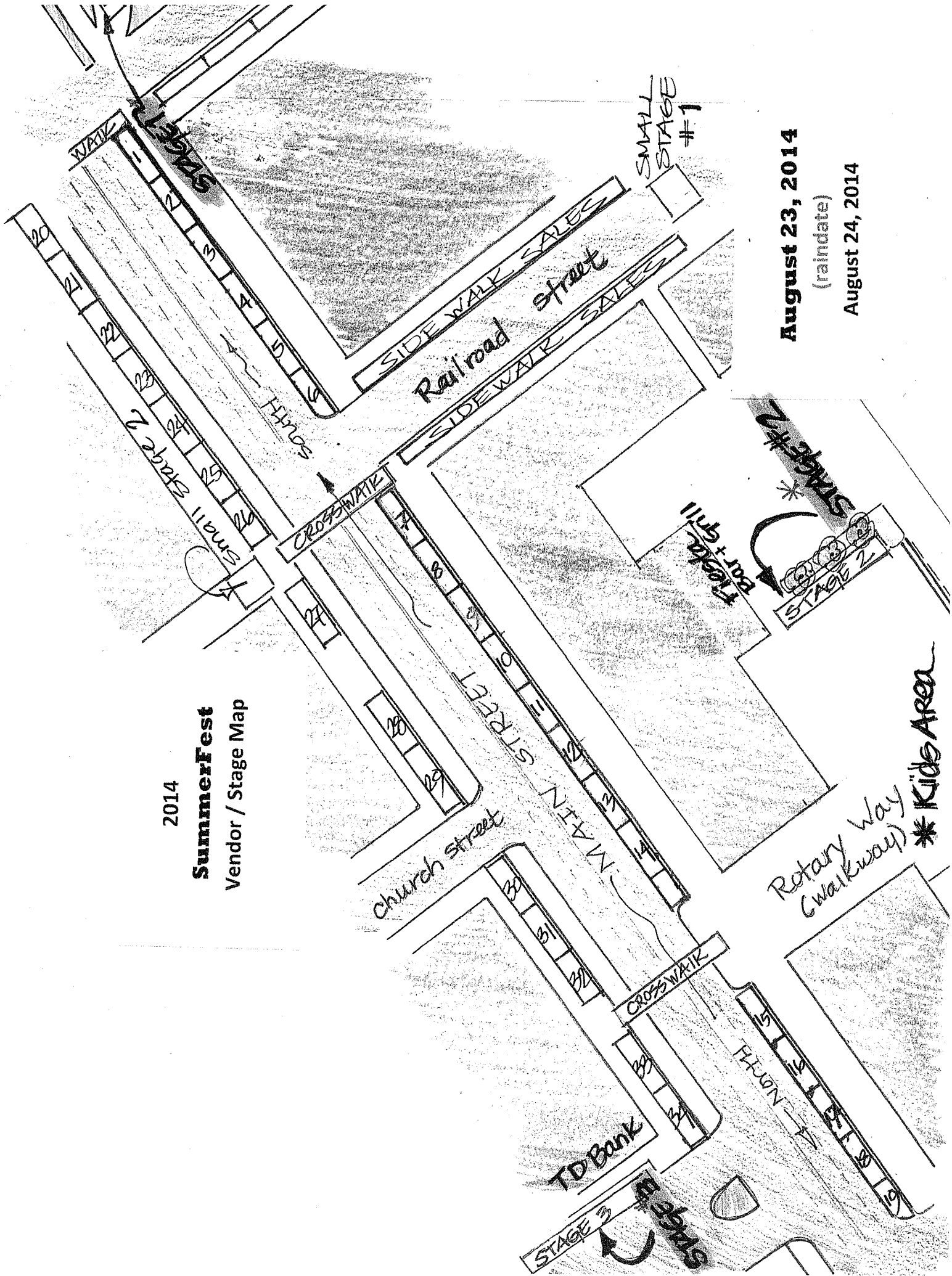
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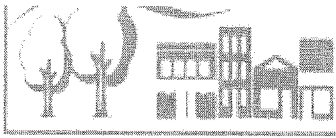


August 23, 2014

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FEE: \$25.00

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

DATE: 7-18-14



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

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

APPLICANT'S NAME: St. Barrington Fish + Game

ORGANIZATION NAME: St. Barrington Fish + Game

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 338 Long Pond Rd Housatonic MA 01230

Type of license being Applied for:

ONE DAY BEER & WINE

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC

EVENT: Wedding Reception

DATE: 8/2/14 START TIME: 5 pm END TIME: 11 pm

LOCATION: 338 Long Pond Rd Housatonic MA 01236

EVENT ON TOWN PROPERTY? Yes _____ No

IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE.

In accordance with the rules and regulations made under authority of said Statutes.

Robin M Vickery
Signature of Applicant

338 Long Pond Rd Housatonic MA 01236
Mailing Address

274-6291
Telephone Number

Decision:
Approved _____

Denied _____

Postponed _____

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GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

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Type of license being
Applied for:

ONE DAY BEER & WINE

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC

EVENT: Birthday Party

DATE: 8/23/14 START TIME: 5 pm END TIME: 11 pm

LOCATION: 338 Long Pond Rd Housatonic Ma 01236

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA



Original

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
Temporary Weekday Entertainment License Application
\$25.00 per day Pd.

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: STEFFEN ROOT / ALAN RIVENSON

Business/Organization: BERKSHIRE CYCLING ASSOCIATION

D/B/A (if applicable): _____

Address: 29 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230

Mailing Address: 5 HIGHLAND DRIVE, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230

Phone Number: 413-528-5555

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

Live band with up to 4 pieces, including singers Public Show

Other (please explain) CYCLOCROSS BIKE RACE

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers

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___ YES NO

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* Band is playing 10:30 pm

Band: Upper Lodge deck

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): SKI BUTTERNUT

380 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230

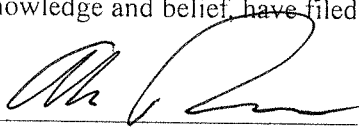
Date(s) of Entertainment*: SAT, SEPT 6, 2014

