

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, June 3, 2013**

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; Patricia Pruitt, Montague Reporter

Meeting being Taped

Approve Minutes of May 21, 2013, votes may be taken

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2013, seconded by Allen approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother- Aye

Mary Kersell, Tobacco Control Coalition, Rachel Stolar, Communities that Cares Coalition, Gina McNeely, Director, BOH, Collation between Tobacco and Liquor Licenses

Kersell shows examples of how the Tobacco industry packages their product to make it look like candy, lipstick and hand sanitizer to make it appealing to the youth. They are here to talk how the programs are all working together and would like to be on the same page. Tobacco control program is 21 different towns in Franklin County. One role is to prevent tobacco product sales to youth and the other is to cut down on exposure of second hand smoke to individuals and improving health of individuals in our community. Under 21 ID's shown, so there is no reason why someone who was checking would not know a person is under 21 and they need to look closely at the ID. A list is given to the Selectmen of all the stores that sell alcohol and tobacco. We were thinking it would be a good idea if there was a tobacco sale, the Board would be notified if any tobacco sales are made to minors, so this could be thought of during alcohol license renewals. Montague has state of the art tobacco regulations. Other tobacco products are not taxed like cigarettes.

McNeely feels that if someone isn't checking ID's for tobacco products, they may well not be checking ID's to sell alcohol.

Stolar: From the Communities that Cares standpoint we organize alcohol compliance. We are trying to reduce community laws and norms that favor substance use. We are trying to send a message to young people that the community does not want them to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. If we can get people on board to think what message are we are sending to our young people through sales or advertising or selling of other tobacco products that target youth. We want to make a statement as a Town and as a Region, that this is not what we want. We want to create an environment where kids think that adults don't approve of this use.

McNeely will notify the Board if there are non compliance with tobacco sales so it can be reviewed when licenses are renewed.

Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest as Required by G.L. c. 268A, §23 (b)(3)

Zoning Board of Appeals Members: Ernie Brown and Robert Sojka

No Information is available, was not discussed

Personnel Board, 111F Update, Richard Suchanek

Fairbrother makes the motion to continue Richard Suchanek's 111F status until June 24, 2013 unless he receives proper doctors clearance prior to that date. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Chip Dodge, Police Chief, Letter of Commendation

Dodge reads letter of commendation into the record for Sergeant Christopher Bonnett, Officer Dan Miner, Jim Ruddock, Lee Laster, Pete Lapachinski, Mike Sevene, Jamie Waitkus and Dispatcher Cindy Hunter. Turners Falls Fire Department, Mass. State Police, Erving Officer LaFlamme and Gill Sergeant Chris Redmond. The Selectmen also express their thanks.

Parking Problem on Seventh St.

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Dodge: We have a parking problem on Seventh Street when church is in session it is very narrow on Seventh St. near the church. There is a no parking area that goes from Park Street heading down the hill on Seventh St. to L Street. When Church is in session it is very narrow and what you find is people just walk out in front of the cars. Mike Sevene, the community policing officer met with all the Churches and tried to come up with a solution where everyone can agree. There are 4 churches in that area, Our Lady of Peace and the Congregational Church has a parking lot. St. Andrews is having the toughest time with parking. They decided best solution to the problem, since there already is a no parking zone there, we were going to continue it down to K Street, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. It will widen the roadway so people could safely get in and out of their cars on one side of the road while at the same time cars could continue driving. We don't want to do this, but we are looking at it as we have to save somebody.

Allen thinks residents and businesses in Town should have a chance to come in and talk about this. A map is requested for the meeting

Golrick: While we are on street safety, I'd like to thank Chip for putting 2 cruisers out in Millers Falls on this last storm but wants issue looked into why the same spot keeps flooding in Millers Falls.

Lee David Lee, Warner Bros. Pictures

**Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property; June 19, June 20, June 21, 2013
East Main Street, Millers Falls**

The neighborhood will be notified of the events to take place in Millers Falls giving a contact number if there are any concerns.

The Chief has spoken with Mr. Lee and that is why he is hiring 4 officers a day to assist with traffic and residents and anything that might be needed. The Chief does not anticipate any issues.

Lee will do everything possible to minimize their footprint in Town and realize they are guests in town.

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the request Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property to Lee David Lee, Shelburne Falls, MA for Warner Brother Pictures for 24 hours a day beginning at 6:00 am June 18, June 19, June 20, June 21, 2013 till midnight on June 22, 2013 East Main Street, Millers Falls. The Chief has signed off on the document and a copy of their insurance has been received. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Petition regarding Traffic Control on Greenfield Road in Montague City, Mark Koyama

Koyama: There is a 25 MPH sign approaching from Montague City Road, but coming from Montague Center there is no sign. There are approximately 17 children in that vicinity and as a concerned parent I can see something happening because of the corner. The kids are crossing between Sherman and Poplar and that is right by the turn. People fly in that area at speeds far beyond what would responsibly be acceptable in a residential area. The proposal is modest, which is to put two children at play signs, on either end of that stretch, because there are demonstrably many children on that stretch and also to replace 25 MPH speed limit signs near the bike path or perhaps a little before. Also perhaps the local police could make Sherman or Poplar one of their regular stops for traffic control. Feels most effective means are the signs that show what your speed is.

Allen feels neighborhood has changed quite a bit and the bike way is now there. Talked with Town Planner today and they are working on the section of Montague City Road next to Farren because they are going to redo the bus shelter area on both sides and they are trying to do traffic cloning along there so that whole section is going to be studied and I think that is in 2015 when that would be done. Greenfield Road itself the northern portion from the bikeway down to Hatchery Road is on the TIP for transportation funding and that has a 100% hearing that you might want to go to on June 27, it is a public workshop discussing Greenfield Road.

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Bergeron: I have asked them to look into adding that part of the road into the project. I will look tomorrow for signs and if I don't have them I will order them. I believe I have the Children at Play signs, and I can get them in very easily.

Discussion how most people that travel that road are regulars, and how sidewalks need to be repaired in that area.

Requested solution make sure there are 25 MPH speed limit signs on both ends of the area in question, Slow, Children at Play signs to be placed in the same or similar locations, and there will be some coordination with Police Department to use the speed sign and officers as they can be worked into the schedule. There will be a Public workshop on June 27 in Town Hall regarding Greenfield Road.

Town Administrators Report

Request by Agricultural Commission to accept donations of money and for a gift account to be set up with the Town for this purpose.

Fairbrother makes the motion to create an account to accept donations and gifts of money for the Agricultural Commission. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to give the Agricultural Commission the authority to accept donations and gifts of money into this account. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Approve and sign letter to HallKeen regarding conversion of Powertown store fronts from Housing to Commercial use

Allen: This is a letter to the president and CEO of HallKeen, which is the Powertown Apartments organization and they are coming up on a renewal of their affordability restrictions through the Mass. Housing Regulatory Agreement. It seems like an excellent time to try and encourage them to make some of their buildings have commercial space on the first floor. This letter from Walter actually talks about the livability plan in Downtown Turners and talking about the healthy mix of businesses and emphasizing quality first floor retail spaces as opposed to housing.

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve and sign the letter to Mr. Burnes, President and CEO of HallKeen. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Appointment Request by Garry Earles to the Broadband/Telecommunications Committee

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the request to appoint Garry Earles to the Broadband/Telecommunications Committee until June 30, 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Request use of Montague Center Town Common for First Congregational Church of Montague - Montague Old Home Days, August 4 to August 24, 2013.

Fairbrother makes the motion to issue permit to Anne Fiske, First Congregational Church of Montague for the annual Montague Old Home Days event from August 4 – 24, event on August 16 – 18, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. and the fee to be waived. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Request Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property, Community Running Association, New England Relay on June 22, 2013, North along Rt. 63

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve use public property of Rt. 63 where it is our jurisdiction on June 22, 2013 from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the Police Chief has signed off, and the insurance certificate has been received. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Resignation from the Montague Historical Commission effective June 30, 2013; Lillian B. Fiske

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Fairbrother makes the motion to accept the resignation of Lillian Fiske from the Montague Historical commission. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Fairbrother make the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.