

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, November 29, 2010  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM**

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*Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Patricia Allen, Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; Arn Albertini, Greenfield Recorder, Jeff Tirrell, WHAI, Janel Nockleby, Montague Reporter*

Allen announces meeting is being taped

**Approve Minutes of November 8 and 15, 2010**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2010. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, FY2010 First ½ Sewer Abatements**

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board abate the sewer bill for the first half of fiscal year 2010 at 500 Avenue A from \$420 to \$174, a difference of \$246. The second half bill will be adjusted prior to billing. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board abate the sewer bill for the first half of fiscal year 2010 at 131 Fourth Street from \$192 to \$51, a difference of \$141. The second half bill will be adjusted prior to billing. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board abate the sewer bill for the first half of fiscal year 2010 at 20 H Street from \$258 to \$36, a difference of \$222. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board abate the sewer bill for the first half of fiscal year 2010 at 23 G Street from \$474 to \$261, a difference of \$213. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board abate the sewer bill for the first half of fiscal year 2010 at 13 K Street. Seconded by Boutwell, Not approved. Fairbrother – No, Boutwell – No, Allen - No*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board abate the sewer bill for the first half of fiscal year 2010 at 7 North Street. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Allen – Nay*

**The Fournier Press and Garage Extension Project Update**

Trombley: The concrete foundation has been poured and in; they won't pour the 4" pad inside or lay the new drain line in that facility until they have the structure built over it, which probably won't occur until January/February at this point. We are still hoping they will do the minimal paving that needs to be done around the foundation where they cut between the new wall and the chlorine loading dock (about a 3' wide space). We are working on the first application of the stag grant, \$944,000 this first application; it's been a hair puller because it seems like they change the information as we go. In one case they didn't want copies of the invoices then they did.

**Town Administrators Report**

**Resignations and Appointments – Planning Board and Energy Committee**

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board accept the resignation of Donald Valley from the Montague Planning Board with regret. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board appoint Robert Obear of West Chestnut Hill Road to the Montague Planning Board, for a term from November 29, 2010 through June 30, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board accept the resignation of Cameron Weimar from the Montague Energy Committee. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

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*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board appoint Richard Adams to the Montague Energy Committee, for a term from November 29, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Other**

Reminder the Urban Land Institute is going to be doing the evaluation project for the Strathmore. The Board will be involved at three different times, tour at 9:30 AM, interviews at 11:00 AM, and at 4:00 PM they will come back and discuss their recommendations for that project.

Tomorrow at 3:00 PM we have a special meeting of the Selectmen in Executive Session

I heard back from Barbara Charest, Northeast Utilities stating NU needs more time in house to discuss the Montague Plains issue before they can get back to us.

**Update on R.R. Salvage Property (James Bent, David Jensen, Building Inspector)**

Abbondanzio: As a reminder, we're talking about the status of the revised order issued by Building Inspector that was issued on June 7, 2010. Basically we're talking about the status of the compliance with the particular issue dealing with minimum requirements that have to be met by November 15, 2010 to stabilize the structure; including removing any hazardous materials in an acceptable manner, removing all remaining floor and floor assemblies from the 220 x 72, 4 story section of the building, salvaging, storing or disposing of the debris properly and clearing off the top of the exposed walls from potential falling loose bricks.

Jensen: We're progressing.

Jim Bent: I started pulling permits, and pulling permits you have to go through DEP, you have to have all the hazardous material removed before you can knock down any walls or the wall would have been done a long time before now. I had to go through DEP and they are kinda beating me up; I had to get some stuff I didn't have prepared for them, and the L part of the building still has asbestos in it and it has to be removed before we can knock down walls. I sent a crane in last year to knock down one side and they went crazy because it wasn't supposed to be done before we went through DEP. I'm not familiar with DEP laws, I'm from New York, and NY is totally different, we are learning as we are going. The permit from DEP should be in place by the end of the week. DEP wants the asbestos removed before taking walls down. DEP is slow.

Fairbrother wants the Select board to be informed once Bent has received the permit from DEP. Bent will let the Board know.

Bent: Asbestos should be gone in the next week or so, I've already hired a contractor to do it, but then I postponed him because I wanted to knock down the walls first. I have to go back the other way because he needs to give 15 days notification to DEP before they can go in and start it. He should be starting in another 4 – 5 days. Once the asbestos is removed we can go through the DEP permit to take the walls down. I don't see much getting done there except for the asbestos being removed; I'm just hoping it doesn't collapse. Whatever can get done we'll get done, once snow comes, I'm not putting guys in there. Cleaning up outside, hauling away trash and has security on site.

Board wants to be kept up to speed and told when the permits are approved.

**Application to place sign, object, other display or exhibition/vigil on Montague Center Town Common: M.C Firefighters Relief Assoc. – Creche – Manger**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a permit for use of the Montague Center Town Common to Larry Peters on behalf of the Montague Center Firefighters' Relief Association for the installation of a crèche/Manger scene from Monday December 6, 2010 through Sunday December 26, 2010. I further move that any fee for this event be waived. Police Chief Raymond Zukowski has signed off on the event. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Event Application for use of Peskeompskut Park: Montague Business Association**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a permit for use of Peskeompskut Park, specifically the band shell and grounds in front of it along with a special entertainment license, to Linda Ackerman from the Montague Business Association for the*

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*purpose of a holiday tree lighting celebration. The event will be held on Sunday December 5, 2010 from 3 PM to 5 PM, with some set up beforehand. Tree and decorations will be taken down and removed by December 26, 2010. Police Chief Raymond Zukowski has signed off on the event and waive any fee associated with the event. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Holiday Meeting Schedule**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to cancel the Board of Selectmen's meeting for December 27, 2010. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Raymond Zukowski, Chief of Police**

**Appointments**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Marsha Odle to the position of Dispatch Supervisor/Office Administrator, Grade 6 Step 5 at \$19.56 per hour effective December 3, 2010. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to increase Kathy Sullivan's hours in the Dispatchers position from 24 hours to 37.69 hours per week pay grade 2 step 8 effective December 5, 2010 at \$15.52 hour (same rate of pay, just increasing hours). Seconded by Boutwell approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Parking Fines**

Zukowski: I'm almost out of parking tickets and the overnight parking ban is about to start on December 1, 2010. (example of price increase given) The house of correction is going to print those and I'm asking that the fines be adjusted as shown, parking fine goes from \$10 to \$20.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to increase the schedule fines for the Montague Police Department from all fines currently \$10 go to \$20 and all fines currently \$40 go to \$50 effective December 1, 2010 at 12:01 AM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to go into executive session for Exemption #1: To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. at 7:40 PM and only come out to close the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to end the meeting at 8:38 PM Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. . Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*