*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 9 AM - 5 PM

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Signature of Individual or
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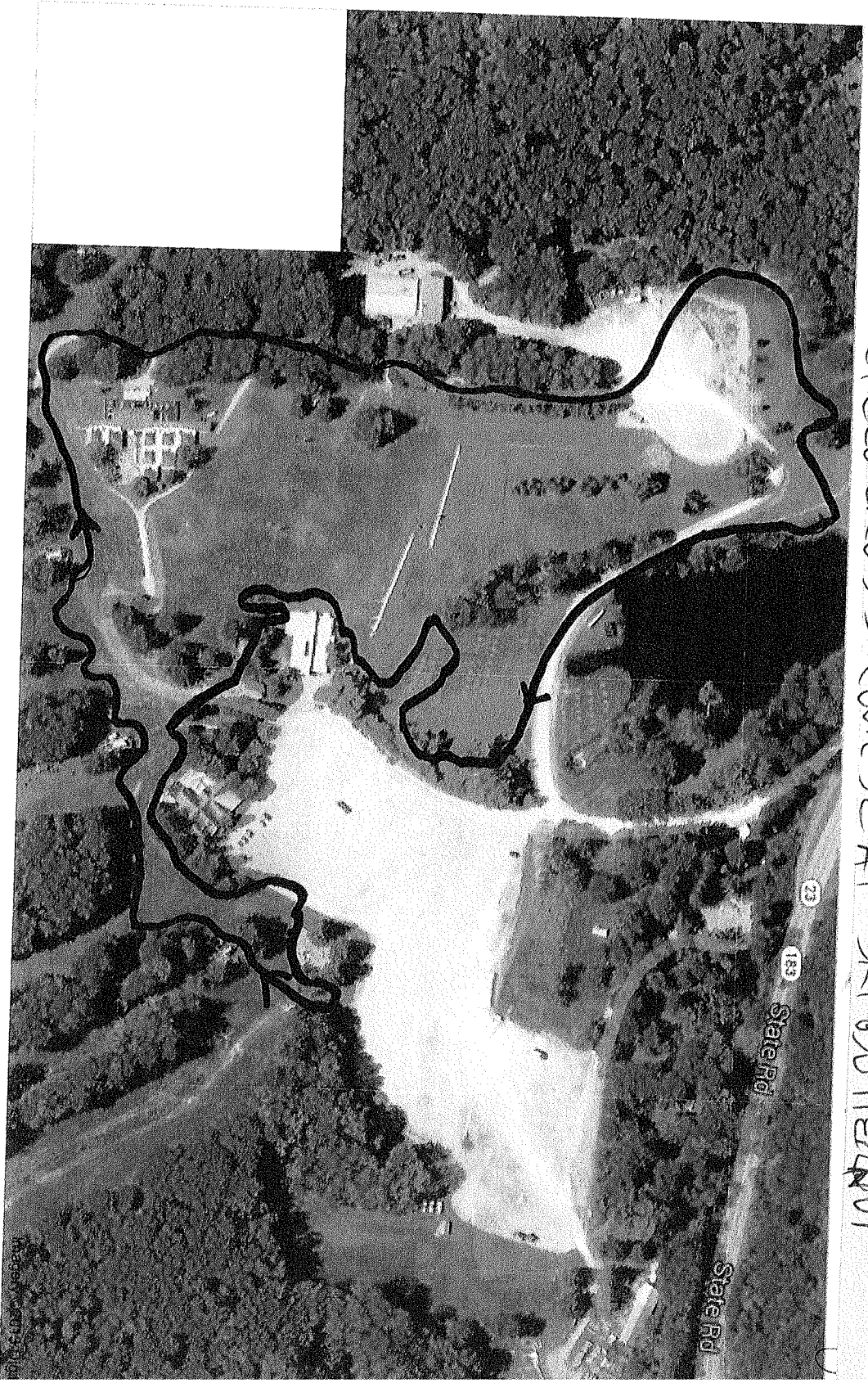
TOWN USE ONLY:

DRT Review with Conditions: DRT has no issues. (CR) 7/15/14

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____

Berkshire Cycling Association
CYCLOCROSS COURSE AT SKI BUTTEAUVT



* Outline is the course

Helen Kuziemko

From: daver <daver@skibutternut.com>
Sent: Friday, July 04, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Helen Kuziemko
Subject: Re: Permission Letter for Berkshire Cycling Assoc.

Dear Selectmen,

Please be advised the Ski Butternut would like to host the following events later this summer:

Sat, 8/30/14 - Sun, 8/31/14: RACE Cancer Foundation's Running Man Festival - a 24 hour running relay race

X Sat. 9/6./14: Berkshire Bike & Board Cyclecross - Bicycle event

Ski Butternut approves and hereby gives permission to the promoters of these events to obtain any and all licenses or permits that may be required for the events. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to call (or email) me. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in supporting these events.

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Sincerely,

David P. Ryel
Ski Butternut
Sales Manager
413-528-2000 x154

On 7/2/2014 12:12 PM, Helen Kuziemko wrote:

Hello Dave,

Attached please find an Entertainment Application from Berkshire Cycling Association. They plan to hold a bike race at Butternut on Sat. Sept. 6, 2014 from 9 am – 5 pm. Could you please send us a permission letter from Butternut allowing them to hold this event on the property. Any questions, please call us.

Thank you.

Helen V. Kuziemko
Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen/Town Manager
Town of Great Barrington
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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

To Include
Outdoor Seating

AMENDED

APPLICATION FOR COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

FEE: N/A (Payable to the Town of Great Barrington) DATE: 6/2/14

NOTICE:

As provided by MGL Chapter 140, the sale of food for immediate consumption on the premises of the vendor has an intimate relation to the public health, and such activity cannot be conducted without the proper license and permit.

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

The undersigned hereby applies for a Common Victualler License in accordance with the provisions relating thereto:

APPLICANT(S)/OWNER(S) NAME: Theresa E Samsin

NAME OF BUSINESS: MSCGB, INC. d/b/a The 528 Cafe

D/B/A (if applicable): _____

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 89, Housatonic, MA 01236

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: 528-2233 HOME TELEPHONE: (413) 919-7268

LOCATION WHERE LICENSE IS TO BE USED: 240 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington

DAYS/HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Sunday, 6:00am - 10:00pm

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES: Restaurant with dining room, counter, and ice cream windows as well as outdoor patio seating for 24 patrons.

DESCRIPTION OF FOOD TO BE SERVED: _____

General American Cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner patrons.

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.

The 528 Cafe
Signature of Individual or Corporate Name

By: Theresa Samsin
Corporate Officer (if applicable) President

SS# _____ or FID# [REDACTED]



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Christopher Rembold, AICP
Town Planner

Ph: (413) 528-1619, ext. 7
crembold@townofgb.org

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SB Meeting - 7.14.14 → Con. + to SB 7.28.14 meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Selectboard recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Special Permit Application 830-14 Housatonic Solar 1, proposed commercial solar array at 49 Van Deusenville Road

BACKGROUND: The Applicant is seeking a Special Permit from the ZBA under Zoning Section 5.2 in order to change from one nonconforming use (gravel pit and landfill) to a new nonconforming use (commercial solar energy facility in a residential zone). The property currently has several residences and outbuildings, as well as a defunct gravel pit and solid waste landfill. The site is about 23 acres in total size, and it is surrounded by single family residential uses, commercial-industrial uses (welding shop, propane facility) and woodlands. It is in a residential (R2) zone.

Applicant will lease the site in order to install a 2 megawatt (MW) solar array. The solar array as proposed will occupy about 9.5 acres (includes the proposed boundary fencing, inverters, and the solar panels themselves), which is the portion of the site that was formerly a gravel pit, which was then subsequently, and illegally, used for dumping solid waste and construction debris.

A consent order from Mass DEP is included in the Application and gives background of the landfill, as well as requirements to cease. The Applicant will clean up the remaining solid waste and debris prior to constructing the solar farm. A Phase I environmental report has been submitted by the Applicant and this will inform the cleanup action plan, including how the remaining debris will be removed and disposed of.

The proposal received Site Plan Approval per §10.5 from the Planning Board, with the condition that a final grading plan be submitted once cleanup is done. The Conservation Commission determined it did not have Wetlands or Scenic Mountains jurisdiction. The Board of Health will review it on June 5.

FISCAL IMPACT: to be determined

RECOMMENDATION: The Selectboard consider the impacts, if any, of the proposed use and make a recommendation on the Special Permit to the ZBA.

