

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, July 6, 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 Allen, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz (absent); Bill Drake, Montague Reporter; Arn Albertini, Greenfield Recorder, Jeff Tirrell, WHAI

Recognition of Service

Allen expressed the Boards thanks to employees for their years of service: Leo Parent, 23 years; Steven Lively, 20 years; Frank Abbondanzio, 24 years; Tina Tyler, 23 Years; Reggie Stevens, 23 Years; David Jensen, 22 Years.

Approve minutes of June 14, 2010

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010 as amended. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen – Aye.

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Sign Resolution Documenting the Need for Grant Assistance Under the PWED Grant Program and Sign Executive Summary of PWED Grant

Ramsey: The Planning Department has been pursuing a PWED Grant that is administered by Mass. DOT. This will be done in two phases, and the first phase of the project involves reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge to access the site for economic development purposes. The second part would be to remove the debris pile and develop some type of apartments on that site. We recently held a public hearing on this and as a final element of the grant, we needed approval from the executive body and that is why I'm here today. The grant total is \$1.9 million. Based on the meeting earlier tonight we decided to have design of the parking lot be part of phase 1.

Fairbrother reads Resolution Documenting the Need for Grant Assistance Under the PWED Grant Program into the record.

Fairbrother makes the motion to support the Resolution Documenting the Need for Grant Assistance Under the PWED Grant Program. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye

Walter will go back and revise the letter and bring it back before the board to be approved for signature.

Planning Board Vacancy

There is a full time vacancy on the Planning board. Anyone interested should send in their letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. If anyone has questions they should contact Walter Ramsey.

Town Administrators Report

Registration of Assembly, Use of Public Property (Sign Form) TF Block Party

Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a permit for use of public property that being, Avenue A from First St. to Fifth Street and a permit for public demonstration that being a block party at the same location to Lisa Davol from the River Culture Program and Pam Kostanski of the Montague Business Association. The event will be held August 14, 2010 from noon to 9:30 PM (event 2:00 to 8:00 PM). Chief Zukowski has signed off on the permit and I move that any applicable fees be waived. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye

Program Income Hearing, Historic Film Conversion Project

Abbondanzio: We had a number of films that were donated to the Town through the Heritage Park Program back in the 80's, included in those is a film of the 1954 parade in downtown Turners, football game halftimes in the 1940's and a bunch of other things. We thought it would be good to bring them up to date technologically and we have them in 16 mm format and we wanted to put them onto a DVD and sell them to raise funding for the River Culture Program. Steve Alves who is a local film producer is here tonight and offered a pathway to do that. He has done a lot of the leg work in preparing the films and putting them together and they are going to be sent off to Pennsylvania to be converted. This cost is approximately \$500 and the remaining \$2,000 is what we are using to pay for the production of a number of DVD's to sell to raise money for River Culture.

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$2500 from the Program Income Account for the historic film conversion project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye

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Request to use Peskeompskut Park – Carnegie Library

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board grant a permit for use of Peskeompskut Park, specifically the band shell and grounds in front of it to Linda Hickman, from the Carnegie Public Library for the purpose of staging a puppet show as part of the Library's summer reading program series. The event will be July 9, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM set up and break down inclusive, Chief Zukowski has signed off on the event and fee to be waived. Seconded by Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen – Aye.

Request to waive electrical fees for CSO Fournier Press & Garage Extension Project

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board waive the building permit inspection fees for the CSO Fournier Press & Garage Extension Project at the Montague Water Pollution Control Facility. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen – Aye. (Electrical and Plumbing fees are NOT waived)

Other

Post cards were sent out promoting the sale of the Montague Center School to numerous people and hundreds of different organizations. The realtor generated a list of likely possible prospects based on the uses that are allowed in that district and the uses that came up high on the list of potential projects that might go in there. There was a targeted mail out and it also included the developers that attended the "Developers Tour" that was held about a month ago. Actual proposals are due in August.

Barrell stickers are available in the Treasurer's Office for \$78.00 and they are good from July 1 to December 31, 2010.

Sign Letter

Fairbrother moves that the Board approve the letter of request to the Mass. Department of Transportation for a public works economic development grant for the replacement of the pedestrian bridge over the canal to the Strathmore Mill complex and for removal of the debris left after the previous fire that destroyed Building #10 and design for parking on that location. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye

-There is an opening on the Conservation Commission; anyone interested should contact Walter Ramsey for more information

Sign Entertainment Permit for LaBodega – The Latino Connection

Allen: We had a request for a one day entertainment license by LaBodega – The Latino Connection at our last meeting and we had 2 – 1 tentatively approved it provided certain conditions had been met. One was that the landlord pay back taxes, which the landlord did very promptly. There are some issues with the Board of Health that have not been resolved. At this point this cannot be approved until and unless the Board of Health actually signs off on this. Since this is happening this weekend, it is incumbent that those issues be resolved before the end of Thursday with the Board of Health, otherwise the permit will not be in effect.

Fairbrother: If we let this go past tonight, then we are back in the same situation that we have been in several times in the past. The event is scheduled to be held on this day, and only 3 or 4 days before it is still questionable if it is going to be held because things are not in place. In the past we said all applicants need to be more proactive in their permitting. We started dealing with this 3 weeks ago and here it is next week and it is still not resolved.

Allen: In the same vein, we have received a petition regarding outside music and the bell at LaBodega – The Latino Connection from a number of individuals. At this point we are going to take that under advisement. We are already in the process of studying noise by-laws and the number of different issues that affect people whether it is the sound of pool filters, trains idling, music next door to someone else that goes on all day; we are working on a policy or a by law that hopefully will address these issues so citizens can feel more comfortable coming forward and we can feel more comfortable about having something in place that we can actually use and make it clear to people what is acceptable and what isn't. That is in a state of development at this point.

Fairbrother makes the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of litigation. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Nay