

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, December 1, 2025

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82148295712>

Meeting ID: 821 4829 5712 Password: 394782 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

This meeting/hearing of the Selectboard will be held in person at the location provided on this notice.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

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: Nov. 10, 2025, Nov. 17, 2025, and August 11, 2025, Selectboard Retreat Meeting
3. 6:32 **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 **Personnel Board- Police Chief Transition**
 - Recognize Chief Williams for his 30+ Years of service to Montague
 - Designate Jason D. Haskins as Police Chief in charge (formal pinning ceremony January 8)
 - Issue town credit card for Jason D. Haskins, Police Chief, in the amount of \$5,000.00
5. 6:45 **Richard Martin, Franklin County Tech School Superintendent**
 - Informational overview of feasibility study results for reconstruction of the Franklin County Tech School to be funded with support from Mass School Building Authority and district municipalities. Information Here: <https://www.fcts.us/apps/pages/msba>
6. 7:05 **Public Hearing held jointly with the Board of Assessors: Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Classification Hearing**
 - Adam Tocci, Director Assessing to present rate setting needs and options for distributing tax burden among different classes of property.
 - Public Comment, Deliberation, and vote to recommend tax rates for FY26.
 - Board of Assessors vote to approve the sixth motor vehicle commitment list from the Registry of motor Vehicles and sign the warrant to be handed to the Treasurer/Collector.

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7. 7:35

Assistant Town Administrator's Business

- Authorize contract with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc for engineering and design services for the Sewer Collections System Rehabilitation Phase 2 project. Contract value is \$150,700.00 to be funded by Town Meeting borrowing authorization.
- Other project updates

8. 7:45

Town Administrator's Business

- Adopt Insurance Opt-Out Program for Municipal Employees
- Review and endorse FY27 Selectboard budget requests: Town meeting, Selectboard office, legal counsel, and shared costs, farmers market, veterans, intergovernmental, benefits, insurance, and Colle building.
- Proposal to move cemetery maintenance budget (\$30,000) and responsibility from Cemetery Commission to Department of Public Works.
- Plans for Golden Cane Recognition event 12/11/25 at 11:00AM at Senior Center
- Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements
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9. 8:00

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to act under the authority of Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g). to review and consider acceptance of executive session minutes from 11/3/2025 (Bargaining strategy with National Association of Government Employees).

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00pm via ZOOM