

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, August 18, 2025

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82858534417>

Meeting ID: 828 5853 4417 Passcode: 999819 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

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

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meetings July 21 and August 4, 2025
3. 6:30 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. 6:32 **Pole Location Hearings- Petitioner: Eversource**
 - Eversource installed pole needed to service a new building at 221 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls, MA
 - Eversource to install a new midspan pole to alleviate a large span length and resolve service issues at 94 Federal Street, Montague, MA
 - Eversource to install a 35' fully owned pole and span guy to help support the pole lining going down Norman Cir. This request is due to a broken tree guy. Minor tree trimming may be required. Location is 202 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls, MA
 - Eversource and Verizon reconductor project is planned to improve reliability and protection in the area. The new conductor that will be installed is heavier and it requires shorter spans and relocation of poles from out of the ROW at Dry Hill Road in Montague, MA
5. 6:45 **License Requests;**
 - Use of Peskeopmskut Park: RiverCulture seeks permission for use of the bandshell for a music festival on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 1am to 7pm.
 - Request for One Day License: Grace O'Connell-Bach/ Montague Retreat Center for a Rehearsal dinner at the Montague Retreat Center, 177 Ripley Road, Montague, MA on September 26, 2025, from 4:00pm to 10:00pm.
6. 6:50 **Roberta Potter, COA Director/ Mass In Motion**
 - MOU with Franklin Regional Council of Governments for Montague FY26 for Age-friendly planning (Mass in Motion)

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7. 6:55 **Maureen Pollock, Planning Director**
- Planning Board Recommendations and Updated Plan for Petition from Leh Family Realty Trust & Burek Family Trust to Discontinue and Abandon 1969 Public Roadway Layout of Burek Drive; and Accept Revised Public Roadway Layout of Burek Drive
 - Farren Rezoning Meeting Announcement: At the Planning Board's August 26th meeting, residents will have the opportunity to review the full draft zoning language for the Farren sites and provide feedback to help shape the zoning.
 - Status update on Preliminary FEMA Floodplain Mapping – Presentation and Q/A led by Nadia Madden, DCR Floodplain Management Specialist
8. 7:15 **Personnel Board- with Police Chief Williams**
- Appoint Todd Michon to part-time Police officer, effective August 18, 2025, at \$30.00 per hour
 - Appoint Zachary Caloon to part-time Police officer, effective August 18, 2025, at \$30.00 per hour
- 9 7:20 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- Announce award of \$52,401.00 for Unity Park Fieldhouse weatherization improvements from MA Green Communities Program
 - Updates from Library Building Steering Committee
 - Strathmore Mill Footbridge abatement – timeline for asbestos removal, utility cutting & capping
 - Eversource Grid Upgrades – Notice of Filing, Public Hearing, and Request for Comments
 - Other Updates
10. 7:30 **Town Administrator's Business**
- Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) regarding third-party inspection of the town's municipal transfer station.
 - Execute MOU with FCSWMD regarding hauling of recyclables & hauling and disposal of solid waste; hauling and disposal of bulky wastes; and hauling and disposal of scrap metal and appliances
 - Execute MOU with FCSWMD for regional household hazardous waste collection event
 - Overview of potential lodging tax/ FRCOG Short Term Rental Study
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements

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- 11. 7:45 Anticipated executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §§21(a)(2) and 21(a)(3) to conduct collective bargaining sessions and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (NEPBA Local 183- Patrol)

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Next Meeting:

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30PM at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA and via ZOOM.