

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, May 7, 2012**

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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; Janel Knockleby, Montague Reporter*

Fairbrother announces meeting is being taped

**Minutes of April 17, 23 and 30, 2012 are not available**

**Terry R. Marashlian, Art Installation on Strathmore Building #11, votes may be taken**

Marashlian: Done with building of the pieces to be attached to the Strathmore building and I have hired a machine to start next Monday. In the process of getting the insurance but not complete yet. Provides Selectmen with a Hold Harmless agreement and letter stating he will comply with all safety regulations. Liability will be between the Town (Riverscaping) and Hampshire College. Duration will be whatever the Town wants. Do not expect snow to be a problem on fixtures.

*Allen makes the motion to approve the request to place an object on public property contingent on receiving the insurance policy for Terry R. Marashlian for the art installation through Riverscaping project on building #11 at the Strathmore with a Start date of May 14, 2012 for 26 aluminum panels each 5' x 6', duration to be determined and approved by the Police Chief. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Sarah (Sally) Pick**

**Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest as required by G.L. c. 268A, §23(b)(3), votes may be taken**

Pick: I am in the environmental field and have professional relationship with many people in the field, in the future I may try to pursue consultant work with people in the solar industry as well as other energy fields. In the role of the community solar coach, am going to be on the review team to help review the proposals for the solar installer and making recommendations to the Mass. Clean Energy Center so I will be involved in that decision with Frank and Walter Ramsey. I have lots of experience working on committees over the years, so I think I am capable of remaining unbiased and keeping the best interest of this project in mind as I make decisions.

**Disclosure by Non-Elected Municipal Employee of Financial Interest and Determination by Appointing Authority as required by G.L. c. 268A, §19, votes may be taken**

Pick: Because I am in the environmental consulting field, it is possible that after this program is done, I could pursue opportunities writing for solar installers for energy efficiency folks and maybe doing some green home facilitation services for residents and businesses, other opportunities in the clean energy field which is the direction I have been trying to take my business over the last several years.

*Allen makes the motion as the appointing officials as required by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 268A §19 we've reviewed the particular matter and the financial interests identified above and have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which Montague may expect from the employee in this case. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Allen makes the motion to declare the solar coach for the solarize project in Montague to be a special municipal employee for the benefit of the Solarize Mass. project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

**Solarize Mass. Update**

Pick: Just a brief presentation on things that are going on with Solarize Montague program. We were at the spring parade two days after we received notice that we were accepted and we were handing out postcards. April 12 was when Mass CEC (Clean Energy Center) selected Montague as one of the 17 communities in the State to become part of their Solarize Mass. Program that we are calling Solarize Montague. Though this program, we will offer reduced costs solar electric or PV systems to residents and commercial businesses in all five villages of Montague. The town

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will work with one solar installer and we will be using volunteers that will be doing outreach that will bring the cost down. The more people that contract, the lower the price will be. There will be 5 tiers and the price will drop depending on the level the Town contracts at. The more people that sign up, the better the deal. Solar 101 will be held on May 15 from 7 – 8:15 PM in the Turners Falls High School. Mass Clean Energy folks will be there. Saturday, June 2, 4 – 7:00 we will be having the “Montague Munch”, it will be a traveling pot luck around Montague Center Common. This is a joint event with the Montague Center Fire Department, First Congregational Church and the Library trustees, more details to follow. SolarizeMass.com/Montague, also have a facebook page. We are hoping an installer will be chosen by the end of May and people will have till the end of September to sign a contract with the installer, financing options will be available then. There will be options for people to minimal money up front, but we don't know them yet. [montagueenergycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:montagueenergycommittee@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the mailing list, soon it will be available on the Towns website.

J. Reynolds requests the Energy Committee help the school get something going so kids can work on energy efficiency at the school

**Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator, votes may be taken**

**Sign May 21, 2012 Town Election Warrant**

*Allen makes the motion to set the Election Warrant for the Town of Montague for May 21, 2012 at Precincts 1 through 6 at their usual locations from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM for One Selectman for three years, One Moderator for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Board of Health Member for three years, Three Public Library Trustees for three years, One Housing Authority Member for two years, One Parks & Recreation Commissioner for three years, One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Non-Veteran) for three years, One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Veteran), for three years, Seven Town Meeting Members Precinct 1 for three years, Seven Town Meeting Members Precinct 2 for three years, Two Town Meeting Members Precinct 2 for one year, Seven Town Meeting Members Precinct 3 for three years, Three Town Meeting Members Precinct 3 for two years, Two Town Meeting Members Precinct 3 for one year, Seven Town Meeting Members Precinct 4 for three years, One Town Meeting Member Precinct 4 for two years, Seven Town Meeting Members Precinct 5 for three years, Seven Town Meeting Members Precinct 6 for three years, Two Town Meeting Members Precinct 6 for two years, Three Town Meeting Members Precinct 6 for one year, Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

**Other**

Zoning Board is looking for another member as well as many boards in town

**Request for use of public property**

*Allen makes the motion to approve the request for use of Montague Center Town Common for the Montague Center Firemen's Association on May 27, 2012 from 10:45 AM until Noon for a Memorial Day Ceremony. Anne Fisk is the applicant, the Police Chief has signed off on this and the fee be waived. Seconded by Boutwell approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Boutwell makes the motion to allow Gregory Garrison representing the Northampton Cycling Club to use the roads at the Montague Industrial Park on May 16, May 23, May 30, June 6 and June 13, beginning at 5:00 PM and ending at 6:30 PM, with 20 – 40 people expected for the annual bicycle race and a certificate of insurance is attached to the application and signed off by the Police Chief. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Other**

Reynolds: We passed some by-laws and as a result I received some phone calls one of the issues was the price to apply for a permit. Some individuals will not be able to afford it and I think you should have thought of that ahead of time. Also I wish it had more public discussion before it was past, either by precinct meetings or a public forum, because there seems to be a lot of background noise.

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Fairbrother: The town is not concluded from having informational sessions in the future, but Town Meeting passed them.

Discussion about how information was distributed to the public

*Allen makes the motion to go into executive session at 7:50 PM under M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to U.E. Collective Bargaining and come 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 8:22 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*