

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2010
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
AGENDA**

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Meeting was opened at 3:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Patricia Pruitt (absent); Patricia Allen, Mark Fairbrother; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; David Detmold, Montague Reporter; Arn Albertini, Greenfield Recorder; Jeff Tirrell, WHAI

Appoint Temporary Chair of Board of Selectmen

Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Pat Allen as Chair of the Selectboard until the election and reconfiguration at that time. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Aye,

Mark Canon, LaBodega, The Latino Connection, Request for Entertainment permit

Canon: This event would be to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Mothers Day. Will have outdoor DJ and refreshments, will not be charging and will be donating proceeds. Knows there is a noise level at night time, didn't believe there was a level during the day.

Allen expresses boards concern about noise level. Canon responds that rational for doing it on Sundays is to be considerate of people in the neighborhood.

Fairbrother moves to grant a one day entertainment license to Mark Canon, La Bodega for Sunday, May 9, 2010 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 104 Fourth Street, pending Board of Health approval. Fee will be waived with amount raised to go to local charity (undetermined at this time). Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye

Canon told that he needs to get the form in ahead of time or he may not be able to have an event. He may be told No next time if he doesn't get on board with the program.

Town Administrators Report

Sign Sewer Vac Truck with Erving, Tom Bergeron, DPW Supt.

Bergeron: This is an agreement between the Town of Erving and Montague with our Sewer Vac Truck. Every now and then Erving will have a sewer issue and they've called us on occasion to come over and help them out. They have a company but they are located in Northern Vermont and it takes them hours and hours to respond. What provoked this was they had some broken sewer lines that were dumping out onto Route 2 with raw sewage. I've talked with their administrator Tom Sharp and he has presented it to their town counsel who didn't see any issues with it. Erving Board of Selectmen have also signed off on it, and I had Bob Dean of the FRCOG review it and he had no issues with it. I also forwarded it to Rich Bowen at Kopelman and Paige who had no issues with it. We will be charging them a fee and we will be relieved from any liability issues.

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the agreement between Montague and Erving for the as needed rental use of our Sewer Vac truck with conditions stipulated. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye.

Updates

The Montague Center School RFP will be advertised next week in the central register and will go on the Town website.

Progress being made on Energy Savings Performance Contract, there was a webinar today, and there is a conference call scheduled for tomorrow. Siemens came in with a suggested scope of work that could easily justify itself in savings. There has been a lot of discussion on how we could address other items that do not go as far as in terms of justifying themselves through payback, but are good for other reasons. We will be having a conference call with Siemens, Roland Butzke and Beth Greenblatt tomorrow. There may be other funding available that we can plug into to pay for this work that doesn't justify itself as well as other ones

Town Planner Position

We have advertised for this position in WMass and the MMA Beacon, resumes are due May 20th. We still need people on the committee and need to get the committee in place by 5/20.

Cops Grant through Dept. of Justice

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Cops grant we applied for two officers, and the chief is looking into re-applying for 1 officer, which would be for the School Resource Officer. There were only going to be 500 grants and the amount of requests before was over 6,000. There is a low probability of receiving the grant, but it is worth going after.

Other

Police mediation, Frank goes over dates with Pat Allen and will let her know what time.

The Town will be participating in a developers Tour next Wednesday, this is something the FRCOG has organized. It will involve the Towns of Orange, Montague and Greenfield and there are 40 – 50 people coming on a bus to tour downtown Orange, Montague and Greenfield. There will be very specific sites and a tight timeline. They will give feed back of possibilities of what they see going on. Frank and Walter will be part of this tour.

Sign May 17th Election Warrant

Fairbrother reads election warrant into the record

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the election warrant for May 17 as read into the record. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to go into executive session at 3:30 PM. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye