

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, August 29, 2011**

*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(absent); Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; Chris Curtis, Greenfield Recorder, Jeff Tirrell, WHAI, Matt Small, Montague Reporter (absent)*

**Fairbrother opens the meeting and announces the meeting is being taped**

**Approve Minutes of August 15, 2011 (if available)**

Minutes of August 15, 2011 not available

**Presentation of Petition by David Detmold**

Detmold: I live at 60 Fourth St. and I want to present this petition to the Selectboard and hopefully it can be scheduled for discussion at an upcoming meeting that we could invite either Chief Zukowski or someone from the Police Department to help us with this problem. We have 15 signatures on this petition of people who live immediately next to us and business owners who operate businesses directly near our corner of Fourth Street and Avenue A. The problem we're having is a problem of a certain apartment where a group of people for the last several years has been using their stoop as a public drinking place and carrying on a loud and boisterous conversations and swearing with the worst kind of profanity until 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning, night after night, week after week, year after year. We and the other neighbors have called the police on these people and the problem just continues to persist. We cannot get sleep, there are young children being raised in the neighborhood who are listening to the worst kind of profanity. At some point, I would think, with Chief Zukowski's help, we ought to be able to enforce the Town's by-laws about being able to enjoy peace and quiet in our homes at a certain hour of the evening. This is an ongoing problem, we don't like to bring this to your attention but have just been unable to solve it as a neighborhood, or even with the help of the police, with us calling the police. We are turning to the Selectboard to see if there is anything else that can be done.

Allen: We have to see what we can do.

**Sign FCSWMD Memorandum of Understanding: Household Hazardous Waste Day**

*Allen makes the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and the Town of Montague for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection on September 24, 2011 and the budgeted amount is correct. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Accept with Regret, Resignation of Dennis Booska from ZBA**

*Allen makes the motion to accept with extreme regrets Dennis Booska's request to leave the Zoning Board of Appeals and note that he has been on the Board for close to 19 years and has worked very hard. Seconded by Boutwell (and have Frank send letter on behalf of himself and Selectmen). Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Appoint Rachel Roberts to Montague Cultural Council**

*Allen makes the motion to appoint Rachel Roberts to the Montague Cultural Council effective August 1, 2011, term expiring 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.*

**Sign FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant Contract**

*Allen makes the motion to sign the FY2011 Community Development Block Grant Contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development, its total value is \$900,000 with several pieces to it, including the housing rehabilitation of \$51,924 plus \$81,215 and the public facilities infrastructure project with the remainder of the money for the parks and recreation at Unity Park. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

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**Approve Request by Deanery of Franklin County Rosary Procession Committee (DFCRPC) for Eucharistic Rosary Procession (see parade route): October 2, 2011**

*Allen makes the motion to approve use of public property for Our Lady of Czestochowa and Our Lady of Peace on October 2, 2011 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for a Eucharistic Rosary Procession for the Catholic Deanery of Franklin County; it has been signed off by the Police Chief. The route is indicated on the map K St., 7<sup>th</sup> St., J St. 5<sup>th</sup> St., and L St. from Our Lady of Czestochowa to our Lady of Peace and the insurance policy has been received. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Approve Request by DFCRPC to hold a Vigil at Peskeompskut Park: October 2, 2011**

*Allen makes the motion to approve the application to use Peskeompskut Park, the Bandshell in particular for October 2, 2011 beginning at 2:00 PM ending at 4:00 PM for the same Deanery of Franklin County Rosary Procession. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Request by Casey Chandler Alexander to use Peskeompskut Park on September 23, 2011 for Wedding Rehearsal Dinner**

Allen makes the motion to approve the use of Peskeompskut Park for Friday September 23, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Casey Chandler Alexander for her rehearsal dinner event, and has been signed by the Police Chief and a fee of \$25.00. Seconded by Boutwell, they need to check with BOH to see if a permit is needed for the park. Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

**Declaration of Surplus Equipment by Computer Dept. Administrator**

Not enough information presented. To be discussed at next meeting

**Invitation to Selectmen to “911 Memorial Event” at N. Leverett Baptist Church**

N. Leverett Baptist Church is planning a 911 Memorial Event on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Church.

**Town Administrator's Report (Presented by Mark Fairbrother)**

**Status of Town Hall Boiler Project**

Should be completed by the end of this month, and on schedule. This phase of the project includes asbestos removal, boiler replacement, controls and \$11,000 in administrative costs billed for our Planners time. The Department of Energy Staff will be doing an inspection of the project on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is coming from the \$150,000 EECBG grant.

**Notice of Town Tax Takings in Downtown Millers Falls**

Town is now proud owners of Powers Block and 2 adjacent wooden structures located on East Main Street in Millers Falls. We are trying to move that ahead as fast as we can.

**Notice by First Light of Extended Period of Canal Drawdown; Implications for 5<sup>th</sup> St. Canal Bridge Closure**

Canal will be down slightly longer than originally planned; it has been extended to include Saturday, September 10 through Sunday, September 18, 2011. The bridge contractor will shut down the bridge at 6:00 PM on Friday, September 9, 2011 and remain closed until 6:00 PM on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Need to Schedule a Special Town Meeting**

Hopefully this will be scheduled in late to mid October and Frank is working on this.

**Montague Center School**

Montague Center School will be going back to the Capital Improvements Committee because we weren't successful before

**Other**

- Allen: We did a change of management and ownership to Argy Pizza, LLC and apparently, as part of the ABCC's filing they ended up finding out the numbers were a little different than what they said before. They needed to get a second loan person involved and they sent that in. ABCC has told David Singer, their lawyer that the

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modification didn't require a new resubmittal, just that they inform the Selectmen. It is now two private lenders lending a total of \$110,000 with cash reserves of \$16,000 and \$484,000 lent by the FCU on the transaction.

- Allen: We had an event yesterday, fortunately for Montague it wasn't any worse than a Nor'easter for us, however that is not true for the rest of the county. Since we had no idea what would be coming, we called a declaration of local emergency, effective Saturday at 8:00 PM and I think we should do it until tomorrow at 8:00 PM.

*Allen makes the motion to ratify the Declaration of local Emergency from Saturday, August 27 at 8:00 PM until Tuesday, August 30 at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

- Fairbrother: I received a call from a resident who was curious because he was receiving automatic updates on the situation over the weekend from Erving and another Town and he was wondering why he was not getting any of those from Montague?

Allen: I got a call from WMECO as I suspect most people did. As for the Town of Montague, at 9:00 AM we met with all of the Emergency Management folks, Board of Health, Police, Fire, DPW, WPCF, both Water Districts, and the School. Everyone was well mobilized and reported on how they had prepared, how they had arranged for staff, everyone was coordinating very well between them. At noon we recognized that we were probably not going to have anything to severe. This year we are part of the regional consortium and the emergency shelter for the last event was here in Turners Falls High School so this event it was going to be at the Greenfield Middle School. We opened the High School for some folks at the Arbors in Greenfield. All the groups did a wonderful job.

- Quarterly meeting of Selectmen's Association will be held September 22, 2011 at the Polish American Citizens Club in Deerfield.
- Fairbrother: We are now in possession of a petition to the Selectboard involving the situation with Robin Mide and people requesting that she be reinstated. We don't have direct authority over that, but we will review the petition and make our thoughts on it known. A copy will go to the Cable Advisory Committee.

*Allen makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*