

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Monday, April 4, 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, Janel Nockleby, Montague Reporter*

Allen announces meeting is being taped

**Approve Minutes of March 21 and 24, 2011**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 21 and March 24, 2011. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Cathy King, Arena Civic Theater, Parking Access issues with Pumpkinfest**

Allen thought idea of a matinee was excellent.

King states this would bring their audience into Town prior to the Pumpkinfest and folks that want to stick around could then go enjoy the Pumpkinfest. The only issue is that she is concerned about having handicap parking accessible in front of the Shea and getting people into the parking areas.

Allen thinks that because vendors have to set up, can't keep spaces in front of the Shea open, but the section that looks like brick beside the Shea should be available for handicap parking.

Discussion about parking spaces behind Colle/Shea and open/closed roads during Pumpkinfest. King asks for help reserving parking lots during her show and M. Nelson agrees to help.

Abbondanzio and King to contact Colle tenants about parking issues

**Deb Bourbeau, Town Clerk, Finalization of Re-precincting**

Bourbeau goes over handouts: 1) Warrant article and the special act as it will appear on the annual town meeting warrant; 2) the current town meeting acts with the possible revisions included (showing deletions and new language); 3) the new town meeting acts as amended (showing added language, all deletions and the re-numbering of all remaining sections); 4) Lauren Goldberg's strike out version of the amended town meeting acts.

The Board likes the version prepared by Bourbeau and wants that passed out to Town Meeting members with to be deleted sections having a strikethrough. L. Goldberg will be at the meeting if anyone has questions.

Fairbrother would like to see a heading/cover letter stating what everything is, and a map set up in the lobby showing the proposed boundaries.

This article will be put on the warrant for signatures next week. This will go to Town Meeting first then it will have to go through the legislature who may want to see a town wide vote; they will let us know.

Discussion about placement of article on the warrant. The Board would like this article on the warrant before the petitioned article. (Wendy made change)

**Bob Escott, Emergency Management Grant (FFY2009 Emergency Management Performance Grant)**

Escott: I spoke with Frank about a grant I was applying for through MEMA and Frank thought it would be best to come before you and explain the grant to you. This is a fairly generic grant that was designed to help towns in their planning, pay for the time spent gathering information and such. Montague is unique in that I get a salary for doing that and we've done everything that needs to be done. Since I receive a salary it puts Montague in a situation where we could use the grant monies to purchase equipment that would support Emergency Management instead of paying salaries. If there was a project large enough that I needed help in gathering information, this grant would pay for that extra help if we had to do something like that; we don't need to do that. This grant is for \$3,500. There are items I would like to purchase under this grant: laptop to replace one purchased in 2004 along with a backup system for it; would like to buy a monitor in the EOC room at the new Safety Complex; a refrigerator for the emergency dispensing site storage trailer.

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*Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize Frank Abbondanzio to sign as needed for the application for this Emergency Management grant from MEMA and the Board to sign where necessary. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Lisa Davol, RiverCulture Coordinator**

**Turners Falls RiverCulture Upcoming Events** (see handout)

Davol gives brief explanation of upcoming events planned from May 1, 2011 through August 13, 2011. Crabapple Blossom Fest: May 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>; Turners Falls Producers Series and Feast for the Arts: May 7<sup>th</sup>; Water Under the Bridge Festival: June 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>; RiverCulture Hard hat Auction: June 25<sup>th</sup>; Turners Falls Block Party: August 13<sup>th</sup> (which is still in the works as event name could change and an Ethnic Festival might happen with Block Party or instead of, depending on what the Montague Business Association wants to do). This would be in light of the Latino population doubling in the past 10 years and it has also doubled what the county is. Lisa will be back when she has more information.