PREPARED BY:

Christopher Rembold

Town Planner

DATE:

6/2/14

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Tabakin

Town Manager

DATE:

6/4/14

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Great Barrington**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

*Con. + to ZBA
August 5th
Meeting*

The Great Barrington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. or following an earlier hearing at Town Hall, 334 Main St., Great Barrington, to act on the special permit application of Housatonic Solar 1 LLC to install a solar panel array in a former gravel bed at 49 VanDeusenville Road, in an R2 1-acre residential zone. A copy of the petition is on file at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall. Zoning Board of Appeals members will make a site visit at approximately 5:15 p.m. that same date.

Ron Majdalany, Chairman

Please publish May 9 and May 16, 2014

HOUSATONIC SOLAR 1, LLC

ZBA SP#
830-14

April 28, 2014

Via Hand Delivery

Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Chris Rembold
334 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Re: Special Permit (49 Van Deusenville Solar)

To Mr. Rembold,

Pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw, please find an application for a Special Permit, along with a plot plan, abutters list, fee check and project description (with Exhibits) for a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility at 49 Van Deusenville Road, Housatonic, Great Barrington, MA 01230 (the "Site"). The proposed facility will be located at an expired gravel pit that is also a private landfill with an outstanding Department of Environmental Protection consent order.

Please note that the Section 10.4 Criteria are all directly addressed in the Project Description and Overview.

Please let me know if you have any questions with the attached. We look forward to meeting with the Planning Board shortly.

Sincerely,



Kirt Mayland



Town of Great Barrington
Massachusetts

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Rev. July 2013

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Application to the
Zoning Board of Appeals

INSTRUCTIONS

You may download this form and fill it in on your computer. Fill out all applicable information. Save and print the form, and sign it where required. When you are ready with your form and all supporting plans and materials, call the Town Planner to set up a time to file the application. You will need to submit the original and 14 full copies of the entire package. It may not be submitted electronically, but submissions made by mail are acceptable. Incomplete applications and those not accompanied by the required fee or copies may be rejected. The Town Planner can be reached at (413) 528-1619, x.7 (Note, for Comprehensive Permit applications, please call the Town Planner.)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Filing Date: 4/29/14
Received and checked for completeness by: CR
Number Assigned: 830-14
Date filed with the Town Clerk: 4/29
FOR ZBA USE:
Advertising dates: &
Public hearing date:

TIMELINE: The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will set a public hearing date that is at least 45 days but no more than 65 days from the date of your filing. The hearing date will be posted at Town Hall and in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, and notice of the hearing will be sent to the Applicant and/or Applicant's agent and abutting property owners by mail, and advertised for two consecutive weeks in the local newspaper.

A. WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

Check all that apply. If you are unsure, please consult with the Town Planner, Building Inspector, or ZBA Secretary (413-528-4953)

- VARIANCE (exempts a property from some Zoning requirements)
SPECIAL PERMIT (for changes to nonconforming uses, structures)
APPEAL (to overturn a decision of Building Inspector or a Board)

B. SITE / PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address of Subject Property: Van Dusenville / 49 Vandusenville Road
Assessor's Map No. 27 Lot No. 10
Registry of Deeds Book No: 2240 Page: 270
Zoning District(s): R2 One-acre Res.
Overlay Districts (if any):

C. APPLICANT AND OWNER INFORMATION

Applicant's Information: Name (please print) Housatonic Solar 1, LLC Phone (area code first) 646-302-3639
Street Address 105 Tamara Circle
City, State, Zip Code Avon, CT 06001
If Applicant is a corporation, provide name of contact person: Kirt Mayland
Email Address kmayland@yahoo.com Signature [Handwritten Signature]

- Check here if Applicant and Property Owner are the same, and skip to the next section.
Check here if Applicant is different than the Property Owner, and to verify that you have the Property Owner's permission to file this Application. Note that the Property Owner must sign below to indicate permission to file this Application.

Enter Property Owner's information EXACTLY as it appears on the most recent tax bill.

Property Owner's Information: Name (please print) Backetti Jeanne M Phone (area code first) 413-429-1555
Street Address Moore Sharon C 49 Vandusenville Rd.
City, State, Zip Code Great Barrington, MA 01230-1153
Email Address jeanne@regainewine.com Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Handwritten signature: Jeanne M Backetti

D. VARIANCES If you are requesting a variance, please answer all of the following. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- 1) From which Section(s) of the Zoning Bylaw do you request a variance?
- 2) What will the requested variance(s) enable you to do?
- 3) If the variance(s) is not granted, what hardship will that cause you?
- 4) What special circumstances relating to soil condition, shape or topography of land or structures, affect your property but not other properties in the same zone?
- 5) Explain why your special circumstances are not a result of your own actions.
- 6) If the variance(s) is not granted, what rights will you be deprived of that other properties in the same zone enjoy?
- 7) Explain why a variance will not give you any special privileges that other properties in the same zoning district don't have.

E. SPECIAL PERMITS If you are requesting a special permit, please answer all of the following. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- 1) A special permit is being requested in order to (please describe project):
- 2) This application is made under the following Sections of the Zoning Bylaw (check all that apply) Section 5.2 Section 5.3 Section 5.5 Section 5.6 Section 5.7 Section 10.4
- 3) Reason(s) that this property is not in conformance with the Zoning Bylaw
- 4) Are there any previous Special Permits or Variances for this property? No Yes
If yes, provide date(s), and name of issuing Board _____

F. APPEALS If you are seeking an appeal, please answer all of the following. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- 1) This application is to appeal the decision of Building Inspector Planning Board Board of Selectmen
- 2) Date of decision
- 3) Nature of the decision
- 4) Applicable Section(s) of the Zoning Bylaw
- 5) Describe your interpretation of the nature of the decision and the remedy you seek. Attach additional sheets if needed.

G. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

By checking the items below, applicant acknowledges that each application is accompanied by each of the items listed below.

- Plot Plan of the entire property or tract. The Board may require the plan to be signed by a licensed surveyor or engineer, particularly if the matter involves dimensional issues. The plan should include those items listed in Section 10.5.3 of the Zoning Bylaw, including two locus maps—one USGS survey map and one current zoning map— illustrating property location.
- A current list of all abutters within 300 feet of the property, including address of owner, map and lot number. The list must be obtained from the Assessor's office and certified by the Assessor's office. Call 413-528-1619, x. 5.
- At least one copy of the application and plans / specifications shall be no larger than 11 x 17 inches.

H. APPLICATION FEE

Application fees are calculated at \$150 per request. (For example, if one box in A. is checked, the fee is \$150. For two boxes, the fee is \$300.)

- Check here to confirm that your check in the appropriate amount is enclosed. Make checks payable to Town of Great Barrington.

I. TECHNICAL REVIEW FEES

The Zoning Board of Appeals may hire independent consultants whose services shall be paid for by the applicant(s) under the terms of the Rules and Regulations of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53G of the Massachusetts General Laws. Check here to acknowledge and be bound by these regulations. Failure to acknowledge shall cause this application to be rejected as incomplete. Please also sign here: Jan M...

J. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Recommending Boards: All applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals are referred to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Board of Selectmen for comments and recommendations. Applicants should be prepared to attend those meetings in order to brief those boards of their project and answer any questions.

Site Visits: The ZBA and recommending Boards may contact the Applicant to request a site visit. Applicants agree to facilitate access to the site at a mutually convenient date and time.

Timeline/ Procedures: The ZBA conducts its business in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. Accordingly, the ZBA will hold its Public Hearing not later than 65 days after the filing of the application. A decision for a variance or appeal will be rendered not later than 100 days from the filing date. A decision for a special permit will be made not later than 90 days after the close of the Public Hearing. The decision will be filed with the Town Clerk within 20 days of the date of the decision. The appeal period lasts for 20 days after the filing with the Town Clerk. On the 21st day, if no appeals are filed, or once all appeals are resolved, the applicant shall have the decision certified by the Town Clerk. The Applicant is responsible for then filing the decision with the Registry of Deeds, at which time the decision becomes effective.

Guidance and Counsel: In preparing this application and when presenting the case to the ZBA, applicants are advised to be fully familiar with, or seek counsel from a qualified person who is familiar with, the Zoning Bylaw and other rules, regulations, and laws as may be appropriate. If you wish to discuss the completeness of this application, or have any questions about this application, please contact the ZBA's Secretary, Bernard Drew, at 413-528-4953, or the Town Planner at 413-528-1619, x. 7. However, we will not discuss the merits or strategy of your case.

Applicant's Signature: "I have read and I understand all of the information on this application."

Jan M... (signed) 4/28/14 (date)

Print Form

Need Help? Just call us.
 Town Planner: (413) 528-1619, x.7
 Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer:
 (413) 528-3206
 ZBA Secretary: (413) 528-4953
 For bylaws, regulations, maps, and other useful
 information, visit us online at www.townofgb.org

Project Overview and Description

The proposed Project (the "Project") is to be located at approximately 49 Van Deusenville Road, Housatonic, Great Barrington, 01230. The proposed location is on acreage currently owned by Jeanette Bachetti (the "Owner"). Housatonic Solar 1 currently has an option to lease a portion of the land from the Owner as indicated on the attached site plan. The proposed Project would occupy approximately 9.5 acres of land (the "Site") and consist of around 2000 kilowatts (DC) of solar modules. The recent history of the land is primarily that of a materials/gravel pit and an old landfill for primarily highway materials (cement, pavement and wood poles). It is not believed that there will be any negative impact to wetlands or water courses from the proposed Project.

The Site is not only a closed gravel pit but also a private, closed landfill subject to an administrative consent order (Exhibit A.). As indicated above, there are numerous piles of cement, tires, pavement, bricks, coal, etc. scattered throughout the property. Exhibit B to this Overview and Description shows a map of the waste on the Site. Exhibit C is a series of sample photos from the waste on the Site. Prior to installation of the Project, Housatonic Solar 1 is proposing, as part of its landfill post-closure use application to the Department of Environmental Protection, to clean up and remove all of the scattered waste throughout the approximately 10 acres.

Abutting the Site to the North is industrially zoned land, home to the Amerigas distribution facility, and to the East of the Site is a metal welding shop.

The Project itself will consist of a collection of approximately 6500 solar photovoltaic (PV) modules (each approximately 3 feet by 6 feet in dimension) that are grouped into arrays tilted and facing south. These stationary arrays are strung together forming a series of rows oriented east to west. Electricity collection and distribution lines link the solar modules to a collection house with inverter and transformer equipment which in turn will transmit the electricity to the existing distribution lines along Van Deusenville Road. The principal components of the Project are solar modules. The make and model of the solar modules currently proposed by Housatonic Solar will be most likely the Canadian Solar CS6X-305P, however this is to be determined. Descriptions of these modules are attached. The solar modules will be mounted on a racking system manufactured domestically, most likely screwed into the ground. It is anticipated that the modules will be approximately 10 feet at the highest. The racking system will not move (i.e. it is fixed and not tracking). The AC power produced by the Canadian Solar modules will be inverted by the Solectria SGI 500 or the Solectria 500 XT, manufactured in Lawrence, MA. The drawings and specification sheets for both inverters are attached. The power will then be "transformed" by the transformer, most likely the Cooper Transformer to the appropriate voltage for the existing distribution lines. Please see the attached specification sheet for the Cooper Transformer.

The Project was sited specifically on a parcel, and a location within the parcel, that should not be readily visible to nearby residents or have any noise impacts on any abutters. It is in a depressed gravel pit which should make the Project nearly invisible to the few surrounding homes. It is anticipated that the Project will provide only positive benefits to the town, the state and the global environment. It is estimated to generate enough clean, instantaneously renewable, and emission-free energy to cover the

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Town of Great Barrington's full electric load. The modules from which this clean electricity is produced produce no emissions, make no noise, do not move, and use no water. Further it is estimated that the proposed Project will displace approximately 2,304,000 pounds of CO2 annually. In the state, national and global strive to reduce carbon emissions to hinder the primary environmental threat of our times (global warming), Great Barrington will be at the forefront of this battle.

The Project will also provide net revenue in the form of significant property taxes to the Town of Great Barrington. The Project will use no sewer, water, and not burden the roads or schools. Local contractors and maintenance personnel will also be used to the extent feasible. In short, economically, the Project will have a significant, net positive fiscal impact on the Town. It is also proposed currently that the Project deliver net metering credits (lowering the electric bills) to the Town of Great Barrington, and/or the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, and/or the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

Potential Operational Impacts of the Project (Development Impact Statement)

Operation of the Project is passive and the operational impacts of the farm on the environment, nearby residences, roads, etc. is expected to be de minimis. Below please find a summary of traffic impacts, proposed fencing, lighting, signage, utilities, noise, transformer oils, and soil impacts.

Once under construction, besides periodic maintenance, equipment replacement and monitoring of Project output via Solrenview, the modules and other primary components do not require direct handling. Except during the approximately 2-3 month construction period (weather dependent) there should be minimal impact to the traffic flow or safety of Van Deusenville Road (the entrance location to the Project). As indicated above, given the simplicity of the operations of the Project, there is little maintenance required. It is anticipated that beyond monthly lawn care, if necessary, and bi-annual cleaning of the modules, little or no maintenance should be required. Any maintenance or construction vehicles will be parked onsite and no permanent parking areas are contemplated currently. The proposed access point is currently an existing gravel road. Attached is a proposed Operations and Maintenance Plan.

The entire operation (solar modules, collection houses and access lanes) will be fenced in order to provide for safety and security, in accordance with applicable requirements. The fence currently proposed is a 6-foot chain link fence. Inside the fence around the entire perimeter will be an approximately 15-foot wide perimeter access road. Access to the Project will be limited to Housatonic Solar 1 personnel or contractors, maintenance personnel, and Town emergency personnel. Coded or keyed lock boxes will be placed at each entry point/gate to the site. Local emergency personnel (police and fire) will have the codes as will Housatonic Solar 1's local contractors or points of contact. A 24-hour emergency number to reach Housatonic Solar 1 will be placed on signage at the gates, if required by the Town.

Subject to the Fire Department's approval, the only on-site lighting Housatonic Solar 1 proposes to have onsite at the collection house and the gate entrances. These would be for use by the Fire

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Department and for when any nighttime access is needed. The light switches would be in locked boxes, accessible only by emergency personnel and Housatonic Solar 1 employees or contractors. The lights themselves would be as low-to-the-ground as necessary and angled towards the ground.

Housatonic Solar 1 will also coordinate its "safety" signage in accordance with the approval of the Great Barrington Fire Department. Housatonic Solar 1 recommends that the signs along the fence should be at least 14 inches long by 10 inches high with the words, for instance, "Danger High Voltage - Keep Out" in three horizontal lines of white letters against a background field of red and black. The signs should be no more than 40 feet apart. With respect to mandatory signs, National Grid states that the following signs be placed at the site: [a] permanent plaque or directory shall be installed at the utility revenue meter and at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) with a warning about the generator(s) installed. If the PCC is at a pad mounted transformer, the plaque must be on the right door of the transformer. If the external utility disconnect switch is not adjacent to the utility revenue meter, a permanent plaque shall be provided at the utility revenue meter and the PCC locating the switch. If the external utility disconnect switch is not adjacent to PCC, a permanent plaque shall be provided at the PCC locating the switch. All plaques as described in NEC 705.10 , 705.12 (7), 690.56, 692.4 and 705.70 shall be installed when applicable.

Beyond minor electrical demand for operation of the inverters and transformers, it is not anticipated that any utilities or public services will be needed. The primary utility connection for the solar power will be the facilities' interconnection with the distribution lines along Van Deusenville Road. The inverters will also be connected to telephone lines so their production can be monitored by National Grid and Housatonic Solar 1 remotely. The Project contains no works for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewage. There will be no discharge of contaminants into the air or into the ground or water. There will be no systems, facilities and equipment for receiving, handling, storing and processing any waste or waste-water. No sewage, waste or air contaminants will be generated at all as a result of the solar power generation process. There are no water withdrawals associated with the operation of the Project as planned. During the operations phase of the project, Housatonic Solar 1 anticipates that it will clean the modules twice per year with water or, if necessary, an organic cleansing agent, with water transported on small trucks.

Further, there are no anticipated negative noise impacts from the Project. Both the inverter and the transformer emit less noise than the NEMA TR1 Standard (74 dBA) and given their distance from the nearest residence and the fact that they only operate during day-time hours, it is not anticipated that there be any negative noise impacts from the Project. The solar modules do not move – they are fixed in place on the racking system – and make no noise.

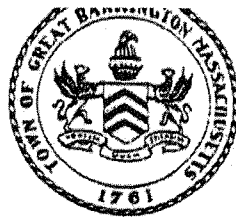
The Cooper Power transformers, currently proposed, do contain some oil inside. There will be approximately 302 gallons of oil in the transformer. The oil is biodegradable. Cooper Power invented the biodegradable FR-3 Fluid that is mandatory for all of its solar transformers. Please see the attached Biodegradable Oil Exhibit. Since the fluid is biodegradable it will simply be absorbed by the microbes in the soil, so containment is not necessary. 98% of the fluid if left unattended after a leak will be eaten by the microbes/ bacteria in 28 days. However there are various products sold that can be used to absorb

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leaks (such as bladder bags and high degree of stone density evenly distributed around the transformer) in case so required by the Town in the unlikely case of a spill.

There should also be limited direct impact on the land and soils from the proposed Project. The PV modules are mounted above grade, allowing for grass to be propagated below and between the array tables. Most likely, any runoff from the panels would infiltrate immediately into the grass below. There will be no paving onsite as currently planned. The access lanes to the inverter and transformer stations will be gravel or farm lanes to the extent possible. The inverter and transformer stations will also occupy less than one percent (1%) of the lot area. Please see the attached Solectria 1 MW skid sheet for general dimension of this "collection house". Together these factors will avoid concentration of runoff and significantly decrease (if not eliminate altogether) the amount of precipitation that will not be absorbed by the soils in the immediate vicinity.

In summary, the development impacts are expected to improve the site. A former gravel pit with assorted waste scattered throughout will be cleaned up, and transformed into a clean energy production facility with little or no negative impact on the existing environment, the town, and nearby homes.



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

ASSESSORS' OFFICE

March 28, 2014

ABUTTERS TO PROPERTY OF: JEANNE M. BACHETTI

53 Van Deusenville Road, Map 27 Lot 10, Book 2240 Page 270

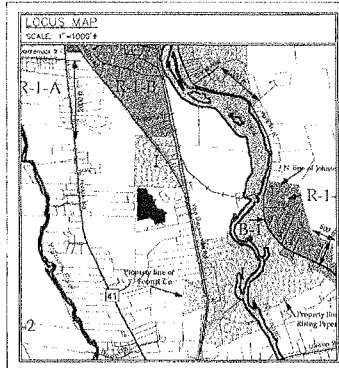
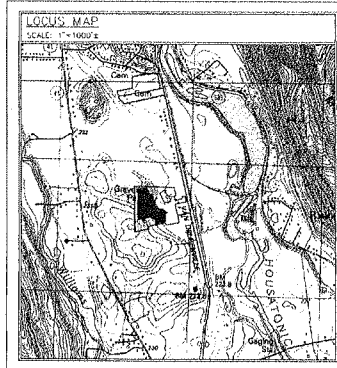
<u>MAP</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ABUTTER</u>
27	10D	Edward J. & Donna M. Cook, 41 Van Deusenville Rd., Gt. Barrington, MA 01230-1153
27	10E	Peter R. Bailly & Barbara L. Bailly, PO Box 514, Housatonic, MA 01236-0514
27	10G,10H	Alexander Sarbib, 603 South Egremont Rd., Gt. Barrington, MA 01230-1931
27	10C	John & Diane Cowles, PO Box 757, Housatonic, MA 01236-0757
27	16	David Long & Georgene Poliak, PO Box 393, Gt. Barrington, MA 01230-0393
27	24	Ann L. Mercer, Trustee, 314 Nominee Trust, 80 Maple Ave. Suite 1, Gt. Barrington, MA 01230-1953
27	22,23	Frederick Bunce, 316 North Plain Rd., Housatonic, MA 01236-9741
27	13.6	Craig R. & Brenda M. Bailly, 37 Van Deusenville Rd., Gt. Barrington, MA 01230-1153
27/21, 26/30A		Theresa Amstead, Trustee, M T A Nominee Realty Trust, PO Box 295, Monterey, MA 01245-0295
27	25	Paula J. Gennari & Mark Mannheimer, 310 North Plain Rd., Housatonic, MA 01236-9741
26	29,29B	Home Gas Corporation of Housatonic, c/o Amerigas, PO Box 798, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0798
5	5	National Propane LP, c/o Amerigas, PO Box 798, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0798
26	28	Project Native Inc., 342 North Plain Rd., Housatonic, MA 01236-9741
5	5	National Propane LP, c/o Amerigas, PO Box 798, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0798
5	6,7	Massachusetts Electric Co. Inc., 40 Sylvan Rd., Waltham, MA 02451-2286
5	8	General Electric Co., c/o Thomson Reuters, Dept 201, PO Box 4900, Scottsdale, AZ 85261-4900
27/10A,10B,10F		Jeanne M. Bachetti (applicant)

The above list of abutters to the subject property is
correct according to the latest records of this office.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lamarre
Principal Assessor

PROPOSED SOLAR PANEL ARRAY
PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
 IN
GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
 OFF
VAN DEUSENVILLE ROAD
 APRIL 22, 2014




APPLICANT
 RESERVOIR ROAD HOLDINGS, LLC
 KIRT MAYLAND
 105 TAMARA CIRCLE
 AVON, CT 06001

ENGINEER & SURVEYOR
 WHITMAN & BINGHAM ASSOCIATES, LLC
 510 MECHANIC STREET
 LEOMINSTER, MA 01453
 TEL (978) 537-5296
 FAX (978) 537-1423



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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Earth Networks Weather Station- National Grid

BACKGROUND: In an effort to close a gap in radar weather coverage for our area, National Grid has offered to provide the Town with a weather station to collect weather related data in real time. Currently, weather conditions and data are limited to the Taunton and Albany areas. The weather station provides up-to-date information to National Grid and will be a key component for early planning and storm response which may decrease outage times during weather events. In addition, the system has the ability to provide comprehensive information and early warning to our emergency services, public works departments, as well as our town and school administrations. An on-line Weather Center link can also be made available on our webpage so that residents and the general public have access to the most current weather conditions right here in Great Barrington. The unit would be a donation to the town and will become property of the town once the hosting agreement has been signed.

FISCAL IMPACT: Since the unit is a donation to the town there will not be any initial or long-term financial impact. National Grid will pay for the installation and limited maintenance that is needed to support the operation of the Weather Station under a warranty contract. The town would be responsible for routine tasks such as clearing leaves and emptying the rain catch as described in more detail in the hosting agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends accepting the weather station from National Grid and installing the roof-mounted unit on the State Road Fire Station. The Fire Station roof provides easy access for maintenance and repairs if needed, as well as the required access to a Wi-Fi connection. The town stands to benefit a great deal from the information that this unit would provide and will assist our various departments in pre-planning and response to storm events as well as providing a tool for residents and visitors to receive up-to-date weather reports.

PREPARED BY: 
Mark Pruhenski

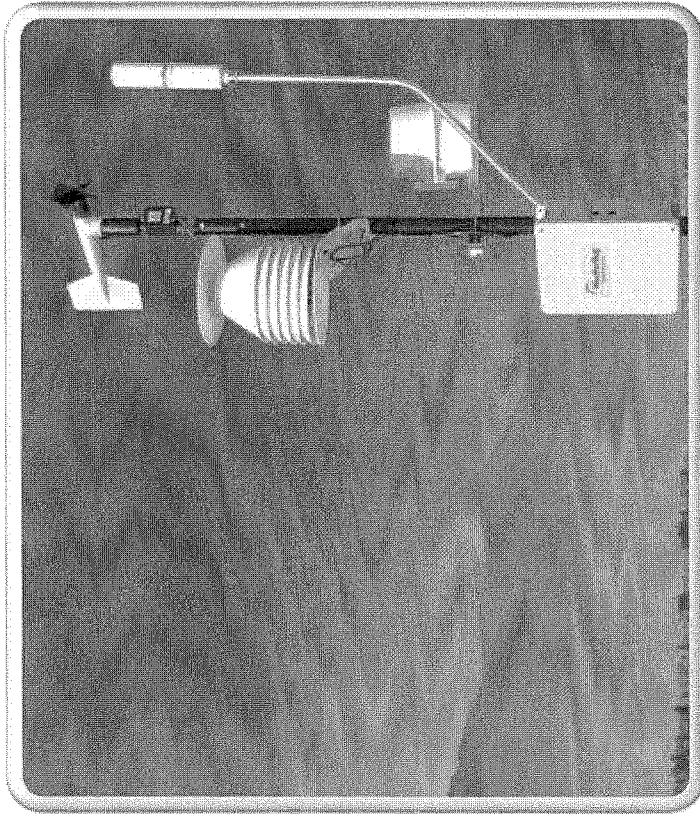
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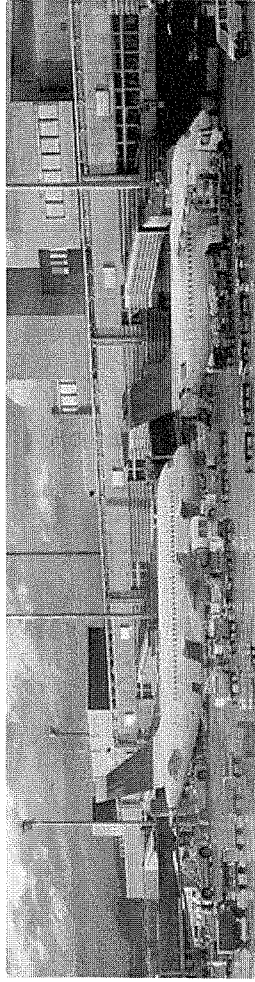
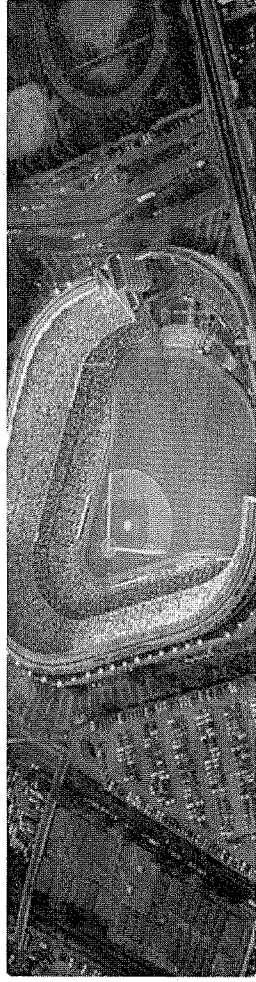
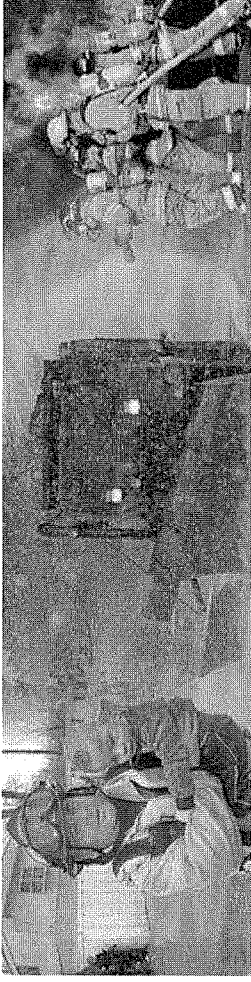


