MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, November 30, 2026

AGENDA

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

Meeting ID: 632 769 1840 Password: 945669 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: November 23, 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 **Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming Hearing with Brian McHugh –**

- The purpose of this meeting is to update the public on the status of the Town's FY 2025 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Grant programs being administered by the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) on behalf of the Town of Montague include Avenue A Streetscape Improvement 5.1 Construction Project and 5 Social Service Agency Programs. The Town will also discuss the re-allocation of uncommitted Avenue Streetscape Improvement 5.1 Program funds, or Program Income Funds received, toward a CDBG-eligible project.
- Update on status of FY25 CDBG programs, including Avenue A Streetscape Improvement 5.1 construction project and five social service agency programs
- Discuss submitting program amendment and budget revision of the Town's FY25 CDBG to re-allocate uncommitted funds toward a CDBG-eligible project

5. 7:00 **Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority with Brian McHugh**

- To request approval to use $24,000 from Town of Montague's Revolving Loan Fund Account (administered by the HRA) to award gap funding to the 4 social service agencies included in the FY26 CDBG Grant Application."

  Justification: The FY26 grant application awards have not yet been announced by the Commonwealth; agencies were anticipating receiving funding as of October 1, 2026. The $24,000 ($6,000 funding per agency: Brick House, HeartWing, LifePath Elder Self-Sufficiency and LifePath Home Delivered Meals) will fill the period October 1 – December 31, 2026; and if Montague is awarded a grant , the social service agency 12-month funding period would be January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

6. 7:15 **Licensing**

- James Asbel of Altamira Cider, LLC of 10 Cross St, Gill, MA is requesting a One-Day Liquor License, Malt Beverages and Wine Only, to be drunk on premise, for December 4, 2026, from 3pm to 8pm at 41 K St, Turners Falls MA during the *Middle of Somewhere Winter Market*. All required materials received.

- Request for all All-Alcohol Licensed establishments to remain open until 2:00AM on New Years Eve.

7. 7:20 **Council on Aging – Roberta Potter**
   - First Reading: Montague Senior Tax Work off Program Policy

8. 7:35 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
   - Announce Opportunity Zone (OZ) designation approval by US Dept. Of the Treasury: Turners Falls Census Tract
   - Authorize FY26 Green Communities Annual Report
   - Authorize Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of Economic Development from MA Downtown Initiative (MDI) Capital Implementation Grant program. Award value is $209,000 to support accessibility improvements at the 102-112 block of Avenue A
   - Energy Committee call for members
   - Other project updates

9. 7:45 **Town Administrator's Business**
   - Letter of opposition to Verizon's proposed discontinuance of Traditional Copper Telephone Service (FCC docket No 26-252)
   - Proposal to enter a funding agreement with Franklin Hampshire Habitat for Humanity committing up to $25,000 toward eligible project infrastructure costs for the First Street Housing Project. The funding source would be 40R funds already restricted for capital infrastructure in state approved 40R zoning districts.
   - Topics not anticipated within the 48 hour posting requirements

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, December 7, 2026, at 6:30pm - HYBRID

LEGAL NOTICE
FY2025 CDBG Program Updates
PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Montague

The Town of Montague will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 30, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. during the Montague Selectboard Meeting. The meeting will be held via ZOOM (please check the Town's website (https://montague-ma.gov/g/46/Selectboard) for a link to log in). The purpose of this meeting is to update the public on the status of the Town's FY 2025 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Grant programs being administered by the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) on behalf of the Town of Montague include Avenue A Streetscape Improvement 5.1 Construction Project and 5 Social Service Agency Programs. The Town will also discuss the re-allocation of uncommitted Avenue Streetscape Improvement 5.1 Program funds, or Program Income Funds received, toward a CDBG-eligible project.

The town of Montague encourages residents to attend the meeting where any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity. A representative from the HRA will be on hand to discuss program activity and answer questions.

The Town will make reasonable accommodation for any member of the community with accessibility or language needs with seven days prior written notice to the Selectboard's office. Accommodations will be made for handicapped and non-English speaking residents. Additionally, interpreters will be available as necessary (with advanced notice) to accommodate hearing impaired and non-English speaking residents.

If residents are unable to be present at the Public Hearing written comments can be made to Christopher Nolan-Zeller, Assistant Town Administrator, Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

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November 12, 2026