**WARRANT**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BERKSHIRE, SS

To: CYNTHIA ULLRICH, Clerk of the **Great Barrington Fire District**

You are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of said Fire District to meet at the Great Barrington Fire District Building, 17 East Street, in said Great Barrington, on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. and act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator of said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To elect two (2) members of the Prudential Committee and Board of Public Works each for a three (3) year terms, and to elect all other proper officers which said Fire District may lawfully elect and give them any necessary instructions. All of the above-named officers will be voted for on one ballot and the polls will be open from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act upon the reports of any officers or committees of said Fire District.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenues of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sums of money for the following purposes, or take any action relative thereto:

1. For salaries and related expenses of the Fire District employees and officers.
2. For consulting fees and related expenses.
3. For the testing, construction and maintenance of the Water Department and purchase and installation of water meters and backflow testing.
4. For the purchase, care and repair of hydrants.
5. For the purchase of pipe.
6. For the care and maintenance of equipment and vehicles.
7. For engineering and map making.
8. For dues and membership fees.
9. For legal and educational fees.
10. For Tax Collector and Assessor services and supplies.
11. For office operation expenses.
12. For paying existing indebtedness and paying any interest which may come due.
13. For employment taxes.
14. For auditing the District records.
15. For insurance.
16. For water pumping expenses.
17. Building utilities and maintenance.
18. For the reserve fund.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $65,821.00 or any other sum, to pay to the Treasurer-Custodian, Berkshire County Retirement System, in accordance with Chapter 530 of the Acts of 1951.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $137,040.00 or any other sum of the employees’ and retired employees’ contributory group insurance, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $100,000.00 or any other sum, to pay for Other Post Employee Benefits, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $500,000.00 or any other sum for water exploration.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the District will vote to use $371,029.00 of Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year ending 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $10,000.00, or any other sum, to the Employees’ Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $29,000.00, or any other sum, to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell at public or private sale any miscellaneous junk, metal or equipment no longer useful to said District, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTILCE 14. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to purchase approximately 1 acre of real property located on Christian Hill Road from the Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires, Inc. related to the Interconnection with Housatonic Water Works Company or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to purchase the following real estate with any buildings thereon; being Lot 3C as shown on the Assessors Map #37 located at 363 State Road for the development of new water wells; that the sum of $209,000.00 or any other sum is appropriated for the purchase of said real estate and to pay any other costs incidental and related thereto; and to authorize the District Treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee to borrow $209,000.00, or any other sum in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; and that the Prudential Committee be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this purchase