

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, August 24, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88272000097>

Meeting ID: 882 7200 0097 Password: 497865 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 Meetings: August 10, 2026, if available
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 **Public Hearing, Matthew Baumes and Corey Laitman**
 - In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 157, to determine whether the dog known as, "Scoot", owned and/or kept by Matthew Baumes and Corey Laitman is a Nuisance or Dangerous Dog as defined in said statute.
5. 7:05 **Eileen Seymour, Tax Collector/Treasurer**
 - Request for Selectboard to sign for the USDA loan in the amount of \$1,616,000 for the screw pump project
 - Execution of United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) forms for Screw Pump Station Upgrade Loan Closing (Right-of-Way Certificate, Loan Resolution)
6. 7:15 **Cultural Council Business**
 - Appoint Klon Koehler to Cultural Council for one year term. Expires on 6/30/2027
 - Request for \$7,000 from Community Development Discretionary Fund to provide a match to the Mass Cultural Council Grant to fund cultural programming in Montague for FY27.
7. 7:20 **Personnel Department**
 - Appoint Amy Love to Library Assistant, effective 8/29/2026, Grade I, Step 1 at \$18.52/hour

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8. 7:25 **Licenses**
- Allison Cooke of Montague Elks Lodge Requests use of Public Property for 2nd annual charity 5K run/walk to benefit Montague Elks #2521, on September 5, 2026, from 7:00am to 11:00am
9. 7:30 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- General Project Updates: Avenue A Streetscape Phase V, Montague Center Complete Streets, Millers Falls Rd / Industrial Blvd intersection improvements, North Leverett Rd bridge replacement
 - Selectboard adoption of the 2026-2031 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - [May 2026 Montague Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved](#)
 - Montague HMP Adoption Resolution
10. 7:45 **Town Administrator's Business**
- Disclosure of appearance of conflict of interest for participation in Elementary School Building Committee pursuant to M.G.L 268A s 19.
11. 7:50 Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), to discuss the physical condition and/or mental health of a police officer as it relates to a request for injury leave under M.G.L. c. 41, §111F, and not to reconvene in open session. Continued from 7/13/2026
12. 8:10 Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relating to National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) locals if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday August 31, 2026, at 6:30pm via ZOOM