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July 29, 2020

Heather Bellow  
Berkshire Eagle  
168 Main Street  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Ms. Bellow,

This letter is in response to your records request emailed to me on July 29, 2020 requesting flow data for fire hydrants in Housatonic in which the data is available.

**The attached documents were provided by Fire Chief Charles Burger.**

Be advised that Public Records Requests in Massachusetts are governed by General Law Chapter 66 as well as Code of Massachusetts Regulations 950 CMR 32.00.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer L. Messina*

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Town Clerk

## Jennifer Messina

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**From:** Heather Bellow <hbellow@berkshireeagle.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Messina  
**Subject:** PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Hi Jenn,

Just spoke to Chief Burger, and he said he could have the information by the end of today, but wanted me to put in a request.

Hope you are well!

Heather

To: Jennifer Messina, Town Clerk, Great Barrington

Dear Jennifer,

This is a request under the Massachusetts Public Records Law (M. G. L. Chapter 66, Section 10). I am requesting that I be provided a copy of the following records:

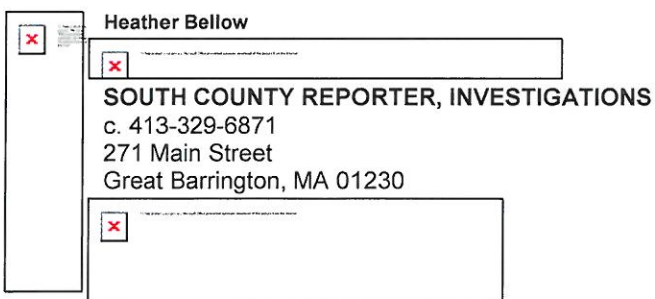
**Flow data for fire hydrants in Housatonic in which the data is available.**

I recognize that you may charge reasonable costs for copies, as well as for personnel time needed to comply with this request.

The Public Records Law requires you to provide me with a written response within 10 business days. If you cannot comply with my request, you are statutorily required to provide an explanation in writing.

Sincerely,

Heather



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# WATER FLOW TEST REPORT

Project: BERKSHIRE PULSE  
410 Park Street  
Housatonic, MA 01236

Hydrant # or Location: F Hyd Park & Waubeck-G Hyd Park & Mt View DATE: 7/23/2012

TEST BY: Housatonic Water Day or Week: Monday TIME OF DAY: 10:00am MIN. OF FLOW: 3

WATER SUPPLIED BY: Housatonic Water

PURPOSE OF TEST: Design Base

## DATA

### FLOW HYDRANT(S)

|                | A1         | A2                | A3                |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| SIZE OPENING:  | <u>2.5</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| COEFFICIENT:   | <u>0.8</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| PITOT READING: | <u>20</u>  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| GPM:           | <u>667</u> | <u>0</u>          | <u>0</u>          |

TOTAL FLOW DURING TEST: 667 GPM

STATIC READING: 83 PSI

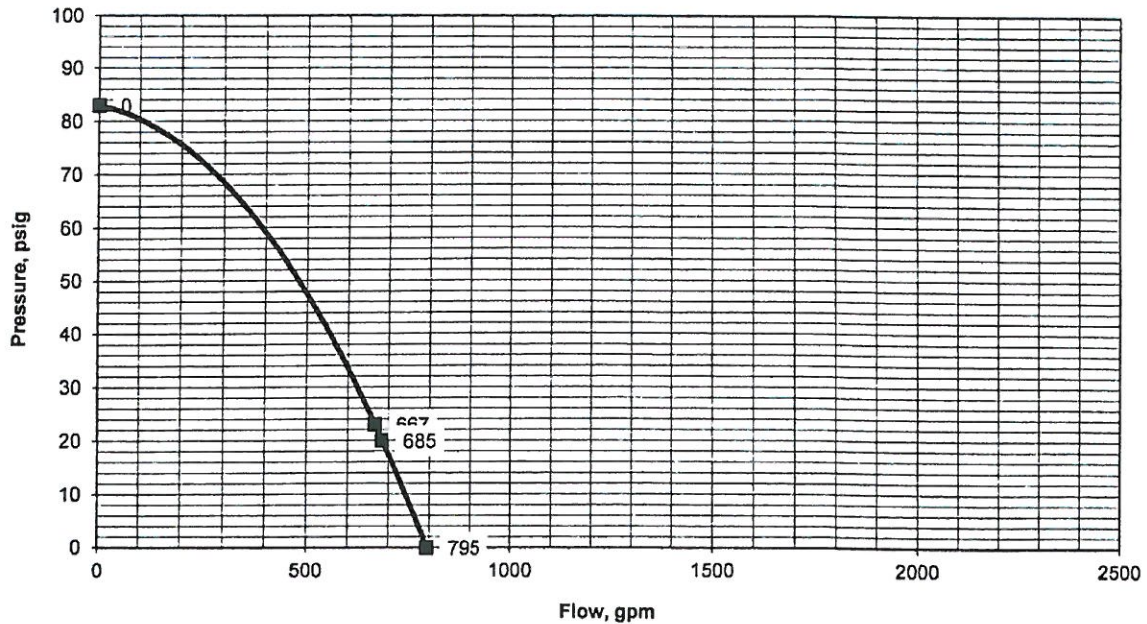
RESIDUAL: 23 PSI

RESULTS: AT 20 PSI RESIDUAL 685 GPM

AT 0 PSI 795 GPM

ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION: 2001 GAL.

REMARKS: Elev of Gauge Hyd at 750', Flow Hyd at 740', Site 739'



Hampshire Fire Protection, LLC  
507 Southampton Road  
Westfield, MA 01085  
413-642-3287

## INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE, INC.

City GREAT BARRINGTON-HOUSATONIC WATER CO. SYSTEM

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| State | MA |
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Witnessed by Insurance Services Office, Inc.

Date September 13, 2004

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THE ABOVE LISTED NEEDED FIRE FLOWS ARE FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE PREMIUM CALCULATIONS ONLY AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO PREDICT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WATER REQUIRED FOR A LARGE SCALE FIRE CONDITION. THE AVAILABLE FLOWS ONLY INDICATE THE CONDITIONS THAT EXISTED AT THE TIME AND AT THE LOCATION WHERE TESTS WERE WITNESSED.

\*Comm = Commercial; Res = Residential.

**\*\*Needed is the rate of flow for a specific duration for a full credit condition. Needed Fire Flows greater than 3,500 gpm are not considered in determining the classification of the city when using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.**

\*\*\* (A) - Limited by available hydrants to gpm shown. Available facilities limit flow to gpm shown plus consumption for the needed duration of (C)-3 hours or (D)-4 hours.