

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376
MONDAY, September 18, 2017
-Subject to Change-**

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. **7:00 pm** Approve Selectmen minutes of September 11, 2017
2. **7:00** Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
3. **7:01** **Pam Tierney, Black Cow Burger Bar, 127 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA**
 - Use of Public Property, 127 Avenue A, Turners Falls on October 21, 2017, 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - One Day Beer & Wine License, 127 Avenue A, Turners Falls on October 21, 2017, 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM
4. **7:10** **Bob McDonald, WPCF Superintendent**
 - FY18 Sewer Rate Hearing
5. **7:30** **Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA**
 - Execute FY2017 CDBG – CDF Contract, \$490,611
6. **7:35** **Walter Ramsey, Town Planner**
 - Petition for a Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments in the Montague Zoning Bylaws
 - Execute Mass Energy Technical Assistance Grant for \$12,500 to fund feasibility and design of a municipal solar PV system with battery storage at the Water Pollution Control Facility
7. **7:40** **Richard Widmer, MF Arts Bridge and Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture**
 - Request letter of support for NEA Our Town Grant presented by Millers Falls Arts Bridge and RiverCulture for Community Building in Millers Falls
8. **7:50** **October 5, 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant** – To approve and execute draft Warrant, attached hereto
9. **8:00** **Town Administrator's Report**
 - Accept Resignation from Robert Brownlee, DPW
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements

Other:

- Appointment Wendy Bogusz as Local Auction Permit Agent, 1Year, term expires 6/30/18
- Appointment Debra Bourbeau as Alternate Local Auction Permit Agent, 1Year, term expires 6/30/18

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Announcements

- Turners Falls Power Canal Service Outage: September 18 through September 23, 2017
- Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, September 23, 2017 at GCC and Orange Transfer Station
- FY18 Preliminary Real Estate and Fire District taxes due Monday, October 2, 2017

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OCTOBER 5, 2017**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period in excess of three years for the purchase of a new flail mower and any equipment related thereto, also known as an over the rail mower, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$24,090, or any other amount, for the first year payment of such agreement, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the RiverCulture program, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,935, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Parks and Recreation FY2018 Budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Parks and Recreation Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,900, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Libraries FY2018 Budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Libraries Request)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$16,250, or any other amount, for the purpose hiring a contractor to provide valuation services relating to the natural gas and electric transmission/distribution utility properties located in town, including any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Assessors Request)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,500, or any other amount, for the purpose increasing the appropriation for Article

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#17 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$20,000 to repair the Shea Roof, including any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #7 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated the sum of \$2,384,214 for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, with \$200,000 raised from Taxation and \$2,184,214 raised from Sewer User Fees, and allocated said sums in accordance with Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, and replace it with a new appropriation of \$2,185,683, or any other sum, and a reallocation of said appropriation in accordance with the Revised Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

REVISED SCHEDULE IV, WPCF BUDGET

DEPT NO.		#7 5/6/17 FY18	REVISED FY18
	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL		
440	Wages & Expenses	1,573,712	1,418,181
700	Debt Service	495,802	495,802
910	Employee Benefits	264,700	239,700
	SUBTOTAL WPCF	2,334,214	2,153,683
449	DPW SUBSIDIARY		
	Wages & Expenses	42,000	32,000
	Capital Outlay	8,000	0
	SUBTOTAL DPW SUBSIDIARY	50,000	32,000
	TOTAL WPCF	2,384,214	2,185,683

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #17 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$200,000 from Sewer User Fees to increase the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #16 of the May 6, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated the sum of \$85,000 from Sewer User Fees for the purpose of conducting a Feasibility Study, to be titled "Final Clarifier Upgrade/Raw Influent Bypass," or something similar, for the purpose of analyzing options for addressing sewer overflows, including but not limited to determining whether or not running an additional sewer line before the head works to the intake of the wet weather tank would help control flows during rain events, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$303,000 in borrowing authority authorized pursuant to the vote taken under Article #26, voted at the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to fund the Skateboard Park, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$957,310.03 in borrowing authority authorized pursuant to the vote taken under Article #17, voted at the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to fund the replacement of 2 pump stations, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$349,486.25 in borrowing authority authorized pursuant to the vote taken under Article #22, voted at the May 7, 2016 Annual Town Meeting to fund the storm drain project, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Montague Zoning Map to redistrict an approximate 10.5 acre area of land in Millers Falls identified as Assessors Map 25 Lot 14 and Lot 16 from Agriculture-Forestry-4 (AF-4) to General Business (GB) District, as shown on the map on file with the Town Clerk, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Planning Board Request)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Montague Zoning Map to redistrict an approximate 0.3 acre area of land in Turners Falls located at 2 Prospect Street identified as Assessors Map 6 Lot 95 from Public-Semi Public District (PS) to Neighborhood Business District (ND), as shown on the map on file with the Town Clerk, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Planning Board Request)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article #23 of the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, which directed the Moderator to appoint a 3-member "Regional School District Planning Committee", or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Given under our hands this 13th day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Michael Nelson

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA September ____, 2017

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague