

## MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 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; Executive Assistant Fern Smith; Assistant Town Planner/RiverCulture Director Suzanne LoManto; and Montague Library Trustees Chair Will Quale.

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

### Approve Minutes of March 30, 2026, if available

Goldman makes the motion to accept the Minutes of March 30, 2026 as proposed. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Goldman - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Lord - Aye

**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, FCRHRA

**Request signatures on a disbursement authorization for Berkshire Design in the amount of \$345.00 for Bidding and Construction Oversight for the FY25 Montague Avenue A 5.1 Construction Project.**

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request for signatures on a disbursement authorization for Berkshire Design in the amount of \$345.00 for Bidding and Construction Oversight for the FY25 Montague Avenue A 5.1 Construction Project. Seconded by Goldman, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye

### Use of Public Property/Licenses

- **RiverCulture and Will Quale request for Use of Public Property, Montague Center Common, for Annual May Day Event, Sunday, May 3, 2026. Permission to close North Street between Center Street and Main Street also requested. Activities include a parade from the Montague Center post office to the Common for dancing and music around a traditional maypole.**

Goldman makes the motion to approve the RiverCulture's and Will Quale's request for the Use of Public Property, Montague Center Common, for the Annual May Day Event, Sunday, May 3, 2026; permission to close North Street between Center Street and Main Street. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Goldman - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Lord - Aye

- **Request Use of Peskeompskut Park by Jenny Vanderbilt for Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturday mornings: May 2 - October 31, 2026, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM (includes set-up and clean-up)**

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request by Jenny Vanderbilt for the Use of Peskeompskut Park for the Great Falls Farmers Market on Saturday mornings: May 2 - October 31, 2026, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Seconded by Goldman, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye

- **Request from Billy McKerchie for Tables and Chairs License for Upper Bend & Avenue A Market at 106 & 112 Avenue A. License includes 6 tables with chairs. Updated Certificate of Insurance in process.**

Goldman makes the motion to authorize the Tables and Chairs License for Upper Bend & Avenue A Market at 106 & 112 Avenue A. License includes 6 tables with chairs. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Goldman - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Lord - Aye

### Annual Town Meeting, May 2, 2026

- **Town Meeting Warrant - To Approve and Execute May 2, 2026 Warrant, as attached hereto**

Lord makes the motion to adopt for the Annual Town Meeting the following Warrant and Articles therein: (Lord reads aloud the Town Meeting Warrant). Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye

- **Review background materials**

The Selectboard members will look over the background materials this week.

### Assistant Town Administrator's Business

- **First Read - updated Surplus Disposal Policy**

Nolan-Zeller reviews the updated Surplus Disposal Policy. This issue will be revisited in next week's agenda.

- **Other Project updates**

None

### Town Administrator's Business

- **Authorize Consent and Conflict Waiver to allow Sullivan, Hayes & Quinn, LLC (former counsel to Montague) to represent City of Greenfield**

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*Lord makes the motion to authorize the Consent and Conflict Waiver to allow Sullivan, Hayes & Quinn, LLC to represent the City of Greenfield. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye*

- **Draft Personnel Policy Manual - Second reading**

**[https://montague-ma.gov/files/Montague Personnel Manual Draft 4-2-2026.pdf](https://montague-ma.gov/files/Montague_Personnel_Manual_Draft_4-2-2026.pdf)**

The Selectboard members agree that the Draft is ready to go to Town Meeting.

- **Topics not anticipated within 48-hour posting requirements**

None

**Next Meeting:**

Selectboard: Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM

**Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation involving Laurel Realty Trust relating to Parcel ID 22-0-12, as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town of Montague**

- The Chair deems that having this discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the Town's position.
- *Kuklewicz makes the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation involving Laurel Realty Trust relating to Parcel ID 22-0-12. Seconded by Goldman, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Goldman - Aye, Lord - Aye*