

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, October 17, 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; Chris Curtis, Greenfield Recorder, David Detmold, Montague Reporter

Fairbrother opens the meeting and announces the meeting is being taped

Approve Minutes of October 3, 2011

Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2011 as amended. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Abstain

Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent

Con-Agra/Lightlife Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal

Trombley goes over changes on Con-Agra Lightlife Wastewater Discharge Permit: 1) Contact information added to the cover page; 2) Relocation of the contents page to the front of the document after the cover page. 3) Removal of wording referencing chemicals that relate solely to the paper making industry

Allen makes the motion the motion to approve the permit renewal, Permit #051898 for Con-Agra/Lightlife Wastewater Discharge, effective today, 17 October 2011 and good for five years until 16 October 2016. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Updates Trombley:

- Two copies of the Fournier Rotary Press performance trial passed out. Most of document is testing results from the test lab. 7 – 8 pages of actual information on how it ran, why it ran the way it did and why they believe in the criteria for the operational test.
- We believe we are going to need another body at the plant. Not an operator or lab tech, but a laborer position, a lower position. We have 6 full time people, but with the operation of the press and the potential of the situation in Millers Falls, in order to do the things we need to get done, we feel we need another position.
- Received raw sewage from Charlemont after Hurricane Irene because they couldn't process it and that ended 3 weeks ago. We took in 150,000 to 200,000 gallons. We saved them a fair penny, but charged them enough to pay for treatment of the sewage, we didn't lose any money.
- Thinking of Open House at the WPCF in the spring time so the public can see what the \$1 million went to.

Marge Levenson, Requesting Selectboard support a petition and write a letter of support for the residents of Lake Pleasant against possible closing of their Post Office

Levenson: I'm representing the committee to save Lake Pleasant Post Office. As I'm sure you've read in the newspaper the post office is planning on closing small rural post offices and Lake Pleasant is one of them. We've done a petition of over 100 residents and have letters of support from Representatives Kulik and Rosenberg and also John Olver. We'd like to request the Selectboard look through packet and hopefully give us a letter of support and send the letter to Ms. Barbara Mastroianni and also send myself a copy of the letter and we will include it in our packet which we are forwarding to the U.S. Postal Service. The current situation, we have a building which really operates as a post office and a vital community center. In fact, our postal employee isn't even a fully paid postal employee, he is there part time, doesn't have benefits, the rent is low, we find it hard to believe the cost of our post office is somehow impacting the financial mess they are in. We don't want to be the victims of their problems. It's penny wise, pound foolish.

Allen would like to see the board write a letter of support, noticed that now all services in Montague Center are going out of Turners Falls.

Allen makes the motion to authorize and instruct Frank to write a letter on the Boards behalf in support of retaining the Lake Pleasant Post Office, with particular all of the information Marge Levenson has given us on why it makes sense to continue that. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

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Ted Harvey, FRCOG and Dave Lenoise, FC Sherriff's Office Proposed usage of the Turners Falls Dog Kennel

Lenoise: Been in discussion with the Town for a little while and as you know the Sherriff's office has been in larger discussions with the FRCOG and the communities of Franklin County to deal with an emergent need for some form of kenneling for the wayward dogs around the county. Looking to accomplish this, we visited the kennels here that we have done work on through our community service program a couple of years ago; and have settled on the idea that it would be a great use to improve the building and enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Sheriff's Office and the Town for use of the building and kenneling at the building once we kick off our Franklin County Regional Dog Control Program. The plan would be to use whatever grant monies and donations that become available to do physical improvements to the building to bring it up to the necessary code for use as a kennel that would include the appropriate heating and ventilation systems and we would offset much of the costs associated with that by use of our community service program and labor from the Jail and house of correction. We are very lucky to have a community service officer who is very adept at working with materials and building things. He has worked side by side with the inmate crew since he has been assigned to that position. We're hopeful you folks will embrace this opportunity for us to work together, improve the building and enter into an agreement so when we go to the larger community meeting tomorrow night we are in a position to say we have officially met and discussed the issue and have a spot we can start to work on. I do think the current building has some sustainable use for at least the immediate future, particularly with improvements that we would like to make to the kennel portion and one of the bays.

Harvey: I wanted to clarify a point, I have spoken with Tom Bergeron and one of the bays he wanted to keep for storage, so we are looking at putting fencing in the back and the closest bay.

Abbondanzio: This is being taken into consideration of the feasibility study being done for that area.

Allen makes the motion to sign the Memorandum of understanding between the Franklin County Sheriffs Office for the regional dog control program and the Town of Montague for the use of our kennel located on Sandy Lane for a period beginning November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2012 with the agreement being revisited after the first year to make sure both parties are happy. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Town Administrators Report

Request by Mike Nelson to use Police Segway at Pumpkinfest

Allen makes the motion to not approve the request by Michael Nelson to use the Police Segway at the Pumpkinfest because of concerns for liability, lack of training and the potential the batteries will die before the police needs to use it. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Sign United Nations Day Proclamation

Allen makes the motion to sign the United Nations Day proclamation for 2011 entitled the United Nations: In Everyone's Interest. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Revote Special 1-Day Alcohol License at the Night Kitchen

Boutwell recused from this portion of the meeting

Allen makes the motion to approve the Special one day alcohol license for the Night Kitchen at 440 Greenfield Road, Montague for an hors d'vres reception on October 22 and the fee has been paid and the Police Chief has signed off on this. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Recused

Allen makes the motion to approve the Special one day alcohol license for the Night Kitchen at 440 Greenfield Road, Montague for an hors d'vres reception on November 11, 2011 and the fee has been paid and the Police Chief has signed off on this. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Recused

Topics not anticipated Covered in the 48 Hour Posting Requirement

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- Received notification that the 5th Street Canal Bridge will be closed for periods up to 10 minutes at a time in order for DOT to replace rivets. Will be closed for the next 3 weeks from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM for one way traffic.
- Wendy will look into creating Special and One Day Liquor License Regulations for the Board to review
- Fairbrother mentioned he noticed a police cruiser at the bottom of the hill where the river is being cleaned up and he hopes is the Town is not paying for this? Answer is the Town is not paying for this First Light is.

Appoint Anne Stuart to Board of Registrars

Allen makes the motion to appoint Anne Stuart to the Board of Registrars for two years effective October 11, 2011 to expire on June 30, 2013. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye

Registration for use of Public Property: Turners Falls All Sport Booster Club

Allen makes the motion to approve the request for the use of public property by Amy Stout for the Turners Falls All Sport Booster Club for a can drive and money collection on November 5th with a rain date of November 12 at Third Street and Avenue A intersection, insurance will be supplied by the Sports Booster Club, and there will be 4 – 8 adults at the intersection, and protective vests to be worn. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Reminder to sign petition supporting Phase II of the Unity Park Project

Reminder to stop by and sign the petition supporting Phase II of the Unity Park Project. Petitions are available at Town Hall, all Town libraries and the Unity Park Field house.

Other

Surveys about Town Meeting were put out by the committee that was established at Town Meeting

Allen makes the motion to go into Executive Session for Collective Bargaining at 7:50PM and only coming out to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Allen makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye