

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, December 19, 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; Jeff Tirrell, WHAI (absent); Chris Curtis, Greenfield Recorder (absent), David Detmold., Montague Reporter

Fairbrother opens the meeting and announces the meeting is being taped

Approve Minutes of December 12, 2011

Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011, seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Public Hearing:

Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, Change in Septage Rate

Trombley: Last week I appeared before you to discuss the sewer septage rates and I requested having a public hearing to allow me to adjust the rates between \$75/per 1,000 gallons and \$95/per 1,000 gallons and maintaining the in town rate at a lower rate at all times. The in town rate also includes the Town of Gill by inter-municipal agreement. I would be looking at starting at \$75/1000 gallons in town and \$80/1000 gallons out of town effective tomorrow. At any time we can stop receiving septage depending on what's going on and we can limit septage haulers to x number of gallons per day, which we have done in the past. No issues as long as we treat all of them the same.

Allen makes the motion to authorize Bob Trombley to use \$75/per 1,000 gallons as the in town rate as well as the Town of Gill and \$80/per 1,000 gallons for the out of town rate with the ability to adjust those rates if necessary with discussions with Town administrator or Board of Selectmen, this shall be in effect until the next sewer rate hearing. Seconded by Boutwell approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Public hearing closed

D. Detmold asks if we expect to make more money doing this? Trombley responds that this is what we are about to find out. The winter time is the slow time. It's an attempt to see how much septage we can bring into the facility and help us with the process and we also found the septage helps us in dewatering the sludge to a higher percent solids.

Bob invites the Selectmen to the WPCF to see the staff operate the press

Town Administrators Report

Sign forms for reimbursement due to August, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene

Allen makes the motion to sign the Standard Contract Form with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for reimbursement for costs of \$8,961.44 for what we have expended during Tropical Storm Irene in August, 2011 and Authorize the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Thank you letter

Allen: We recently heard that Ann Fiske and Jonathan Rastallis spent quite a bit of time cleaning up the Montague Center Common debris and leaves and Jonathan used his dump trailer and vacuum lawn system and took at least 3 loads to a compost pile. We want to thank them for doing more than their part and not expecting any recognition. Thank you note to be sent.

Topics Not Anticipated Covered in the 48 hour Posting Requirement

Allen makes the motion to allow the establishments that hold On Premise, Section 12, Liquor License holders that are normally open until 1:00 AM be allowed to remain open until 2:00 AM on New Year's Day as our usual arrangements are. Seconded by Fairbrother, Approved. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Abstain

Allen makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye