

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, October 5, 2026

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6327691840>

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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: September 28, 2026, if available
3. 6:32 Ratify vote to hold emergency executive session on 9/29/2026 5PM pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss litigation strategy in the case of Snow, Deborah et al vs. Town of Montague, Franklin Superior Court, CA No. 2678CV00056.
4. 6:34 **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 **Health Director Ashley Gough and the Heartwing Center**
 - Overview of public health implications of domestic violence and prevention efforts by Heartwing Center
 - Request to execute a Domestic Violence Prevention Proclamation to recognize October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month
6. 6:45 **Personnel Board**
 - Police Department**
 - Execute Employment Agreement for Deputy Chief Joshua Hoffman as Deputy Chief of Police effective October 11, 2026, 40 hours per week, Grade C Step 8 with an annual salary of \$103,001
 - Appoint Joshua Lemay to Full-time Police Detective effective October 11, 2026, Grade D, Step 9 at \$38.54/hour.
 - Appoint Jacob Sak to Full-time Police Patrol Officers effective October 18, 2026, Grade P, Step 4 at \$28.51/hour.
 - Libraries**
 - Approve increase in hours for Colleen Rauch, Library Assistant from 26 to 28 hours per week, effective October 6, 2026. No change in grade or step.
 - Approve increase in hours for Scott Schmith, Library Assistant from 27.5 to 28 hours per week, effective October 6, 2026. No change in grade or step.

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Airport

- Memorandum of Agreement with the Airport Commission to provide temporary administrative support for the Turners Falls Municipal Airport

Parks & Recreation

- Resignation of Barbara Kuklewicz Resignation from Park & Rec Commission effective 10/01/2026
- Solicitation for statements interest to fill vacant seat on Park & Rec Commission on an interim basis until the next annual election.

Historical Commission

- Reappoint David Brule to Historical Commission, effective 10/6/26 for the remainder of term to expire 06/30/2027.

7. 6:55 **Sheffield and Hillcrest Elementary School Building Committee**

- Committee updates and discussion of feasibility study article request

8. 7:15 **Special Town Meeting October 28th, 2026**

- Approve and execute the warrant for October 28th, 2026, as attached hereto
- Vote Selectboard recommendations to Town Meeting on warrant articles

9. 7:40 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**

- Authorize contract with Skanska USA Building Inc for Owner's Project Manager (OPM) services on the Strathmore Mill Cleanup project. Contract value is not-to-exceed \$399,440.00 to be funded with State earmark and EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant.
- Authorize contract with Fuss & O'Neill, Inc for Oakman Street erosion mitigation (30% design plans). Contract value is \$60,000.00 to be funded with Town Meeting appropriation.
- Authorize Change Order #1 with Omasta Landscaping, Inc for required footprint expansion on Unity Park Playground Improvements project. Change order value is \$7,824.00 to be funded with project contingency and Bid Overrun account.
- Execution of United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) forms for Phase 2 Sewer Collections System Upgrades loan/grant (Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions, Request for Obligation of Funds, Eligibility Certification, Grant Agreement).
- Authorize Notice to Proceed with Crowley & Associates for appraisal services reviewing easements associated with the North Leverett Road over Sawmill River Bridge Replacement Project. Contract value is \$9,900.00 to be funded with Unexpected Engineering account.
- Other Project Updates

10. 8:10 **Town Administrator's Business**

- Standard planning communication from Town's Auditors regarding FY26 Audit
- Farren redevelopment updates
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirement

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, October 19 at 6:00pm via ZOOM