

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM
Monday, August 7, 2023
AGENDA

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Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:00 PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Selectboard Minutes from July 10 and 24, 2023
Approve Sewer Commissioner Retreat Minutes from August 2, 2023
3. 6:01 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
4. 6:01 Chelsey Little, Clean Water Facility Superintendent
 - Permit Results Summary June and July 2023
 - Execute and sign memorandum of understanding (MOU) x2 with Franklin County Solid Waste Management (FCSWMD) for hauling and accepting liquid sludge
 - Draft Permit Update-Timeline
 - Boiler Replacement Project Update
 - Generator Project Update
 - Sewer use rate setting pre-discussion: industrial vs residential adjustment and flat rate
5. 6:25 Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent
 - Introduce Collection System Lead Operator, Kyle Bessette
 - Hear Report of Collection System Activities to Date
 - Discuss Impact of Staff Vacancies on Collection System Support, Long-Term Needs
6. 6:35 Steve Ellis, Town Administrator
 - Additional Near-Term Priorities/Needs Identified through Sewer Commission Retreat Priority Requests for FY24 Special Town Meetings
 - Consultant Assistance with Collections Systems Regulatory Compliance Issues
 - Annual Reporting and Sewer Regulation Update (\$69,700)
 - Collection System Operation & Maintenance Assessment and Plan (\$35,000)
 - Sewer Grit Drying Pad (\$TBD)
 - Clean Water Facility: Operations Building Ventilation/HVAC (\$TBD)
 - Collection System Regulatory Compliance and Management Expertise
7. 6:45 Seth Rutherford, 253 Organic, LLC
 - Request to amend host community agreement to add Medical Cannabis License from the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission

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8. 6:55 Personnel Board:
- Consider MOA with NAGE Union
 - Notice of Finance Committee Review of Stipends for FY25 Budget
 - Execute Agreement in the amount of \$35,000 with the UMass Collins Center for Public Management for a Classification and Compensation Review
 - Discuss Proposal to Implement Longevity Benefit for Non-Union Staff
 - Appoint Robert Obear to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending 6/30/2024
9. 7:05 Maureen Pollock, Town Planner
- Planning Board Petition to Initiate Zoning Amendment: re-district two parcels of land along Turnpike Road, including Parcel #21-0-152 and Parcel #21-0-004 from Neighborhood Business (NB) Zoning District to General Business (GB) Zoning District
 - Execute professional services agreement with VHB Consultants to conduct a market study for Farren Property. Contract value not to exceed \$35,000, to be funded by a FY24 Community Planning Grant
10. 7:15 ARPA Expenditure Request
- Cultural Council- Request for up to \$18,000 over the next two years to match annual state grant allocation for cultural programming in FY13 and 24
 - River Culture- Request for \$7,350 to hire a consultant to conduct a strategic plan for the River Culture Program
 - Both requests to be funded from the “Economic/Community Development Recovery” tranche, current unencumbered balance is \$101,212
11. 7:25 Special Town Meeting
- Establish Fall Meeting Date
 - List Potential Capital Requests
 - Identify Other Warrant Items
12. 7:40 Walter Ramsey, Assistant Town Administrator
- Montague City Road Flooding Project Update
 - Burn Dump Updates
 - Millers Falls Road embankment storm damage
13. 7:50 Town Administrator Business
- Execute grant documents related to a Community Facilities grant for a DPW pickup truck with sander, up to \$43,400
 - Update on Cannabis Retail Sale Tax Revenues
 - Update on PFAS Settlement/Litigation
 - Review Draft Agreement For Division of GMTA Bus Maintenance Facility Proceeds
 - FirstLight Begins Assessment of Long-Term Bascule Gate Piston Leak Solution
 - Topics not anticipated within the 48hr posting

OTHER:

Next Meeting: Selectboard, Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM, via ZOOM