

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, February 2, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584514313>

Meeting ID: 885 8451 4313 Password: 913235 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: 1/12/2026 & 1/26/2026 if available
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. 6:34 **David Brule, Chair of Battlefield Grant Advisory Board**
 - Mission wrap-up and next steps
 - Request to disband the Battlefield Grant Advisory Board
5. 6:40 **Personnel Board**
 - Police Department**
 - Appoint Jacob Thompson to Police Officer effective 2-8-2026, Grade P, Step 4 at \$28.51/hour, 37.69 hours per week
 - Appoint Joshua Lemay to Patrol Officer effective 2-22-2026, Grade P, Step 10 at \$36.01/hour, 37.69 hours per week
 - Appoint Olivia Parnanen to custodian effective 2-8-2026, Grade I, Step 10 at \$24.17/hour, 15-18 hours per week
 - Department of Public Works**
 - Appoint Richard Hebert, II to Light Equipment Operator effective 2-3-2026, Grade G, Step 3 at \$25.01/hour, 40 hours per week. Richard holds a Class A CDL license and will receive an additional \$1.50/hour
 - Library**
 - Appoint Merlin Waldron from Substitute Library Assistant to Library Assistant, effective 2-7-2026, Grade I, Step 1 at \$18.07/hour

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6. 6:55 **Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director**
- Request Public Demonstration/Use of Public Property for Montague Soap Box Races on September 27, 2026, 7:00am to 5:00pm located on First Street, Unity Park and Unity Hill
7. 7:00 **Maureen Pollock, Director of Planning**
- Planning Board Zoning Amendment Petition: Revised Section 8.5 Accessory Dwelling Units
8. 7:05 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- Authorize contract with Berkshire Design Group, Inc for bidding and construction administration for the Avenue A Streetscape Improvements project. Contract value is \$30,000.00 to be funded by Community Development Block Grant.
 - Other Project Updates
9. 7:10 **Town Administrator's Business**
- Authorize DPW Superintendent Sam Urkiel to be the signatory for Collective Highway Products and Services contracts by FRCOG for FY27.
 - FY27 Budget: Updates and discuss acceptance of 2% Budget Reduction scenarios.
 - Discussion: exploring regionalization opportunities
 - Schools
 - EMS (ambulance) Services
 - Police dispatch
 - Adopt revised Sustainable Product Purchasing Policy, per MassDEP program requirements
 - Topics not anticipated within 48 hours

Next Meetings

Finance/Selectboard Meeting: FY27 School Budget Proposal:

February 5, 2026, at 5:30pm at Gill Town Hall

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00pm via ZOOM