

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, January 3, 2012**

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 (absent); 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 December 19, 2011

Minutes of December 19, 2011 not available at this time.

Acting Police Chief Williams – Request for one full-time officer

Williams: When the Board was going to request a statewide list for Chief we were going to go with a temporary full time guy until the position was filled, but now that the test is going to be solely for the Montague Police Department and available to everyone on the force, I'm confident the Chief will come from the Town of Montague and therefore requesting to fill the temporary full time position with a permanent full time patrolman. This would replace Ray as a body.

Allen: I wouldn't dare do that. I'm assuming that at least two people will pass the test, but if by some odd chance that did not happen, then we might find ourselves in the position of having an extra police man on hand. I personally don't think we can do that. If no one passes it, then we have to start over.

Abbondanzio: We will send for a re-hire list off of Form 13

Allen makes the motion to request submitting Form 13 for a Temporary Full Time Police Officer for the Department. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Interviews for the Permanent Full Time Position will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 5:00 PM

Approve Change Order #8 – CSP Project

Only change in time, change end of contract to January 31, 2012

Allen makes the motion to approve change order #8, contract #2010-1, such that the completion date will now be January 31, 2012 with no change in price. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Other

Allen makes the motion to authorize Robert Trombley to sign the monthly discharge NPDES reports that are due 12 times a year and also for the Senior Operator to sign if Bob is absent. Seconded by Trombley, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Town Administrators Report

Sign DEP Small Scale Initiative Grant Agreement

This is a document that needed to be corrected as Pat previously signed the document and now Mark is Chair.

Reappoint Mark Fairbrother Selectboard member of Franklin Regional Planning Board

Allen makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as the other Selectboard Representative to the Franklin Regional Planning Board for the 2011/2012 year. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Sign three year license agreement with Rocky River Realty Company (NU) for Lake Pleasant Ball Field property

Allen makes the motion to sign the license agreement between the Rocky River Realty Company and the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Montague for premises on Lake Pleasant Road, Lake Pleasant, 3.736 acres known as the ball fields, portion of parcel 71 on Assessors Map 33 for the term of November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Turners Falls Prudential Committee – reminder of January 9, 2012 (6:00 PM) meeting

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This deals with the issue of the costs of the legal expenses for the enforcement action that was done over in Millers Falls. The District was billed directly by Town Counsel and their feeling was the Town should pick up that cost. There is still some discussion about whether or not there was a prior agreement that that would happen.

Walter Ramsey – Town Planner

Authorize Chairman of Board of Selectmen to sign Downtown Initiatives Grant Application

Lisa Davol: We just found out about this grant, and I'm going to scramble to write it by Friday. Basically it's for money for a consultant that Downtown Initiatives added a creative economy section to what they fund and we are requesting money for a consultant to help us identify programming that will have a greater impact and looking at our history and what we've done. It can't hurt to have some help in that area. They don't give us money directly; they take the money and hire a consultant.

Allen makes the motion to apply to DHCD for the Downtown Initiatives Grant through the Planning Board and RiverCulture. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Landfill Solar RFP – Sign proposal rejection letters

Pat Allen recuses herself from this discussion as she is an abutter

Ramsey: The Town has received RFP's for solar development at the Landfill and they have been reviewed by an ad-hoc group made up of the Town Administrator, Town Planer, and representatives of the Energy Committee, Capital Improvements Committee, as well as the TF Water Dept. and WPCF. Unfortunately of the four proposals that came in, none of them are financially advantageous to the Town at this point. They all looked like they were technically feasible projects to do solar on the landfill but the economics just don't work out in favor of the Town. I am requesting that the Chair make a motion to send letters of denial to the applicants that submitted the RFP's. We are still looking at ways that we can make a project on the capped landfill viable as far as solar.

Boutwell makes the motion that the Board reject all four proposals for the RFP for the Solar Landfill and issue letters to that effect. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Abstained from meeting

Other

A planning consultant, The Cecil Group is looking at the Industrial area around the landfill and they are well under way on that project. There is going to be a public meeting on January 31, 2012 at 6:30 at the Public Safety Complex. This will be to get public input and they are going to present the preliminary design and conceptual vision of what that site could be used for.

Allen rejoins meeting

Allen makes the motion to go into executive session for purposes of litigation and only come out to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye