

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectboard members Matt Lord, Rich Kuklewicz, and Marina Goldman; Town Administrator Walter Ramsey; Assistant Town Administrator Chris Nolan-Zeller; Parks and Recreation Director Jon Dobosz; and FCRHA Director of Community Development Brian McHugh.

Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken

Approve Minutes: Montague Meetings of November 10, 2025

Postponed

Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

None

Brian McHugh, Director of Community Development

Request to extend grant extensions for FY22, FY23 and FY24 Montague Community Development Block Grant program activities

Kuklewicz makes the motion to extend the grant extensions for the Montague Community Development Block Grants CDF-G-2022/2023 and CDF-G-2024 until June 30, 2026. Seconded by Goldman, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye

Use of Public Property - Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director

Sawmill River 10k Road Race, Thursday, January 1, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting at Montague Center Village

Goldman makes the motion to approve the request for the Use of Public Property for the Sawmill River 10k Road Race on Thursday, January 1, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting at Montague Center Village. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Goldman - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Lord - Aye

Montague Food Security and Sustainability Coalition Emergency Produce Distribution Initiative

Consider authorizing a Subgrant Agreement in the amount of \$3,250 to Brick House Community Resource Center (acting on behalf of the Montague Food Security and Sustainability Coalition) for the purpose of purchasing produce and household groceries for food pantries in Montague. Funding source: Community Development Discretionary

Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize and execute the Subgrant Agreement in the amount of \$3,250 to Brick House Community Resource Center (acting on behalf of the Montague Food Security and Sustainability Coalition) for the purpose of purchasing produce and household groceries for food pantries in Montague; Funding source: Community Development Discretionary. Seconded by Goldman, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye

Assistant Town Administrator's Business

- **Authorize Contract Amendment with Tighe & Bond for engineering and environmental services - building demolition and site improvement at the Strathmore Mill Complex. Amendment value is \$1,088,550 to be funded by EPA Brownfields Clean-Up Grant and state earmark**

Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Contract Amendment with Tighe & Bond for engineering and environmental services - building demolition and site improvement at the Strathmore Mill Complex; amendment value is \$1,088,550 to be funded by EPA Brownfields Clean-Up Grant and state earmark. Seconded by Goldman, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye

- **Other Updates/Habitat for Humanity**

Mass DEP is currently doing the soil clean-up for the Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity project.

Town Administrator's Business

- **Commonwealth of Mass Department of Fish and Game requests a Letter of Support for Department of Fish and Game to purchase property on Ripley Road (Parcel ID 52-0-058)**

Lord makes the motion to send a Letter of Support for Department of Fish and Game to purchase property on Ripley Road (Parcel ID 52-0-058) as discussed. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye

- **Golden Cane Discussion**

Discussion ensues about recognizing and honoring residents over 100 years old. Goldman and Council on Aging Director Roberta Potter are planning an event for December 11th. Buttons may be created for these residents.

- **Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements/New Employees**

Two new employees, the Collections System Lead Operator and our new Chief of Police, are starting today.

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Other/Union with Gill-Montague School Janitors (*not on agenda*)

Lord states that we need to appoint a representative to work with the Gill-Montague School Committee on negotiations with their janitors. They are having their first executive session for that union contract tomorrow at 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting:

Selectboard: Monday, November 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

Goldman makes the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye