

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, September 19, 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; Jeff Tirrell, WHAI,

Fairbrother opens the meeting and announces the meeting is being taped

Approve Minutes of September 12, 2011

Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

David Detmold, town Meeting Study Committee, Town Meeting Survey

Detmold: I'm part of the committee that was formed at Town meeting to look at questions that came about regarding our form of government. We have produced this survey that will be distributed at the Town Libraries, Town Hall and placed in the Montague Reporter. We will deliver a report to Town Meeting with answers to the questions on the survey.

Town Administrators Report

Sign Hampshire Council of Governments Electricity Supply contract for real time use

Abbondanzio: Probability is we should see a higher savings, this is for one year, Kopelman and Paige has reviewed and approved this.

Allen makes the motion that the Town of Montague contract with the Hampshire Council of Governments for Electricity Supply Contract in real time, effective September 1, 2011 for a period of one year. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Sign Special town Meeting Warrant

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of a parcel of land from John J. Mackin, Jr., said parcel being located on Bridge Street in Millers Falls and shown on the town assessor's map as Map/Lot 29-0-034 (Deed Book 3978, Page 172), said parcel to be held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes unless otherwise specified in the gift, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of making repairs to the Montague Center Town Hall Building including but not limited to: (1) removing a chimney (down to roof level), (2) capping the same chimney, (3) providing power venting for the furnace, (4) making necessary repairs to the roof and slates, (5) repairing damage to the ceiling from leaks on the 2nd floor, and (6) making any other necessary masonry repairs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. . Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to negotiate the extension of the existing three year agreement for property values for the First Light Hydro Generating Company, to include a fourth year (FY 2013) due to the reallocation of certification years, or pass any vote or vote in relation thereto. . Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$6,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the appropriation voted

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under Article 18 of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for Information Technology, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the sum of \$90,000, or any other amount, from the Sewer Enterprise retained earnings for the purpose of stabilizing and/or reducing the sewer rates for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2011, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the funding source of Article #15 (WPCF Operations Building Roof) of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting from \$50,000 to be appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings” to “ \$42,959.29 to be appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$7,040.71 to be appropriated from Sewer Enterprise Fund Balance Reserved for Unspent Bonds”, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,114.04, or any other amount, for the purpose of closing the borrowing deficit for Article 16 of May 5, 2001 (CSO/Facilities Plan), or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. . Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$400,000 in appropriation and borrowing authority for Article 19, voted at the May 6, 2000 Annual Town Meeting to purchase and install a belt filter press at the Water Pollution Control Facility, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,850, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the first-year (FY 2011) costs of a three year arbitration settlement with the IBPO union, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$6,300, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the second-year (FY 2012) costs of a three year arbitration settlement with the IBPO union, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,700, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying costs associated with the settlement of the FY 2011 collective bargaining agreement with the TOMEA union, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the appropriation of Article 16 voted at the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to perform a Pump Station Survey, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. . Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding operation and maintenance costs associated

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with the Montague Center School Building, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$21,910.52, or any other amount, for the purpose of reimbursing the Gill Montague Regional School District for expenses incurred in the emergency repair of the Sheffield School boiler, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. . Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$600.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying a prior year longevity payment to a police officer, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$150,000 in appropriation and borrowing authority for Article 32, voted at the May 1, 1999 Annual Town Meeting to correct inflow and infiltration problems in the Unity Street, High Street, and L Street areas, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$150,000 in appropriation and borrowing authority for Article 28 voted at the May 6, 2000 Annual Town Meeting to correct inflow and infiltration problems in the Unity Street, Millers Falls Road, Seventh Street, High Street, Marshall Street, Avenue B, L Street, and Montague Street areas, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$130,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of remediating and removing debris from a 2007 fire at the Strathmore Mill, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of up to 30 years for the Turnpike Road Landfill, for the purpose of allowing a private party to develop a solar energy generation facility on the capped landfill(s), or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to include regulations for Solar Facilities and installations as proposed by the Planning Board, which proposal is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to dissolve the Limited Business District by rezoning the two remaining Limited Business District lots to be consistent with the abutting zoning district, as proposed by the Planning Board, which proposal is on file with the Town Clerk, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, section 15 to authorize the Board of Selectmen

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to convey on terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, an interest in the parcel of land identified on the Town Assessor's Maps as Map 29, Lot 116, but also known as 26-28 East Main St, 30 East Main St., and 34 East Main Street, including all land and buildings thereon, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$500,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve and place on the October 20, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant: ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$157,895, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a Planning Project consisting of archeological investigation for the completion of Phase Two of two phases of the Runway Reconstruction Project at the Turners Falls Airport, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Fairbrother reads announcement that taxes are due Monday October 3, 2011

Allen: Canal Bridge is open, Soapbox derby was a great success

Boutwell: St. Stan's had a great turnout

Allen makes the motion to go into Executive Session, Exemption 1 at 7:45 PM and only come out to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye