



Town of Great Barrington
2025 Special Town Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Monument Mountain Regional High School

WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS

To Paul E. Storti, Chief of Police of the Town of Great Barrington, in said Berkshire County,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1: Citizens' Petition

Petition 2 Acquisition of Housatonic Water Works Company

In accordance with MA State Statute 1897 Chapter 229, we, the voters of Great Barrington, request that a Special Town Meeting (STM) be held for the purpose of acquiring the Housatonic Water Works Company (HWWC) for an amount not to exceed \$2.3 million, exclusive of any debt, pending or incurred, to own and control the Housatonic Water Works system and all its facilities and property rights.

We intend to secure a 2/3rd majority vote in order to approve the Housatonic Water Works acquisition by the Town of Great Barrington.

The former HWWC would become a division under a consolidated Great Barrington Water District if both acquisitions are approved.

The meeting should be scheduled in advance of and separate from the May Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: Citizens' Petition

Petition 1 GBFD ACQUISITION

In accordance to MA State Statute 1886 Chapter 311, we, the voters of Great Barrington, request that a Special Town Meeting (STM) be held for the purpose of acquiring the Great Barrington Fire District (GBFD), aka the Great Barrington Water Company, for an amount not to exceed \$2 million.

The purpose is for the Town of Great Barrington to acquire its water system and all its facilities and property rights.

We intend to secure a 2/3rd majority vote in order to approve the GBFD acquisition.

We further propose that a consolidated Great Barrington Water District be formed led by the GBFD and inclusive of the Housatonic water facilities (aka Housatonic Water Works).

The meeting should be scheduled in advance of and separate from the May Annual Town Meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and of this Warrant and your doings thereon, make due return to the Clerk of said

Town at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Great Barrington, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Stephen C. Bannon, Chair

Eric Gabriel, Vice Chair

Garfield C. Reed

Ben Elliott

Selectboard of the Town of Great Barrington

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Paul E. Storti, Chief of Police
Town of Great Barrington

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS.

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

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

WITNESS my hand and seal this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Paul E. Storti, Chief of Police
Town of Great Barrington