

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, June 29, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84807967913>

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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: June 15, 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 **Liquor License Hearing**
 - Shiv Holdings Corp, d/b/a Food City, Nishantkumar Patel as manager has applied for a transfer of Section 15, package store Wine and Malt Beverages from Crooked River Corp, d/b/a/ Food City located at 250 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA. Pledge of License/Inventory to the applicant's lender. No alterations to premise.
5. 6:40 **Licenses**
 - RiverCulture
 - Suzanne LoManto seeks signatures on contracts between the Town of Montague and FirstLight Power for land use related to the following events co-sponsored by RiverCulture
 - 13th annual Pocumtuck Homelands Festival: July 31 and August 1-2, 2026
 - Northeast Unity Car Show: Sunday, September 20, 2026
 - Seeks permission to close First Street between L Street and Unity Street to facilitate the same events sponsored by RiverCulture. Maps have been provided
 - RiverCulture requests the closure of the Shea parking lot from Avenue A to Cutlery parking lot from 4-10pm for the purpose of projecting fireworks during the First Friday, July 3.
 - Montague Center Fire Department Association
 - Request to close Station Street from Main Street to School Street for bonfire taking place at Montague Center Park on July 3, 2026, from 3:00pm to 9:00pm
 - Brian Westbrook, RPM Fest
 - Overview of RPM Fest September 4 – 6, 2026 at the Millers Falls Rod and Gun Club
 - Montague Retreat Center, One Day Liquor License
 - Request for One Day Beer & Wine Liquor License for Saturday, June 27, 2026, for a wedding

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6. 6:55

Personnel Board

Airport

- Appoint Matthew Durham, FCTS Aviation Program, to Grounds Maintenance effective 7/1/2026, 40 hours per week, 3 months at \$15.50/hour

Council on Aging

- Appoint Diana Pedrosa to Council on Aging Administrative Assistant, effective 7/7/2026, Grade H, Step1, 15 hours per week at \$22.56/hour

Police Department

- Approve updated Status Change Form 111F, for Cody Wells to return to work on 6-24-2026
- Appoint Chief Jason Haskins to Constable for the Town of Montague, effective 7/1/2026 for 1 year term, ending on 6/30/2027

Department of Public Works

- Accept resignation of Tree Warden Jason Kingsbury, effective 7/1/2026

Committee Appointments

- Appoint Ashley Gough to Mass In Motion Initiative, effective 7/1/2026 for 1 year term, ending on 6/30/2027
- Appoint Walter Ramsey as Alternate to Franklin Regional Planning Advisory Board (FRPAB) effective 7/1/2026 for the remainder of vacant term to expire 06/30/2027
- Nominate and Appoint Selectboard Member to Franklin Regional Council of Government – Councilor effective 7/1/2026 for 1 year term, ending on 6/30/2027
- Nominate and Appoint Selectboard Member to Franklin Regional Transit Advisory Board, effective 7/1/2026 for 1 year term, ending on 6/30/2027
- To Approve Annual Appointments as set forth in the attached list

7. 7:10

Brian McHugh, Director of Community Development

- Review Final Quarterly Report for FY22.23 MONT CDBG Program activities and sign cover letter confirming approval of the Final Quarterly Report.
- Approve Final Grant Draw in the amount of \$87,203.60, and sign cover letter confirming that the amount of \$198.00 in uncommitted grant funds will not be drawn.

8. 7:20

Maureen Pollock, Planning Director

- Presentation of Turners Falls Wayfinding/Signage design concepts

9. 7:30

Tree Committee Business

- Proposal for the Town to Seek Level 1 Designation for the Arbnet Arboretum Accreditation Program
- Tree Committee recommendations regarding the Tree Warden Budget and Stipend

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10. 7:45

Town Administrator's Business

- Accept \$2,000 donation from Brickhouse Community Resource Center for the purpose of operating and improving the Great Falls Farmers Market, establish gift fund.
- Execution of payment requisition No. 2 to Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Resources for Asset Management Grant.
- Debrief of 6/24/26 Special Town Meeting
- Selectboard Strategic Planning Session (6/23/26) Recap
- Discussion of process for evaluating potential consolidation and shared service opportunities with Special Districts in Montague.
- Announcement: FirstLight – Turners Falls Power Canal service outage will begin on Sunday, 9/20/26 at 6:00am and end Saturday, 9/26/26 at 6:00pm.

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00pm - HYBRID

Town offices closed Thursday, July 2, 2026, in observance of Independence Day