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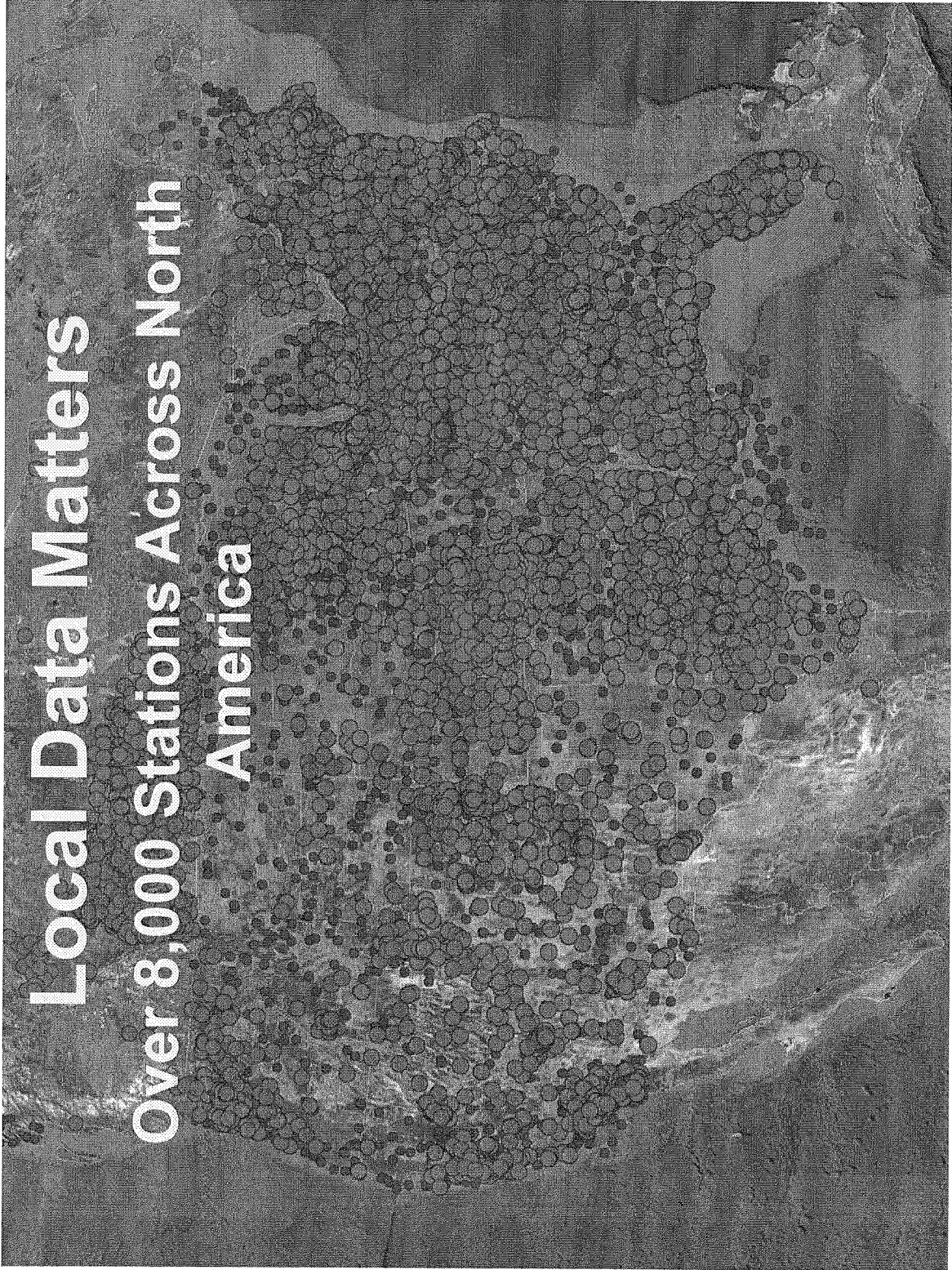
Enterprise Solutions

Earth Networks leverages a dense network of more than 8,000 state-of-the-art weather stations to deliver time-sensitive weather information and alerts valuable to State and Local Government agencies.

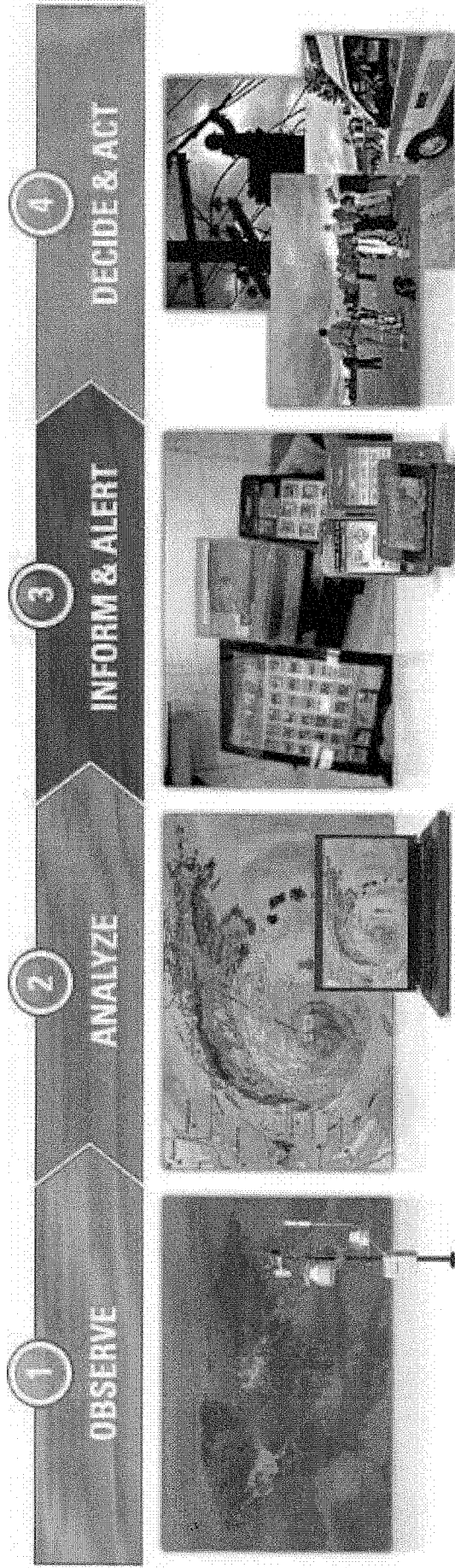


Local Data Matters

Over 8,000 Stations Across North America



From the Sensor to the App, Taking the Pulse of the Planet

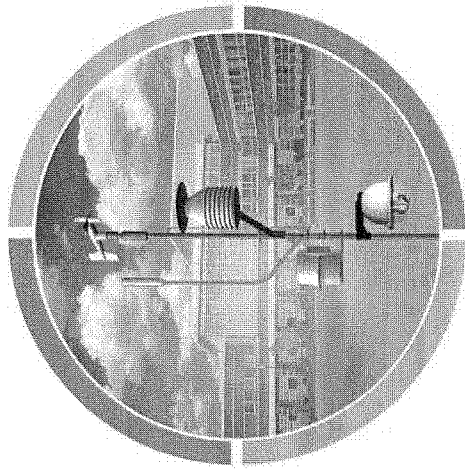


... Empowering Governments, Businesses and Consumers To Make Timely Decisions

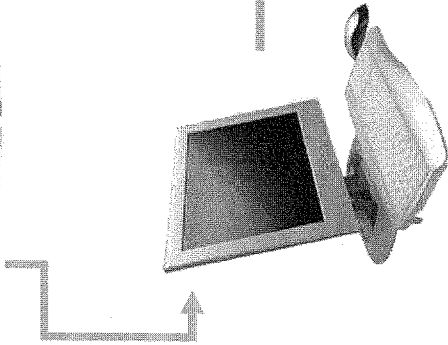
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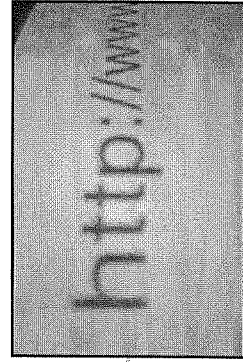
1 Weather station, on top of facility collects weather data in real-time



How does WeatherBug work?



