

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
WEDNESDAY, May 30, 2012**

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Meeting was opened at 5:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Patricia Allen; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz Absent; Janel Knockleby, Montague Reporter

Boutwell announces meeting is being taped

Josh Slates, Frank's Pie Co., LLC, Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property Applications for a film production as follows: 20 Canal Road, Strathmore Mill on June 8, 2012 (rain date: 6/13 – 6/15)

Slates: I'll start from the beginning. The movie is called Labor Day, it is a romantic drama starring Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin. It takes place in a variety of different time periods, 1960, 1980's and the present day. Mostly a romance between Brolin who plays a wrongfully accused fugitive who falls in love with a depressed single mother played by Kate Winslet. Some of the back story related to the film, our director visited the area about 6 or 7 years ago, Western Massachusetts, Turners Falls, Millers Falls, Buckland, Shelburne, Greenfield, Belchertown. We are doing a lot of filming in Western Mass. on location when we could be doing it much more inexpensively, in Los Angeles because he really fell in love with Western Mass. and in fact he went to great lengths to delay this project several years to make sure the time is right to actually do his location filming here in the area, because he wants the area glamorized, preserved on film forever, so that means a lot to him and that is why we have been very diligent going from town to town. I just attended a joint Selectboard meeting in Buckland and Shelburne, and what we are proposing to do here in the Millers Falls/Turners Falls area is actually a lot more low impact than some aspects of our shoot. I'm confident I can share all the information with you in a concise manner. The entirety of filming here in the Turners Falls/Millers Falls area is going to be on Friday, June 8th. If we get a rainstorm like last night, we have a back up plan which is an interior set in another town and we would come back for a rain date on either June 13, 14, or 15. The scene itself is the scene between a teenage boy and teenage girl, sort of first love, over Labor Day weekend before back to school. The scene itself begins along the walkway on Canal Road, on the mill side of things and continues on to an area owned by Jim Bent (or the Town). We just got a signed location agreement from Jim Bent earlier today consenting to our use of the area. It begins on Canal Road, mill area and progresses to a chain link fence area with an old shack covered in graffiti, continues on down to building 7 and ends with a river scene by the fish ladder. We make a brief move from 1987 to 1967 to Millers Pub which is going to be our location in the script and in reality it is a mock up of the wagon wheel, the interior only of Millers Pub, through the magic of movies. We are looking at a 14-1/2 hour work day from start to finish. We will begin around 8:00 AM and move to Millers Pub between 7:00 and 8:00 PM, we film from 8:00 to 10:30 PM and then all of our production gear will go to the next location in Belchertown.

Boutwell: I'm concerned about traffic and business closure

Allen: Josh has been in to talk to the Police Chief and a few of us earlier, so some of us have already heard this.

Slates: Our trucks, our traveling crew which resembles a circus in a lot of instances, is about 5 tractor trailers that contain our equipment and gear, and about 8 or 9 RV style camper trailers, some are for costumers, wardrobes, actors to hang out and read a book while they are waiting, some are for our hair and makeup people. Where ever we travel we typically require a power or water hook up, what Chief Williams suggested on the evening of Thursday, June 7, when our vehicles move from Shelburne to Turners Falls, we are going to coordinate with First Light and Southworth to allow us access to this sort of open paved area and then there is a gate that opens into a small road that leads down to the river which I believe is under the auspices of Jim Bent's property. We would probably park 3 or 4 equipment trucks on the open paved area and we can also put 2 trucks back to back on the road Jim Bent owns. We've proposed having a member of the Montague Police Dept. come out to supervise the trucks coming in based on weight limit restrictions and to help with traffic getting onto Canal Road. Because we are very conscious about coming into a small jurisdiction we will be covering the costs of any overtime details of the Police Officers. Typically they would invoice us for their typical overtime rate, usually a 4 hour minimum, so whenever I mention we are requesting overtime officers, it is always on our dime. Once we coordinate all of that, then these trucks arrive on Thursday night, we will have a security guard watching over these trucks.

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Discussion regarding where RV's and Tractor Trailers will be parked. Still in negotiations, but would like to use Great Falls Discovery Center. Discussion regarding happenings in Millers Falls, not planning on having any kind of impact along the state highway. For logistical as well as practical reasons, we want to keep everything as contained and within arm's reach if at all possible.

Slates: Working with PanAm railways to put most of equipment on rail lot, want to place a light and generator in the empty parking lot at D & D Motors, which I believe is under the auspices of the Town of Montague, we would also like to put a generator to power the lights inside the pub, hope that filming will start around the time Carroll's Market closes and that we can all get along nicely. Rather than closing down a street, will have intermittent traffic while equipment gets moved into place.

Abbondanzio: How close to East Main Street will the trucks be parked? I know the turning radius is very tight.

Slates: Whether they are on Bridge St. or King Avenue they are equally accessible to our crew, so I would defer to the Town on that.

Williams: Either is fine, just stay as far away from the corner as you can.

Slates: A flyer will be typed up for residents of the area regarding where vehicles will be parked with a contact phone number if there are any problems.