**Event Application for use of Peskeompskut Park**

*Boutwell makes the motion to allow the Turners Falls RiverCulture Water Under The Bridge to use Peskeompskut Park on June 11, 2011 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, with set up starting at 3:00 PM and clean up finished by 7:30 PM. The proposed event will be musical, electricity is needed and the Board will waive the fee, the event is covered by the Towns insurance and the Police Chief has signed off on the event. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Riverscaping project:**

Davol: There was a community meeting on Thursday because there was a grant the 5 colleges got, European Union money to connect communities along the river. There are four communities targeted: Turners Falls, Hadley, Holyoke and Springfield. They are doing a series of meetings to find out peoples relationship to the river, the challenges, the opportunities and then they are going to do a project in each community, so each community will get about \$10,000 to do some kind of physical project. This weekend there is a conference where I will be one of the panelists talking about art and transformation and people from Germany are coming over.

**Town Administrators Report**

**Greenfield Road Update**

Abbondanzio: We are starting to make progress; the engineers, GPI submitted a design exception report that was approved by the Mass DOT which allowed them to avoid some of the conflicts that existed with APR land adjacent to the proposed road, it would have taken quite a long time to get through the process of getting it approved, if ever. Feedback we were getting from the state Department of Agriculture and also DCR because there was a conservation restriction involved as well and they were not crazy about the idea. DOT approved a design exception to allow us to follow the footprint for a segment of the road near Randall Road. Hopefully we are going to be able to move from the 75% design (which we are at) and finish the 100%. We've been told that it can be done in as little as 90 days. One of the main things we would have to do is resubmit the notice of intent to the Conservation Commission. I understand there have been discussions with the Conservation Commission.

Fairbrother: Because they had an approved notice of intent; it ran out 8 years ago (I believe), so they do have to do it again; but because they are condensing the project, we don't anticipate any particular problems. Doing the APR thing was the biggest Conservation issue because of the stream and everything on that.

Abbondanzio: We did get conflicting feedback because the design exception proposal whether we had to go back and have the state redo our 75% drawings again to incorporate those changes. Hopefully that is not going to be the case, but we are getting messages both ways that it would be required and it wouldn't be required. We want to move on to finish this design and the idea is to get the project paid for through 2 years worth of allocation through the FRCOG under their transportation improvement program. They get about \$3 million a year and it would mean they would have to use pretty much all of the allocation for 2 years. From what we were hearing from the FRCOG representative is that was a possibility. I also just found out from the engineer that they were rerunning numbers and the cost is looking like it won't be \$6.5 million, maybe \$4.5 to \$5 million. Maybe it is getting within the budget the FRCOG has available. To be honest, there really isn't any other way of funding that road. At one point we thought there would be federal money through earmarks and right now because of the federal budget cutting there are no earmarks so we aren't counting on any money from the Feds for the project other than what comes through the T.I.P.S.

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Further discussion about bad condition of the road and how it needs to be repaired.

**Request by Parks & Rec to waive building permit fee on Field house roof.**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to waive the building permit fee for installing ridge and soffit vents on the Unity Park Field House Roof. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen – Aye.*

**Form By-Law Review Committee**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint a by-law review committee with the following people as follows: Frank Abbondanzio, David Jensen, Gina McNeely, Walter Ramsey, Debra Bourbeau, Ray Zukowski and Tom Bergeron. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Other**

Abbondanzio: We received a letter from the Governor's Office announcing that the Chapter 90 transportation Bond has been approved by the House with a 29% increase this year, \$505,000

**Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property: Tammy Murphy, Relay for Life**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property for a voluntary toll booth by Tammy Murphy, Relay for Life, on the corner of Avenue A and Third Street on May 21, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and signed off by the Chief of Police. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Announcements**

- Parks and Recreation Office is moving back to Unity Park Field House the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- DPW returning to summer hours of 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM effective April 4, 2011 Monday through Thursday.
- Montague Agricultural Commission is looking for interested members so they can reinstate that commission
- Montague Economic Development Industrial Corporation is looking for interested members, contact Walter Ramsey for more information.
- Free Flu shots in the Nurses Office on Thursdays, from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

*Fairbrother makes the motion to go into executive session at 8:00 PM one for real estate and one for Rule #1, seconded by Boutwell approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen – Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*