

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, May 10, 2010  
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Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Patricia Pruitt (absent); Patricia Allen, Mark Fairbrother; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; Bill Drake, Montague Reporter; Jeff Tirrell, WHAI

Allen: Before we begin I would like the citizens to know that we did receive several complaints about the event on Sunday, May 9, at LaBodega and we are going to continue to discuss that and have people come in talk about it. We apologize for any discomfort people felt.

**Approve minutes of April 12, 2010 and April 26, 2010**

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2010 and April 26, 2010 as amended. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Aye

**Bob Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, CSO Update – Fournier Press & Garage Extension**

Trombley: Several weeks ago we received the 90% design estimate for CDM and the design estimate was greater than the dollars we have available. We went back and looked at things and started to pick the project apart. One of the issues is \$40,000, the exchange rate between Canadian dollars and the US dollars for the Fournier Press. We are awaiting written approve from DEP on the design, they have given us a verbal. The USDA wanted to know we are actually meeting the requirements of MGL Procurement laws for the proprietary specs for the Fournier press, which I had to go to Kopelman and Paige on that. K & P has approved the bid package according to form. I've talked to the different agencies on additional funding in light of the scare with increased costs and it is not realistic to go back for the stag grant. I don't think there are any realistic reasons to spend any time or energy to go out and look for additional funds in light of having not bid it yet. I will be back next week with CDM to answer questions. The cost savings for the Fournier Rotary Press, I'm estimating would be another \$100,000 on top of the \$80,000 we've already reduced the budget. For the kind of savings we could get off the Fournier Press, it might be worth addressing the special article to get the remaining funds and pay it back in a very short time.

The Selectmen feel we need to find out what the bids are.

**Chris Mason, Montague Energy Committee, Adopt Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy**

Mason goes over fuel efficient vehicle policy; this will allow Montague to get in the application to become a Green Community.

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board in keeping with the Green Communities Action Plan adopts the policy recommended by the Montague Energy Committee for purchasing fuel efficient vehicles. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

**Joe Landry, Youth Sculpture Park, Use of Peskeompskut Park for Art Jam**

Landry: I would like to use Peskeompskut Park for an Art Jam like we did last year. There will be youth bands playing and various activities held during the day. This will be part of the Water under the Bridge Event. Everything will be removed from the site.

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board grant a permit for use of Peskeompskut Park to Joe Landry from the Youth Sculpture Park on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 8:00 AM through 6:00 PM approximately 150 participants are expected for listening to music and art making projects. There will be adult supervision of the projects, first aid supplies and personnel on site. The Police Chief has signed off on the event and the fee for the event be waived. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Aye*

**Walter Ramsey, Town Planner,  
Endorsement of Energy Reduction Plan**

Ramsey: This is criteria 3 out of 5 in the Green Communities Act. We have to come up with a way to reduce energy use by 20% in the next 5 years. We used 2008 as the base line year; this includes all municipal buildings, all vehicles and traffic lights. All the energy is compiled into one data base, we use MNBT Use which is a way to measure electricity, diesel and oil into one unit. We have a plan to reduce that useage by 20% by the year 2013. We didn't include the Prudential Committees because the key is that these are all municipally owned and operated entities. This is similar to the

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ESCO by incorporating a lot of the goals that came out of that process and helps inform us in the process. There is also some additional energy conservation measures that we propose in this plan. The plan helped us identify the heavy hitters in town, that being Sheffield School and the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Mason: Schools and WWTF are usually the largest energy users. I was surprised that a high amount of our energy use goes to vehicles. The police cruisers and the DPW diesel fuel was a lot higher than I expected it to be, which then made it more difficult to hit the 20% reduction because there wasn't a lot we could do about that.

Ramsey: We are allowed to account for some energy conservation measures we've done since 2008 and those include the 4 day work week here at town hall that reduced some energy as well as the choice to use geo-thermal in the Safety Complex.

Mason: From the Energy Committee's point of view, we want to give Walter a big pat on the back for pulling this together so quickly, part time. It was so nice to have a staff person help out.

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board endorse and approve the Energy Reduction Plan produced and presented by the Montague Energy Committee and the Montague Planning Department on May 10, 2010. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Endorsement of Green Communities Designation Application**

*Fairbrother moves that the Montague Board of Selectmen approve the Montague Green Communities Designation Application. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.*

**Use of Peskeompskut Park**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the use of Peskeompskut Park to Lauren Clough representing the Montague Community Band for concerts by the band on Monday evenings, June 21, July 5, July 19, and August 2, 2010. The concerts will be from 7 – 9 PM, with set up and clean up from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The Police Chief has signed off on the event and the fee will be waived. Seconded by Allen, Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Aye,*

**Use of Montague Center Town Common**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a permit for use of the Montague Center Town Common to Anne Fiske of Meadow Road on behalf of the Montague Center Fireman's Relief Association for a Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 30, 2010 and any fee for this event be waived. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to grant the use of the Montague Center Town Common to Anne Fiske of Montague Old Home Days Committee and the First Congregational Church of Montague for the 51st Annual Old Home Days Fair on August 20 and 21 with combined hours of 7:00 AM through 9:30 PM. Set up will begin on August 7 and conclude (weather permitting) August 22, 2010. All trash and displays will be removed and the Police Chief has signed off on the event. This includes the Common and North Street Extension and the fee for the event will be waived. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

Allen answers questions Anne Fiske had asked: The Board does tend to waive fees for non profit groups, the insurance in this case has been covered by the particular group whose auspices it is under.

**Letter from Ruth Helmich and Kathryn Simon**

Fairbrother reads letter into the record from Ruth Helmich and Kathryn Simon thanking the Building Department on all their help during the rebuilding process of their home.

**Town Administrators Report**

**Surplus Property Designations (Montague Center School, Williams Way)**

*Fairbrother moves that the Board of Selectmen declare the Montague Center School and property surplus. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother moves that the Board of Selectmen declares Williams Way as surplus. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

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**Program Income Hearing**

This deals with the marketing and advertising of the Montague Center School. First item would be to reallocate some balances we have set aside for the feasibility study for Montague Center School and also in the Montague Center School boundary account.

*Fairbrother moves to reallocate balances from the Montague Center School Feasibility Study, \$132.52 and Montague Center School Boundary item \$2,440 to a new account Montague Center School Marketing \$2,572.52. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother moves to allocate \$2,000 from the Program Income Budget to the Montague Center School Advertising Account. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Appoint Planner Selection Committee**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Frank Abbondanzio, David Jensen, Building Inspector; Donald Valley, Planning Board; Sean Werle, Conservation Commission; Chris Janke, Montague Business Association and EDIC; Lisa Davol, Riverculture and Greg Garrison, broad community representative and a representative from the Energy Committee. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**ESCO Update**

We had a discussion last week with Roland Butzke, Siemens Representative and also our technical advisor Beth Greenblat. We will have another discussion tomorrow, to try and get as much done ASAP and base all our decisions on sound information. We know we have a grant from the state to replace the boiler in Town Hall and we want to get it done before the next heating season. Exactly how we will structure the additional work we are, asking the Siemens people to do the necessary engineering and data gathering so we can make good decisions. For example work on the DPW building and the Library. The Town should now include the elementary schools in the investment grade audit and doing that work. We had a problem before as to how the savings in energy costs in the school budget were going to end up coming back to the Town to pay for the work and that has been worked out. There is a lot of work to be done in the 2 elementary schools and potential savings that could be realized. We are going to proceed to try and get funding from the USDA. This is a work in progress

Mason: My only hope is that if we become a Green Community that we could turn around and put in an application to help fund some of the energy conservation measures in forms of contract. Maybe we could bring in some grant money.

**Approve and Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Abbondanzio goes over items on warrant

*Fairbrother moves to place ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother moves to place ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother moves to place ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. General Law Ch. 44, Section 53E ½, as amended, to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. the SARA Title III Committee) into which fund will be placed the fees collected from individuals responsible for oil and hazardous material spills, and to further authorize the SARA Title III Committee to expend up to a maximum of \$7,500 from the Revolving Fund for the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

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*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,164,447, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,845,654, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$91,725, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$36,540, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$627,633, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,602,878, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$113,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of making repairs to the Sheffield School Roof, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,200, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding information technology equipment, parts, accessories, software and installations, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$35,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a police cruiser and related expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

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*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$75,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding purchases and major repairs of DPW vehicles and equipment, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$54,055, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding lease payments for 2 Six Wheel Dump Trucks, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing swing sets at Highland Park in Millers Falls, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen/Highway Commissioners the custody of a parcel of land formerly known as “Williams Way” to the Parks and Recreation Commission for use as part of the Unity Park, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of an outdoor public bulletin board for the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$24,459, or any other amount, to be transferred into the Franklin County Technical School Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Finance Committee Request). On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000, or any other amount, to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$65,000, or any other amount, to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,345, or any other amount, to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,925, or any other amount, to be transferred into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$760.19 in spending authority for the Pavement Management Study as voted under Article 25 of the May 7,2005 Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

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*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature for an all alcohol license for the Carroll's Market Convenience Store, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to place ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to pass the following Resolution: Bring the War \$ Home – Stop the Killing, Montague, Massachusetts*

“Whereas, the financial resources available for use by governments at the local, county, state, and federal levels in the United States are limited.

Whereas, an inordinate level of military expenditure is being made by the U.S. federal government for warfare in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan:

Whereas, the people of Montague are collectively paying or becoming indebted for \$7.5 million since military operations began in 2001 (National Priorities Project estimate, does not include funds requested in FY2010.)

Whereas, this warfare creates great and unnecessary harm to the people of the nations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and to U.S. military personnel and their families; and

Whereas, the education services, other essential public services , infrastructure repair and private sector financing in Montague and throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been substantially reduced in order for an excessive portion of available financial resources to be diverted from revenue sharing to unnecessary warfare,

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. A public discussion in Montague about the cost of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan/Pakistan to our community to education, transportation, security and basic citizen needs be initiated.
2. We ask our Board of Selectmen to call on Representative John Olver and Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown
  - a. to oppose all legislation brought before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate that provides further funding of the U.S. warfare and U.S. military occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and
  - b. to take strong and forceful action to influence the full U.S. House of Representatives to terminate funding of these military operations.
  - c. to sign onto and support resolutions that prohibit any increase in the number of troops in Afghanistan (House Resolution 3699).” (Petitioned Article) *On the warrant. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

- Annual Town meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2010
- Annual Election scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2010. Next BOS meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Allen would like the noise by law looked at again due to the events that took place over the weekend to see if something should be added about daylight hours.

*Fairbrother moves to authorize Frank Abbondanzio to sign the application for the Green Community Act Designation. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of real estate 8:14 PM. Secoded by Allen, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – aye*