

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, March 22, 2010
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
AGENDA**

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Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Patricia Pruitt; Patricia Allen (absent), Mark Fairbrother; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; Patricia Crosby, Montague Reporter; Arn Albertini, Greenfield Recorder; Jeff Tirrell, WHAI

Approve Minutes of March 15, 2010

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2010. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

**Raymond Zukowski, Police Chief
Request Reserve List through Civil Service**

Fairbrother makes the motion to request a civil service list for the hiring of 5 reserve officers. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Sign Status Change Form – Bill Doyle

Bill Doyle replaced Doug Brown as our Juvenile Officer/School Resource Officer and has taken numerous trainings in the last 6 months. I would like his title changed to detective as he has stepped forward and taken over these duties that fall within the scope of the position. This would be at grade 6, step 13. We have been discussing ways to best allocate using him as a detective and we have until July to figure this out.

Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint William Doyle as detective at grade 6, step 13 at \$22.91/hr. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

K-9 Update. Presented by John Dempsey

Zukowski: Kyra is getting ready to retire and John hopes to continue the program which will not cost the Town any money at all. Throughout the years, we have raised \$19,000 to support this. We would be able to buy the dog, pay for all the training and continue to have the upkeep with that money.

Dempsey: The plan I would like to follow is to keep Kyra working till the new dog becomes certified which means I would have 2 dogs working simultaneously. In order for a lot of cases to go through in court you have to prove your dog is certified through different organizations. Kyra is 10 and is starting to slow down, we are noticing it when she has to jump or go over things. Certification process will require her to be certified in drug detection which is a 6 week course, the other certifications that Kyra currently has consists of tracking, evidence recovery, scouting which is an open area search and obedience. That would be done during my work hours and on my own time. I would also be getting assistance from one of the State Police Trainers. That is how we basically went about training Kyra otherwise it would cost quite a bit more money to go through a 14 week course. We're looking for a dog that is at least a year old but could be as old as 2 years old, out of the puppy stage. The tracking portion would take approximately 14 weeks or a little longer since I won't be doing it full time, once certified to track and do evidence recovery that dog would be ready for work. The cost of a K-9 is running around \$6,500 the other cost is 240 hour drug detection course at the top patrolman rate (would probably be lower). Would not be asking the town for any money, all coming out of K-9 account.

Fairbrother makes the motion to purchase a new Police K-9 to be paid for out of the K-9 Account with our grateful appreciation for everyone who donates to it. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to allow Mr. Dempsey to adopt Kyra when the time comes right. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Abbondanzio: We did check into it and because it is a gift it is not subject to Chapter 30B.

**Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent
Sewer Abatements – Second ½ FY2010**
Abatement process explained by Trombley

Fairbrother makes the motion to abate the second half sewer bill for 24 Grand Avenue, Millers Falls in the amount of \$570. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to abate the second half sewer bill for 36 – 38 Walnut Street in the amount of \$1,312.01 and any penalties and interest. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to abate the second half sewer bill for 76 Second Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$324.00 and any penalties and interest. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to abate the second half sewer bill for 13 – 15 Station Street, Montague in the amount \$180.00 plus any penalties and interest. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to abate the second half sewer bill for 100 Second Street in the amount of \$210.00 plus any penalties and interest. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Combined Sewer Overflow Project

Trombley: 90% design prints have been delivered to the Town, I still have to review them. We are also expecting a 90% cost estimate for the project to see where things sit right now. There is a lot of work going on, still chasing a couple minor punch list items, we haven't made final payment yet to Penta for that contract.

Town Administrators Report

Sign Agreement with FRCOG to participate in bids and contracts for FY11 for fuel oil

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve having the FROCG bid fuel oil, gasoline and diesel for FY11 and authorizing them to contract on our behalf and agree to pay the fee of \$145 per product. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Sign Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Agreement for Boiler

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the contract with the Department of Energy Resources for the boiler replacement in Town Hall, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, #PONENE2010-009. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

Other

- FROCG is applying for a grant to study the way we deliver 911 dispatch services in Franklin County and consider the costs and benefits of other possible dispatch service options. This is something they would like the Town consider supporting. We would supply them with a letter of support for that grant to the State and it is not going to cost the town anything. The information will be used for future discussions at the FROCG.

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board of Selectmen support the drafting of a letter of support for a dispatch study grant application that is being applied for by the FROCG. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

- I received a letter from Responsive Classroom, the organization that is leasing the Colle space. Their lease is up for renewal on June 1 and they would like to begin negotiations for a new 3 year lease. I would like you to authorize me to start that process and at some point bring it back to the Board for final authorization.

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize Frank Abbondanzio to begin negotiations with the Responsive Classroom for a three year lease at the Colle Building. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

- I've had a number of discussions and correspondence over the last week or so dealing with the 5th Street canal bridge and how truck traffic is being effected at the moment or not being effected in some cases. Also, how Southworth and the Regional Housing Authority are being impacted by the trucks and their ability to get in and out of Southworth, turn around and safety issues. Senator Rosenbergs office has been involved in this and there is some movement to encourage MASS DOT to put in traffic lights to be controlled from either side of the street. That is going to be part of a working meeting on March 31 at 1:30 which will be attended by Rich Massi of Mass DEP to discuss signage and other traffic issues.

- I received a letter from FRHRA asking us to think about preparing the CDBG application for next year and what we would like to do. They would like to be notified by April 23 if we are interested. The town needs to think about what we want to include in the plan.. They want to know which towns are planning on working with them.

Fairbrother makes the motion to draft and send a letter to the FRHRA that we are interested in working with them on the CDBG Grant application. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

- I received letter from Covanta Energy who have offered to supply the town of Montague with a sapling to celebrate Earth Day. Tom and Mark to be asked where they would like this tree planted.
- Today I received a letter from the Montague Center Fire Department which I would like the Board to review and we will discuss this at a future meeting.
- Website update given

Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye