

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, September 22, 2025

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86015824499>

Meeting ID: 860 1582 4499 Passcode: 417836 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 Meeting September 15, 2025 if available
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 **Public Use and Event Licensing**
 - RiverCulture:
 - Requests use of public property (sidewalk only) for Pre-Halloween Festive Bug Parade on October 3, 2025 from 6:00pm to 6:30pm.
 - Entertainment license to play recorded music (DJ) from 5-9pm for activities at 147 Second Street lot on Friday October 3, a RiverCulture sponsored First Friday event.
 - Matt Wolaver and the Shea Theater Arts Center
 - Request for Use of Public Property to close Shea Parking Lot (alleyway) from Avenue A to the back of the Shea building from 4-8PM on Thursday, October 2, 2025
 - Entertainment License requested for the outdoor performance by The Giant Harp on Thursday, October 2, 2025.
5. 6:40 **Flower Power Growers, Inc. with John Stobierski**
 - Request to amend existing Host Community Agreement for cannabis manufacturing establishment at 180 Industrial Boulevard to comply with Cannabis Control Commission.
6. 6:50 **Parks and Recreation Department Business- Jon Dobosz, Director**
 - Approve Contract for Maintenance of Skate Park with Tailblock Concrete LLC for \$2750.00
 - Request the selectboard designates the Bluefish Swim Coach position as a special municipal employee position
7. 6:55 **Department of Public Works Business- Sam Urkiel, Superintendent**
 - Recommendation to adopt new Transfer Station Fee Schedule
 - Execute Agreement between Town of Montague and Tighe&Bond for Engineering Services for Sanitary Landfill Environmental Monitoring \$27,800.00
 - Review of DPW summer projects

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8. 7:10 **Personnel Board**
- Employment Contract with Director of Public Health Ryan Paxton. Hire at Grade C Step 6 (\$82,882.80) retroactive to July 1, 2025.
9. 7:20 **FRTA, Jeff Singleton**
- FRTA Advisory Board update
10. 7:30 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- Request Authorization to apply for MassDOT Local Early-stage Actionable Planning (LEAP) Program for Industrial Blvd Shared-Use Path Planning & Design
 - Execute Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. Grant award is \$458,750 and will fund "The Hill Neighborhood Green Infrastructure Master Planning."
 - Update on Strathmore Footbridge Asbestos Abatement; anticipated Change Order #2 from All Star Abatement, Inc.
 - Other Project Updates
11. 7:45 **Town Administrator's Business**
- Airport Industrial Park land swap
 - Follow up on natural gas contract
 - Follow up on 9/15 Kearsarge PILOT presentation
 - Authorize to have the town of Montague be a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Services District
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements
12. 8:00 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)

Next Meeting:

- Selectboard: Monday, September 29, 2025, at 6:30PM via ZOOM.