

September 9, 2024

You are receiving this letter because the Great Barrington Affordable Housing Trust Fund will be discussing and voting on purchasing 255 Park Street the parcel known as the **Risingdale Ball Field**. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund will meet Tuesday September 17 at 6:30pm via zoom. To join the meeting go to <https://www.townofgb.org/affordable-housing-trust-fund> and click on the Agenda for September 17. The zoom link on the agenda should open the meeting or paste the address into your browser. The zoom address is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84678233103>

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Webinar ID: 846 7823 3103

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (The Trust) is a town board charged with promoting affordable housing in Great Barrington. The Trust members are appointed by the Selectboard and meet regularly currently on zoom. The Trust has programs for downpayment loans for home buyers, emergency rental assistance, and home rehabilitation. The Trust is working with Habitat for Humanity to build 20 first time homeowners houses on North Plain Road with a groundbreaking this fall.

Can I make comments to the Affordable Housing Trust before they buy the land?

Yes, the chair will recognize any Great Barrington citizen who wishes to speak.

Why is the meeting only on zoom?

All boards and committee were transitioned to zoom during the pandemic. The Affordable Housing Trust has chosen to remain remote only.

Why is the Affordable Housing Trust buying this land?

This land is being purchased as a future housing site. This parcel is considered an infill site in an established neighborhood. The site has good access to utilities and is level.

Will I have any input into the housing that will be built?

Yes, the Affordable Housing Trust will be holding listening sessions for the neighborhood and Housatonic community.

What kind of housing will be built?

The Affordable Housing Trust has no preconceived plans. The actual housing type and location will come after neighborhood input and study.

How can I get more information?

The Affordable Housing Trust meetings are monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. The Trust has a web site at <http://gbhousing.org/> which will include periodic updates.