J. Golrick: Think this is great, you've done a lot of homework, I need to inform you that you have been ill advised about the D & D parking lot. It's not D & D's parking lot, it's owned by Mary Jackson, the Town has a tax title, non redemption against me, I have a note on that property, it is owned by Mary Jackson, it is not for the Town to give you permission. You really ought to look at that real close.

Fairbrother makes the motion to issue a permit for public assembly, demonstration or use of public property to Frank's Pie Company, LLC represented by Josh Slates of Natick, MA from 9:00 PM Thursday, June 7th through 9:00 PM Friday, June 8th with a rain date of 9:00 PM Tuesday, June 12, through 9:00 PM Friday June 13 through June 15 for Canal Road and the Strathmore Mill, 20 Canal Road, for a film production. A police officer escort will be needed in the mills and they will be contracting with the Police Department for traffic. Insurance will be provided once permit is issued, and authorize the Chair to sign the document. Also use of the Discovery Center parking lot pending an agreement with them. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to issue a permit for public assembly, demonstration or use of public property to Frank's Pie Company, LLC represented by Josh Slates of Natick, MA for use of down town Millers Falls, East Main Street between Bridge Street and Franklin Street and King and Crescent Street from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM Friday, June 8th with a rain date of 7:00 AM Tuesday, June 12, through 9:00 PM Friday June 13 through June 15 for a film production. A police officer escort will be needed in the mills and they will be contracting with the Police Department for traffic. Insurance will be provided once permit is issued, and authorize the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Abbondanzio: I'd like to go on record as saying that the Town through decree of land court has control of that property and I don't think the Board should give that control up, by not responding to Mrs. Golricks point. Our position should be that we have control of that property through decree of land court.

Other:

Allen announces new barrel stickers are available in the Treasurer/Collectors Office for \$78.00

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Ratify Police Chief's decision to issue Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property

Allen makes the motion to ratify the Police Chiefs decision to issue Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property along Avenue A for the Trustees Soldiers Memorial for the Memorial Day Parade that was held on Monday, May 28, 2012 from 10:00 AM to Noon and authorize the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Approve Personnel Status Changes to be effective 7/1/12:

Lee Laster, Acting Sergeant to Detective

Allen makes the motion to approve the Personnel Status Change Notice for Leon Laster from Acting Sergeant to Detective effective July 1, 2012 at a pay grade of 6, Step 18, wage rate of \$25.30, and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Christopher Lapointe, Patrolman to Acting Sergeant

Allen makes the motion to approve the Personnel Status Change Notice for Christopher Lapointe from Patrolman to Acting Sergeant effective July 1, 2012 at a pay grade of 7, Step 3, wage rate of \$21.47, and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Ratify Appointments of Lisa Enzer to the Cable Advisory Committee and Roy Rosenblatt to the Montague EDIC

Allen makes the motion to ratify the appointment of Lisa Enzer to the Cable Advisory Committee effective May 30, 2012 for 1 year term expiring on June 30, 2013. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Allen makes the motion to ratify the appointment of Roy Rosenblatt to the Montague EDIC effective May 30, 2012 for the remainder of the three year term of Jay Dipucchio, expiring on June 30, 2013. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen- Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Amend vote to go into executive session on May 22, 2012 to reflect fact that purpose was to discuss litigation strategy with respect to eviction actions in cases of Town v. Conley and Town v. Golrick.

Allen makes the motion to amend the vote to go into executive session on May 22, 2012 to reflect the fact that the purpose was to discuss litigation strategy under MGL Ch. 30A, section 21(a)(3) which says to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares with respect to eviction actions in cases of Town v. Conley and Town v. Golrick, no votes were taken. Seconded by Fairbrother. The Chair declares this would have a detrimental effect on the Town if it was discussed in open session.

Golrick hands document to the Chair that she wants read into the record. If the clerk won't read it, she wants the opportunity to read it.

Fairbrother: Statement from Jeanne Golrick to the Montague Selectboard Meeting on May 30, 2012. Today as the designated driver for a truck and trailer for the removal of some personal property it was interesting to wait for 45 minutes for a no show by Mr. Jensen who had an appointment with Ed Golrick at 9:00 AM to open the garage. Shortly before 9:30 while I was parked in front of the lower garage

Allen stops Fairbrother from reading as the Board is in the middle of a motion.

Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye

Fairbrother: Shortly before 9:30 while I was parked in front of the lower garage overhead door waiting for Mr. Jensen, Mr. Conley appeared in the yard between number 30 and number 34 front on the lower level out of my sight behind my truck somewhere when I heard him state the following "Jean, Ed and Colleen I'm giving you an

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opportunity to come clean with me, give me a check and I can be out of here, if you do not, then I will see you in court”.

Abbondanzio: Due to the nature of this and David not having the opportunity to see this, there are complaints being made here that border on defamation of character and these are not to be discussed.

Golrick: I have an objection, I am a Town Meeting member and a citizen and I am the result of this, so it is... I'll read it if you like

Abbondanzio: No we don't discuss employees

Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM. Seconded by Allen approved unanimously. Allen - Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye