

## **MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**VIA ZOOM**

**Monday, October 19, 2026**

**AGENDA**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82060206194>**

**Meeting ID: 820 6020 6194 Password: 168911 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. 6:00PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meetings: October 5, 2026, if available
3. 6:00 **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. 6:02 **Sewer Commission with Chelsey Little**
  - Wastewater cyber-security update
  - Anticipated financial impact from planned Greenleaf/Lightlife plant closure
  - Samuel Stevens, CWF Foreman, selected for MA Water Environment Association's Operator Exchange Program (Nov 2-5, 2026)
  - CWF Mechanic position update
  - Septage receiving station update
  - Permit summary for August and September 2026
5. 6:20 **Brian McHugh, Community Development Program Manager at Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FCRHRA)**
  - Review, approve, and authorize Walter Ramsey, Town Administrator, to sign Change Order #4 for the FY25 MONT Avenue A Streetscape 5.2 Project. Change order value is \$10,179.36, to be funded with project contingency from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
6. 6:25 **Planning Department Business with Maureen Pollock**
  - New consolidated local permitting process for small clean energy projects under 225 CMR 29.00
  - Information about Eversource's Proposed WT-11 Transmission Right-of-Way Reliability Program (TRRP) Project
7. 6:35 **Licenses**
  - Approve request from Kirsten Rocca and Daniel Levine at Mystic Cat Pinball, LLC for an Entertainment License, Common Victualler's License and Auto Amusement Device License.

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8. 6:45

### **Personnel Board**

#### Airport

- Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with Turners Falls Airport Commission concerning temporary administrative support to be provided to the Turners Falls Municipal Airport by the Town's Public Works Office Manager.

#### Cultural Council

- Appoint Atticus Belmonte to Montague Cultural Council effective 10/19/2026 for a 3-year term. Term expires on 6/30/2029

9. 6:55

### **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**

- Authorize grant agreement with Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) for Municipal & Tribal Technical Assistance (MTTA) program. Grant value is \$110,000 to be used for engineering of Avenue A traffic signal replacements.
- Authorize Contract with Berkshire Design Group for 102-112 Avenue A ramp design. Contract value is \$39,500.00, to be funded with remaining ARPA Streetscape contingency funds and MA Downtown Initiative Capital grant.
- Authorize Assistant Town Administrator to coordinate working group for prequalification of contractors on Strathmore Mill project.
- Other project updates

10. 7:15

### **Town Administrator's Business**

- First Street Lot transfer timeline and notice to remove private property
- 10/28/26 Special Town Meeting preparations
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirement

11. 7:30

### **Executive Session**

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, Continued from 7/13/2026

Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the New England Police Benevolent Union Local 183 (Patrol and Detectives), as the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position, and not to reconvene in open session.

### **Next Meetings:**

Pre-Town Meeting Info Session: Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm via Zoom

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:30pm via ZOOM

Special Town Meeting: Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm to be held at  
Turners Falls High School Theater