

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, January 26, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85461810143>

Meeting ID: 854 6181 0143 Password: 891667 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: January 12, 2026
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 **Licenses**
 - Request for approval of a Special and One Day License for Common Variety Café & Market, 485 Federal St., Montague, MA, on February 14, 2026, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm for a Valentine's Day Dinner
5. 6:35 **Personnel Board**
 - New Hires:**
 - Appoint Seth Thompson to Library Community Relations Coordinator effective February 2, 2026, for 13.5 hours per week, Grade G, Step 5 at \$26.53/hour
 - Appoint Anthony Montivirdi to Clean Water Facility (CWF) Administrative Assistant effective 1/27/2026, NAGE Union, Grade H, Step 3, \$23.92/hr., 40 hours/week.
 - Appoint Brandon Bryant as Full-time Police Officer effective 2/1/2026, 37.69 hours per week, Grade P, Step 8 at \$33.35/hour
 - Rate Changes:**
 - William Ketchen, Building Inspector
 - Request to authorize Rate Change to Grade C, Step 6, \$82,882.80/annually, effective July 1, 2025
 - Charlene Langenback, Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector
 - Request to authorize Rate Change to Grade F, Step 5, \$29.18/hr., effective February 2, 2026
 - Anna Morin, Communications Officer
 - Request to authorize Rate Change to Grade F, Step 2, \$26.70/hr., effective February 2, 2026
 - Marsha Beckwith, Dispatch Supervisor
 - Request temporary out of grade pay in accordance with NAGE contract Article 17 for work during the period of 7/1/25 through 12/31/25 due to extended absence of Lieutenant and Police Chief transition for a one-time payment in the amount of \$1,995.96
 - Resignations:**
 - David Dempsey and Tim Van Egmond from the Montague Energy Committee

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6. 6:50 **Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture**
- Authorize Cultural District Investment Grant agreement for \$15,000 with Mass Cultural Council.
7. 6:55 **Brian McHugh, Community Development Program Manager**
- Presentation of the FY25 Montague CDBG Response to Special Conditions
 - 1a – LifePath Elder Social Services Budget
 - 1b – LifePath Home Delivered Meals Budget
 - 1c – Brick House Budget
 - 1d – Wildflower Alliance Budget
 - 1e – Heartwing Budget
 - 2 - Census Block Groups and LMI Statistics for Avenue A Streetscape Project
 - FY25 CDBG Professional Services Contracts for Signatures
 - 2a - Town of Montague and HRA
 - 2b - Town of Montague and Social Service Agencies (2 for LifePath, 1 Brick House, 1 Wildflower Alliance, 1 Heartwing Center)
 - FY26 CDBG Informational Meeting
 - HRA Agenda
 - Town Information Sheet
8. 7:25 **Town Administrator’s Business**
- Article submission deadline for May 2, 2026, Annual Town Meeting: suggested date, Wednesday, March 11th at 4:00pm
 - Six Town Regionalization Planning Board correspondence
 - Rave Alerts Rollout. Sign-up: Text “Montague” to 77295
 - Personnel Policy Manual and Committee Handbook development updates
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements

Next Meetings

Finance Committee & Selectboard Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 @ 6:00pm via Zoom

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2026, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA, at 6:30pm
1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA and via ZOOM