

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, September 12, 2011**

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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; 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 and 29, 2011

Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2011 Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 2011. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Dog Complaint Hearing, Jeremy Bouchard and Crystal Bailey, 75 Fifth Street, Apt. #2

Fairbrother opens hearing and reads complaint notice into the record. Introductions of Board Members made

Fairbrother swears in Crystal Bailey, SSgt. Chris Williams, David Scolfield and Carrie Bailey (Sister)

Bailey: Demon is registered with the Town, but Lola cannot be until she has had her shots which will be done within a month. Demon was up to date on his shots at time of incident but not licensed. Lola's rabies shot expired a couple weeks before incident. I have been walking dogs one at a time to prevent this from happening again

Williams gives statement of incident. At the time there was the question of which dog bit child so the child underwent rabies shots. This is the fourth incident with these dogs (disputed by Bailey); Williams goes over each incident which is briefly discussed.

Crystal Bailey states children that live down stairs taunt the dogs. Sister states she has also witnessed this action and has spoken to parents of children.

Public Hearing closed at 7:22 PM

Allen makes the motion that both Lola and Demon wear harnesses at all times while outside of apartment and that the dogs wear muzzles and the issue will be revisited in 6 months. Proof of paperwork to be submitted once available Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Paul Gilbert, CDM, WMECO Energy Efficiency Scoping Study (also present: Roland Butzke and John Lanzoni from Semiens)

Gilbert: We did performance test on new rotary last week and should be getting results this week and closing out the project next week. Bob asked that I stop by and answer any questions you may have about this project. This is a proposal from WMECO to do energy conservation and cost finding; it is a scoping study agreement that was prepared by JKMuir. JKMuir has done a number of these at various plants, particularly in Connecticut, but WMass has the same basic regulations to go by. This would identify energy conservation measures at the plant. We've been talking with WMECO for the last 6 months for potentially changing out the blowers to high energy efficient turbo blowers. This would take it to the next step and is totally being funded by WMECO for a cost of \$5900. Once the study is complete, CDM and Siemens would prepare a letter of agreement giving you cost figures for preliminary design to implement.

Butzke: This fits into the second phase of the performance contracting at the WPCF. We've been working on this for a while to put all the pieces together for a number of improvements that are necessary at the plant and also provide energy savings. Obviously we've interested in the infrastructure improvements and the energy savings; WMECO also has programs to support that. Instead of just installing measures to save energy let's install them and save energy and get some rebate dollars. John is from our WWTP group and it's his specific focus. John was key

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in putting together this program with Jen Muir, (President of JKMuir, LLC) and CDM and putting everybody together, then getting Jen to put the proposal together for WMECO.

Lanzoni: What Jen brings to the table is that this is something she does, she has a program with National grid, where they have an approved list of these independent third parties. She's an independent from both of us and she's bringing a whole different view on these scoping studies she does. As a woman minority owned business, she gets these projects funded under the programs the utilities are offering.

Butzke: Once we have the study back from JKMuir, that's WMECO gives their perspective on that study and indicates what it is they are going to fund from that, then we'll have a good understanding of the direction they want to go in. It will probably coincide with the direction we are already headed in because it is energy savings we are looking for. CDM and Siemens will sit down with Bob and look at the packet and decide what it is that can actually get accomplished. We would then present to you after it has been reviewed internally by us and reviewed by Bob we would then present an opportunity for a project with cost and savings number .

Allen makes the motion to approve and sign the agreement for energy efficiency services for the focus study for the Montague Waste Water Treatment Facility, project WM11-S-124 with WMECO to be completed within 4 – 6 weeks. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye

- Boiler project in town hall is 85% – 90% done, will be ready to go by heating season. Schools will be done during phase 3.

Town Administrator's Report

Update on Montague Center School

Abbondanzio: Took a couple people through last week and have potential for the sale or lease of the building. Need to reissue RFP. Will schedule meeting with CIC first.

Set Special Town Meeting Date

Allen makes the motion to set the Special Town Meeting date for Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Turners Falls High School. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Declare newly acquired properties located on 30 – 34 East Main Street as surplus and available for disposition (Selectmen are non-custodians of the properties)

Abbondanzio: The town has taken 30 – 34 East Main Street in Millers Falls through the tax title process and they have officially been turned over to the Town by the appellate tax board. I'm asking the Board to declare the property surplus. There will be an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant authorizing the Selectmen to dispose of the properties through an RFP process or otherwise.

Allen makes the motion to declare the acquired properties at 30 – 34 East Main Street, Millers Falls as surplus and available for disposition. Seconded by Boutwell for discussion:

Mary Jackson: I have the rightful deed to prove that I am actual owner of this. Right now it is going through quiet title, it hasn't been official yet and this is why I don't understand why I'm losing it to you guys. I understand that there is a tax lien on the property, but being the deeded owner, I don't understand why I haven't been notified from this meeting. I don't see how it is quite possible for it to be taken care of when it hasn't even finished through the Boston courts.

Abbondanzio: It's done. It's gone through the...

Jackson: It hasn't been done, we just submitted our September 9th motion to mote and we have not gotten any response back as of this moment.

Abbondanzio: As of this moment, the Town of Montague officially has those tax title properties.

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Jackson: I think this should be postponed until it has been approved through quiet title. This is giving me no rights to be able to fight for my property

Allen: Do you know the book and page number?

Jackson responds yes but is unable to find it in her paperwork. It is suggested that Ms. Jackson bring copies of her paper work to the Selectmen's office and we will go from there.

Allen makes the motion to declare the acquired properties at 30 – 34 East Main Street, Millers Falls as surplus and available for disposition. Seconded by Boutwell approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

- Canal Bridge is closed this week and should open next week
- Soap box derby to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011
- St. Stan's is celebrating their 100 anniversary on Saturday, September 17 and would like a proclamation available to be sent

Allen makes the motion to go into executive session at 7:50 PM for the purposes of collective bargaining (reason #3 of MGLc30A, Sec. 21 and coming out only to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Allen makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Other

- FCSWMD Annual Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, September 24, 2011

Upcoming Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **September 19, 2011** at 7:00 p.m. at the Montague Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA.

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