

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, April 27, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 829 4478 6477

Password: 500129

Dial into meeting:

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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: April 13, 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. 6:35 **Use of Public Property / Licenses**
 - Liquor Licensing Hearing, El Nopalito Restaurant, 196 Turners Falls Rd, Montague Alteration to the on-premise All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License (Restaurant). The proposed 281 square foot patio area, which will be located on the south side of the building, enclosed on all sides by 3 ft garden bends or a 6 ft high wood panel fence. with a seating capacity of up to 32 patrons.
 - Request for Use of Public Property by Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter, Gabrielle Donelan, on June 27th, 2026, from 8:00am to approximately 3:00pm for a bike race to start at Unity Park. See attached Routes. Park authorization received
5. 6:45 **Execute May 19, 2026 Town Election Warrant, attached hereto**
6. 6:50 **Eileen Seymour, Treasurer/Collector**
 - Memorandum of Agreement between the Public Employee Committee (PEC) and the Town of Montague
8. 6:55 **Personnel Board**
 - Letter of commendation for Chief Haskins for February 2, 2026, event
 - Request phone stipend for Felix Morales, Police Department, at current rate of \$5.77 a week.
 - Execute Employment Contract Renewal (through 4/10/2029) with Clean Water Facility Superintendent Chelsey Little, beginning at Grade B Step 7 (\$107,307)
 - Appoint Alexander Duda, Franklin County Technical School student, to airport grounds employee, effective 4-28-2026 at \$15.50/hour, 40 hours/bi-weekly, for approximately 18 months

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7. 7:35

Assistant Town Administrator's Business

- Request signatures on a disbursement authorization for Berkshire Design in the amount of \$4,602.00 for Bidding and Construction Administration for the FY25 Montague Avenue A 5.1 Construction Project
- Authorize contract with Saladino Property Maintenance, LLC for Cemetery Grounds Maintenance. Contract value is \$21,924.00 to be funded from FY27 operating budget.
- Authorize contract with Reliance IT, LLC for Police Department IT services. Contract value is in accordance with the payment schedule appearing as Attachment A to the contract documents, to be funded from FY27 operating budget.
- First Read: Community Involvement Plan for Strathmore Mill Site Cleanup Project, draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives. Announcement of 30-day Public Comment Period, with public meeting on 5/11/26 Selectboard agenda.
- Authorization to apply for Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) for engineering and construction of Collections System Rehabilitation Phase 2.
- Other project updates

8. 7:45

Town Administrator's Business

- Municipal funding update from Senator Comerford – Authorize a letter to be sent to Senate President and Senate Ways and Means Committee requesting the supplemental budget retain several important funding items for the Town of Montague.
- Annual Town Meeting set for May 2nd, 2026 at 9am– packets have been mailed and information is on the Town's website. Pre-town meeting will be held via zoom on April 28th at 6pm. Information can be found on the Town website calendar.
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirement

Next Meeting

Pre-Town Meeting: Tuesday April 28th, at 6:00pm via ZOOM

Annual Town Meeting: Saturday, May 2nd, at 9:00am at Turners Falls High School

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, May 4th, at 6:30pm In Person and via ZOOM