2 Measured data is collected and processed at your facility on WeatherBug equipment



3 Data is pushed across Internet to WeatherBug data centers in the cloud

4 Where it is then made available...

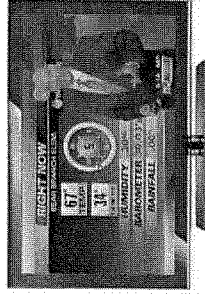
At your facility to help track weather that impacts your response and restoration efforts



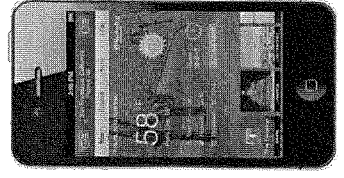
At home or work for your communities on their computers, phones and tablets.



On TV for everyone in your community!



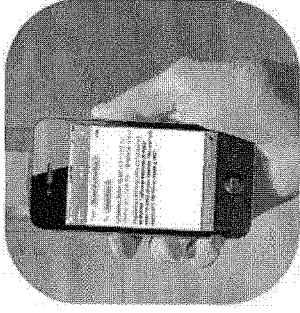
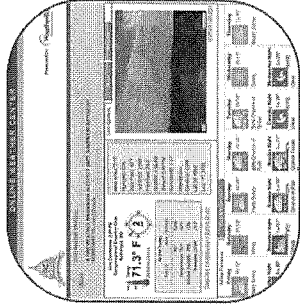
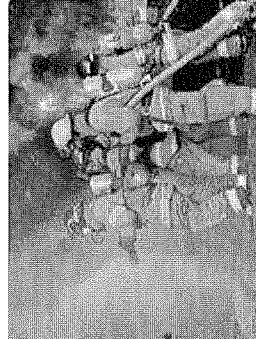
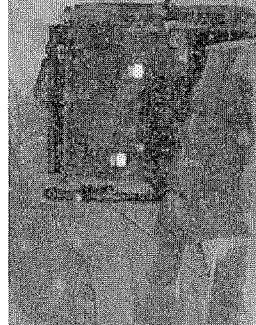
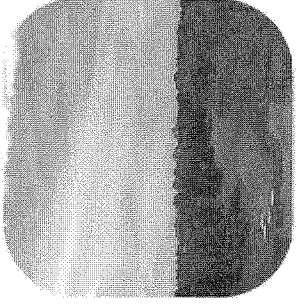
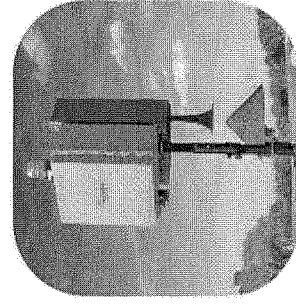
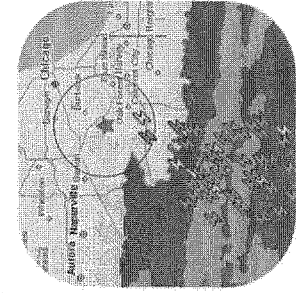
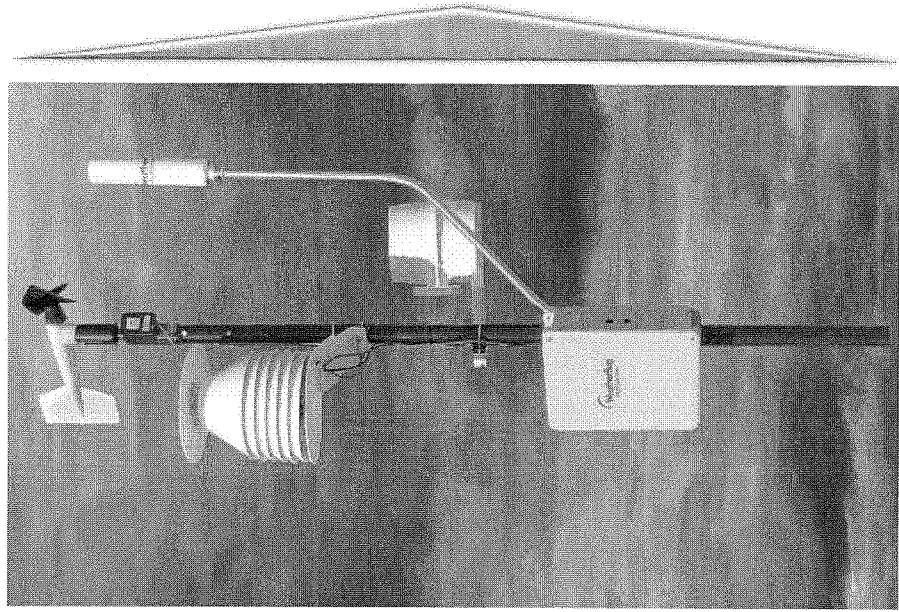
Data, Forecasts and Alerts sent to multiple locations to help keep everyone safe.



Early Warning System

Plan ... Detect ... Respond ... Recover

Comprehensive intelligence for early warning and improved safety

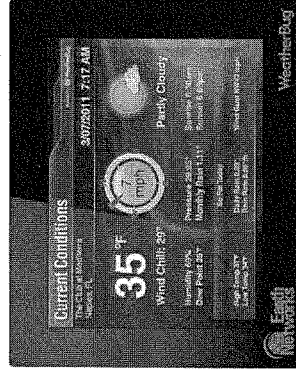
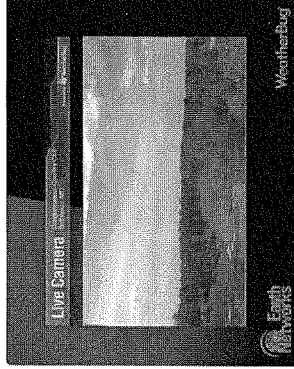
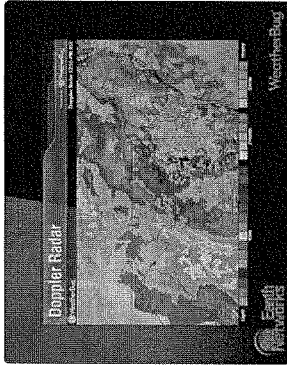


Earth Networks Weather Station

8,000+ stations worldwide; live data updated every 2 seconds

1. **Lightning Sensor** — Integrated in-cloud (IC) and cloud-to-ground (CG) lightning detection sensor.
2. **Wind Sensor** — Wind speed and direction.
3. **Sensor Shelter** — Temperature, relative humidity, heat index, wind chill, barometric pressure, dew point, wet bulb and more.
4. **Rain Gauge** — Daily, monthly and yearly rainfall totals and averages.
5. **HD Camera (optional)** — Stationary or pan, tilt and zoom HD camcorder incorporates state-of-the-art image-enhancement technologies in a compact body that allow users to capture clear and bright images and video in challenging environments.
6. **WeatherBug Network Appliance** — An IP-enabled device that connects easily to the Internet, provides fast transmission of your weather station data, has a 72-hour battery life and automatically reboots as needed.
7. **WeatherBug LCD Display** — This bright, easy to read plug-and-play LCD display can be installed in the pro shop, club house, and other common or high-traffic areas.

* Highlighted items not included with this Program



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