

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Monday, March 14, 2011**  
**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 (absent), Janel Nockleby, Montague Reporter*

Allen announces meeting is being taped

**Approve Minutes of March 7, 2011**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, Change Order #2 – CSO & WPCF Upgrade - Rotary Press & Garage Extension**

**Trombley:** This involves an addition to the coating system for the walls on the garage extension itself to the panels. The panels are hot dipped galvanized and I talked to the engineers whether or not that was enough for longevity given the environment it will be present it and the building because sludge that is going to be stored in the container will generate some gasses particularly hydrogen sulfide which in the presence of moisture produces sulfuric acid and loves to eat things up, especially metal. This is an attempt to provide a longer lasting product that will require less maintenance for a good number of years at the facility. There is money in the budget to cover this.

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve change order #2 for WPCF not to exceed \$24,780 and request the town accountant Carolyn Olsen verify that the funds are available. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Town Administrators Report**

**Sign FY2011 Local Cultural Allocation for the Montague Cultural Council**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to authorize Chairman Patricia Allen to sign the contract and authorization form for the transfer of all funds to local accounts unless the agency is statutorily released from this mandate in the amount of \$3,870. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Sign Support Letter and Application to the Solarize Mass Program**

Abbondanzio: This is an application for a pilot program grant under the green communities act to implement a community wide solar photovoltaic program and up to 4 green communities will be chosen. Walter is working on this application. If awarded, the Mass Clean Energy Center will market the program locally and issue an RFP for the selection of at least 2 solar installation companies, (one offering a direct ownership model and one offering a leasing model for customers) to focus their efforts on aggregated purchasing of equipment for installations within the communities.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign both the support letter and also the Solarize Mass Pilot Green Communities Application. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. . Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Disclosure of Free or Discounted Travel in conjunction with IMN conference**

Abbondanzio: I've been offered free travel and a conference fee in association with the conference being put on by Information Management Network (IMN). This organization brings representatives together from Retirement Boards, Investment firms, State Retirement Agencies and this year the conference will be held in Boston on March 28, 2011. I spoke to Lauren Goldberg previously to see what the process was and if I would be eligible to accept this free offer to attend the conference; she said as long as I declare it with the Town Clerk and have the Board of Selectmen vote that there is a public good associated with that. The conferences they put on also offer a lot of economic information that proves to be really useful in other aspects of what I do in the budget.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to acknowledge that there is a public good in Frank Attending the IMN Conference and authorize him to attend on March 28 – 29<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. . Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

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**Updates given by Abbondanzio**

- I heard from Beth Greenblat and Siemens has been busy finalizing their calculations for energy savings, getting firm pricing from subs for Town Buildings and will be looking to have a project meeting during the last week in March. The work in regards to the school project may be a subsequent phase. We have until the end of June to put a boiler into this building but we might be able to get that extended until August.
- MMA Website indicates that the legislature has put the Towns on notice that the Governors budget might have been optimistic and we may see larger than a 7% cut; we budgeted for 10%. We are hoping to get some kind of resolution from the legislature telling us what the number is by the middle of April.

**Announcements**

- Montague Agricultural Forum scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall
- Call for members of the Montague Economic Development Industrial Corporation. The purpose of this group is to implement local economic development projects in relationship to our 2004 plan. Looking for residents with background in industrial development and residents from precinct 5 are encouraged to apply. Letters of interest to be sent to Walter Ramsey.
- There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 4:30 PM to discuss the Erving Sewer. Abbondanzio spoke to Rich Bowen and he is interested in continuing the process as our legal counsel for the Erving Sewer Project, since he has been involved along the way. He will participate in a conference call at that meeting.
- Friday, March 18, 2011 at 12:30 PM there will be a meeting at Southworth Paper.
- Public Forum scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 PM about the proposed precinct reduction from 6 precincts to 3, all residents are invited to attend.
- Deadline for nomination papers is Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Openings for Town Meeting members in all precincts.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM to go into two executive sessions for collective bargaining. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*