

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, September 14, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86141025955>

Meeting ID: 861 4102 5955 Password: 698572 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: August 31, 2026
3. 6:30 Ratify Decision to hold emergency Executive Session September 4, 2026 at 1:30 PM
4. 6:33 **Public Comment Period:** Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
5. 6:35 **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - Liquor License Hearing whereas Secondhand Smoke, Inc., d/b/a North Village Smoke House, Sean Keller as manager, has applied for Change of Officers/Directors and Transfer of Stock for Annual, All-Alcoholic Beverages On-Premises Liquor License located at 32 Federal St, Millers Falls, MA 01349
6. 6:45 **Licenses**
 - Request Use of Peskeompskut Park on October 4, 2026, from 12:00 noon to 8:00pm (includes setup and cleanup) for small, independent festival sponsored by Brian Dickens and RiverCulture
 - Request Use of Public Property and Entertainment License on October 2, 2026, from 3:00pm to 9:30pm for entertainment and First Friday Night Market sponsored by RiverCulture
7. 6:50 **Personnel Board**
Council on Aging
 - Amend employment description of COA Administrative Assistant and increase hours for 15 to 17 per week.Police Department
 - Appoint Jacob Dlugosz to Reserve Patrolman, effective 9/26/2026 at \$30.00/hour
 - Appoint Ludmila Sherstyukova to Per Diem Dispatcher effective 9/14/2026 at \$27.00/hour

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Library

- Appoint Kathleen Lacey to Substitute Library Assistant, effective 9/17/2026 at \$15.00/hour

Planning Board

- Appoint Sage Winter from associate member to permanent member for the remainder of the vacant term, to end 6/30/2027
- Appoint Kristi Bodin to associate member effective 9/15/2026. Term ends 6/30/2027

Selectboard Executive Assistant

- Second Reading of Town of Montague Family Medical Leave Act (FML) policy, vote to adopt

8. 7:05

Police Department Business

- Request \$5,000 from Community Development Discretionary Fund to establish a Community Policing Pilot Program for the Montague Police Department

9. 7:10

Town Administrator's Business

- Receipt of Burn Dump Final Closure Certification
- Proposal designate Town-owned Parcels 12-0-051 at 0 Montague City Road and Parcel 04-0-0031 at 0 First Street as property not open for general public parking or vehicle storage; to prohibit overnight parking and the storage or long-term parking of vehicles, campers, trailers or similar equipment, and dumpsters thereon without authorization of the Town; and to authorize the Police Department and Department of Public Works to post, secure and otherwise manage the property consistent with this designation, including removal of unauthorized vehicles in accordance with applicable law.
- Proposal for Memorandum of Understanding with Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority to allow temporary public use of their parking lot on Parcel 04-0-0036 during construction of the Habitat for Humanity project
- Execute agreement with State for Sealer of Weights and Measures Services for term commencing January 1, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$7,835.00

10. 7:30

Executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(2), to conduct collective bargaining sessions (NEBPA Local 183) and G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and collective bargaining (NEBPA Local 183; S. Williams v. Town of Montague, MCAD Docket No. 25SEM00137)

Next Meetings

Proposed FCTS Building Project info session: Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00PM at Franklin County Technical School

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:30pm via ZOOM

Proposed Great River Regional School District Info Session: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00PM at Turners Falls High School