

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Mark Fairbrother and Chris Boutwell. Patricia Allen was absent; Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio; Town Accountant Carolyn Olsen; WPCF Superintendent Robert Trombley; RiverCulture Coordinator Lisa Davol; DPW Superintendent Thomas Bergeron; Director of Assessing Barbara Miller; Chris Curtis from The Recorder; Library Director Sue SanSoucie; Town Clerk Deb Bourbeau; Police Chief Charles Dodge; Administrative Secretary Wendy Bogusz; Treasurer/Collector Patricia Dion

Meeting being Taped

Minutes

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on March 14, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's first executive session on March 14, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously y. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's second executive session on March 14, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on March 20, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on March 25, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on April 1, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's executive session on April 1, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on April 16, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's executive session on April 16, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on April 29, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's first executive session on April 29, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's second executive session on April 29, 2013. Seconded by Pat Allen. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen - Abstain

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting on May 6, 2013. Seconded by Pat Allen. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen - Abstain

Use of Public Property

The "Third Thursday" program is an attempt to bring people into town on a regular basis monthly during the warmer months. There will be different themes each month to keep it fresh. The area to be used will vary depending on need,

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but it will be along Avenue A and Third Street. Ms. Davol also asked about use of sidewalks. Individual businesses will have to apply through the existing sidewalk policy which includes patio permits.

Lisa Davol has submitted an application for a Permit for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property. for the third Thursdays of June 2013, July 2013, August 2013, September 2013 and October 2013 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM in downtown Turners Falls. Chief Dodge has approved the application.

Mr. Fairbrother thinks this could be a good idea, but would prefer not to vote on it until there is more detail available in terms of who is doing what. Mr. Fairbrother is mostly concerned with activities on the sidewalks as well as a general idea of what will be involved. Mr. Abbondanzio will make sure this gets on the next agenda.

Town Administrator's Report

Montague Industrial Park sewer emergency update.

- Last week McVac attempted to clear the pipe and failed.
- We now have about 700 feet of blocked line on Millers Falls Road.
- Engineers are working on getting necessary information together. The information has been give to 4 contractors who will submit bids by Friday. On Monday the Board can award the bid for replacing the blocked sewer line.
- There will be approximately \$10,000 of insurance reimbursement for the work done on the force main.
- There is a plan to TV some of the adjacent pipes next week to see if there are other breaks.
- The work to install bypass pumping will not be cost effective compared to the current septage haulage process. The current hauler can handle the work for as long as the town needs them.

Items Not Anticipated Within the 48 Hour Posting Period - None

Upcoming Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting is next week, Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 7 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Town Hall at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA.

A public hearing on the Greenfield Road reconstruction project will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Town Hall at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA.

Executive Sessions

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the Selectmen enter Executive Session under G. L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – Implementing the Pay and Classification Study. Votes may be taken. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the Selectmen enter Executive Session under G. L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, relating to the implementation of the Pay and Classification Study. Votes may be taken. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

Mr. Fairbrother moved that the Selectmen enter Executive Session under G. L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Colle Building) if the chair decides that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Votes may be taken. The chair so decides. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent

The Selectmen will only come out of executive session to adjourn.

Mr. Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Allen Absent