

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, June 24, 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; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz;*

Meeting being Taped

**Approve Board of Selectmen's Minutes of June 10, 2013**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes to June 10, 2013. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Approve Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen Minutes of May 8, 2013**

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen Minutes of May 8, 2013. Seconded by Allen, approved. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother abstain

**Employee Recognition of Service**

Employees thanked and certificates handed out as follows: Cheryl Clark - 16 years; David Jensen – 25 years; Patricia Dion – 22 Years; Debra Bourbeau – 16 Years; Wendy Bogusz – 16 years; Carolyn Olsen – 18 years; William Doyle – 19 years; Charles Dodge – 20 years; John Dempsey – 17 years; Richard Suchanek – 21 years; Christopher Williams – 18 years; Matthew Cadran – 16 years; Dennis Dobias – 31 years; Tina Tyler – 26 years; Mary Ann Packard – 17 years; Linda Hickman – 16 years; Susan SanSoucie – 30 years, Bob Trombley – 20 years

**Other**

Deb Bourbeau and Patty Dion present tree and gift certificate to Pat Allen from all Montague employees for her dedication to the Town

**Trustees Soldiers Memorial**

Al Cummings presents a Plaque on behalf of the Trustees Soldiers Memorial Committee to Pat Allen thanking her support and dedication over the years.

**Informational Hearing regarding 7<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Ban, Chief Charles Dodge**

Dodge: Over the years we noticed there is a safety issue on 7<sup>th</sup> Street when church is in session. We've always looked the other way because of what it is for, for church and we don't want to disrupt people from going to church. I've been through there a couple of times myself and I don't want to pick on any particular age group, but there are some older people that I've witnessed that just open their door and start to go into the street. From what I hear this is very common and not something new. I asked Mike Sevene to get together with Highway Dept. Superintendent to see what they can come up with as a solution to the problem. The solution they seem to have come up with was putting a parking ban on one side of Seventh Street. (Dodge passes out handout) Dodge goes over dimensions of the road. It is dangerous there! They believe the north side of Seventh Street should have the ban. There is already a ban from Park Street on the north side, down to L Street. On the other side of the street there are residences and parking. Going down Seventh St. we figured it would be better to leave parking on that side. There is plenty of parking in that area, it is just going to require a little walking.

Diane Kurkulonis, Sr. Warden at St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Public Safety is also a priority at St. Andrews. We are trying to keep everyone safe and to figure out a solution that would be equitable for everyone. Programs could be compromised without adequate parking (Photos shown). It has taken St. Andrews years to fund renovations to comply with handicap accessibility. Without adequate parking and reasonably accessible parking our Church attendance will drop off and could force us to close.

Dodge: What if we left that section of 7<sup>th</sup> Street alone and put the ban from L Street down. I'm willing to amend my request to Selectmen and give this a try.

Comments made from the audience

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*Fairbrother makes the motion to ban parking on north side of 7th street, from L Street down to Seventh Street down to Avenue A until April 1, 2014 (7 days a week, 24/7). Seconded by Boutwell, Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

Dodge will speak to Tom Bergeron regarding parking signs

Jensen comments that a police officer at the intersection would probably solve this problem

**Personnel Board,**

**111F Status Update for Richard Suchanek**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to extend Richard Suchanek's 111F Request until August 5, 2013, with the contingency that he be able to return to work prior to this date if cleared by doctor. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Appoint Reserve Officers, Kyle Whalley and Nate Pervere**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Nate Pervere as a Permanent Reserve Officer effective today, June 24, 2013, at the rate of \$14.62 per hour. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Kyle Whalley as a Permanent Reserve Officer effective today, June 24, 2013, at the rate of \$14.62 per hour. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell Aye*

**Other, Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement**

Abbondanzio: You have already agreed we are going to have an Assessment Center to promote the Sergeants position and in order to do that we need to sign the Delegation Agreement with Civil Service.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to sign the Delegation Agreement between the Montague Police Department and the Massachusetts Human Resources Division of Civil Service for promotion of Police Sergeant examination. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Berkshire Brewing Company, Vote to approve One Day License for Music Concert at Shea Theater on July 19, 2013, Gary Bogoff**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a special one day license for beer and wine on premises for the Berkshire Brewing Company for July 19, 2013 a music concert at the Shea Theater from 6:00 to 11:00 PM successfully had this event in the past, Police Chief signed off and the certificate of insurance liability has been received. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator's Report**

**Vote to approve Unity Park Change Orders 2 and 3**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve and sign Change Order # 2 for the Unity Park Playground project that includes: extending 8' of playground fencing, wood guardrail that improves safety, revise the walkway at field 1 which also improves safety at the alley way, raise the manhole 2', the netting to prevent balls from going into Third Street, the posts needed to be painted, paint for a total amount of \$16,159.01. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve and sign change order #3 Unity Park Phase II Improvements Project for connecting the playground area with the bike path across the street, this includes painting the cross walk, digging out the approximately 15' span of grass to the bike path and removing a portion of the existing guardrail to create an 8' wide bituminous path with 12" of gravel base and 2 – 1" courses of bituminous 2' wide by 8' long and 1 ballad to match the existing one, for a total amount of \$3,613.65 which will come from Program Income. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

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**Vote to approve Pay Requisition #2 with Diversified Construction Services, LLC**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve Payment Requisition #2 in the amount of \$159,890.23 for the Town of Montague Unity Park Phase II project with Diversified Construction Services, LLC. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Transfer ownership of gift account for Sports Achievement Signs**

Fundraising for State Championship signs for several years and the money will now be turned over to the Sports Boosters and this will allow Carolyn to close this account, Amount is approximately \$186

*Fairbrother makes the motion to transfer ownership of the gift account of sports achievement signs to the Turners Falls All Sports Boosters. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Vote to approve and sign DEP Construction Project Completion Certificate**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve and sign the DEP Construction Project Completion Certificate for the Avenue A and Seventh Street Sewer Line Pipe Line Improvements and the Water Pollution Control Facility CSO Improvements. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Vote to approve and sign MOU by and Between FCSWMD and Town regarding Hauling and Disposal of Sludge**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Montague and the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for the hauling and disposal of sludge cake from the Montague Water Pollution Control Facility under terms and conditions spelled out in the memorandum for FY14 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) and that the Board extend the MOU two fiscal years, ending June 30, 2016. Specific costs would then be: transportation - \$38.87 per ton, Disposal - \$47.28 per wet ton, Trailer rental \$480 per month and a 3.5% administrative fee from the FDSWMD. Seconded by Allen, approved. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Abstain*

**Vote to approve and sign MOU by and Between FCSWMD and Town regarding Hauling Services effective 7/1/13**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between the town of Montague and the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for FY14 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) for the hauling of recyclables, hauling and disposal of solid waste, hauling and disposal of bulky wastes, and hauling and disposal of scrap metal and appliances under terms and conditions spelled out in the memorandum. Specific costs are: Recycling - \$139 per haul, \$218 tandem haul (\$109 each), Administrative fee \$500 per year, flat users fee, \$3/ton; Bulky Waste \$148 per haul, \$218 per tandem haul, \$65.30 per ton, \$31 per month per roll-off rental, \$25 per mattress, annual cost for recycling roll off replacement \$1,666. Seconded by Allen, approved. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Abstain*

**Vote to Authorize Board to submit Form A, Approval Not Required Endorsement from Planning Board**

Abbondanzio: This deals with one of the back lots in the Industrial Park. It's a parcel that's being subdivided and there is a lot roughly 7.9 acres that is being sold to River Bluff Realty for \$132,000.

*Boutwell makes the motion that the Board authorize a Form A, Approval Not Required Endorsement from the Planning Board on Industrial Boulevard (loop) Assessors Map 17, Lot 13A. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Ratify Police Chief's decision to issue date change on Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property on June 13, East Main Street, Millers Falls and Authorize Chair to sign registration**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to ratify the Police Chief's decision to issue date change on Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or use of Public Property on June 13, East Main Street, Millers Falls and Authorize Chair to sign. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

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Golrick inquires as to where the Chief of Police was granted permission to authorize this? Allen responds that it came in at the last moment and she said it was alright with her and Wendy called each Selectmen individually and was able to get a majority and also the police chief signed off on it.

**Approve Annual Appointments as set forth in the attached list:** Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the following appointments

NAME	POSITION/BOARD/COMMITTEE	TERM	TERM	VOTE		
				YEA	NAY	AB
John Dobosz	Parks & Recreation Director	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Susan A. SanSoucie	Library Director	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Kopelman & Paige	Town Counsel	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Richard J. Kuklewicz	Wiring Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Thomas W. Wyman	1st Alternate Wiring Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Robert Trombley	Waste Water Control Superintendent	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Timothy J. Hartnett	Alternate Gas & Plumbing Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
John Letourneau	Alternate Gas & Plumbing Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Herbert F. Hohengasser	Gas & Plumbing Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Frank E. Abbondanzio	Chief Procurement Officer	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
David E. Jensen	Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Richard Asmann	Alternate Building Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Richard D. Sawin, Jr.	Forest Warden	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Robert Escott	Deputy Forest Warden	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Walter Ramsey	Town Planner and Conservation Agent	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Tom Bergeron	DPW Superintendent	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Roberta Potter	Council on Aging Director	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Leo Parent	Veteran's Director	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Leo Parent	Veteran's Burial Agent	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Mark Fitzpatrick	Veteran's Director	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Mark Fitzpatrick	Veteran's Burial Agent	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Albert L. Cummings	Veteran's Graves Officer	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Robert Escott	Emergency Manager	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Ernest Brown	Zoning Board of Appeals	5 Year	June 30, 2018	3		
Richard Ruth	Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Allen Ripingill	Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Juanita “Bunny” Caldwell	Council on Aging	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Karla Bordeaux	Council on Aging	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Ethel B. Dobias	Council on Aging	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Michael A. Saharceski	Council on Aging	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Teresa A. Miner	Council on Aging	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Loretta Demers	Council on Aging	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
NAME	POSITION/BOARD/COMMITTEE	TERM	TERM		VOTE	
				YEA	NAY	AB
Margaret D. Bridges	Historical Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
Janel Nockleby	Historical Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		

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Christopher Couture	Turners Falls Athletic Club Trust	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Samuel Couture	Turners Falls Athletic Club Trust	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Nancy Barry Yankowski	Turners Falls Athletic Club Trust	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Brian C. Dobosz	Constable	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Wendy M. Bogusz	Constable	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Susan SanSoucie	Cemetery Commission	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Laurie Callahan	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Garry Earles	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Sharon Cottrell	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Jason Burbank	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Paul Gorman	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Bob Mahler	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Eileen Dowd	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Lisa Enzer	Cable Advisory Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Christopher Boutwell	Personnel Board	3 Year	June 30, 2016	3		
Sean Werle	Conservation Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
Deborah J. Picking	Conservation Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
Bruce Young	Planning Board	5 Years	June 30, 2018	3		
Donna Francis	Agricultural Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
Kathleen O'Keefe	Agricultural Commission - Alternate	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Tim Van Egmond	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Chris Mason	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Jason Burbank	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Sally Pick	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Pam Hanold	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Robert Setka	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Richard Adams	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Susan Conger	Energy Committee	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Ronald Sicard	Wells Trust	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Mark Downey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Gas & Plumbing Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Jay DiPucchio	Board of Registrars	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
Mandy Hampp	Assistant Town Clerk	1Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Richard Asmann	Alternate Building Inspector	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Barbara Miller	Board of Assessors	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Erin Myers	Cultural Council	3 Years	June 30 2016	3		
Lisa Davol	Cultural Council	3 Years	June 30 2016	3		
Moonlight Davis	Cultural Council	3 Years	June 30 2016	3		
Morning Star Chenven	Cultural Council	3 Years	June 30 2016	3		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION/BOARD/COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>TERM</b>		<b>VOTE</b>	
				<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>AB</b>
John Furbish	Cultural Council	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
Christopher M. Boutwell	Franklin County Solid Waste Mgt. District	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Mark Fairbrother	Franklin County Solid Waste Mgt.	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		

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	District – Alternate					
Mark Fairbrother	FRTA Advisory Board	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Christopher M. Boutwell	FRTA Advisory Board - Alternate	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Frank E. Abbondanzio	Gill-Montague Transit Authority	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Robert O’Bear	Franklin Regional Council of Governments – Planning Rep	1 Year	June 30, 2014	3		
Brian P. Carroll	Airport Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		
David Brule	Airport Commission	3 Years	June 30, 2016	3		

**Amendment of publicly released Executive Session Minutes dated: 11/8/10; 4/25/11; 5/17/11; 5/23/11; 7/18/11; 6/18/12**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to accept and release the amended Executive Session Minutes dated 11/8/10; 4/25/11; 5/17/11; 5/23/11; 7/18/11; 6/18/12. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, Use of Public Property: Avenue A Block Party on August 10, 2013 from noon to 9:00 PM**

Fairbrother requests that someone comes in to discuss the event at the next meeting. Mike Nelson and Patricia Pruitt requests the date be approved so they may move forward with their plans

*Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board reserved August 10, 2013 for the downtown block party on Avenue A with specifics to be worked out. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Ratify Police Chief’s decision to issue use of Peskeompskut Park on June 20, 2013 by the Shea Theater for screening of “The Princess Bride”**

Fairbrother makes the motion to ratify the Police Chief’s decision for use of Peskeompskut Park on June 20, 2013 for the Shea Theater for their screening of the Princess Bride. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Nay

Fairbrother: I suspect Ms. Golrick and I are together on this one, I will probably vote no. This is another case where somebody should have come to us sooner.

Allen: I thought we had actually given them permission to do several films on different days throughout, and I think they did get permission for 3 or 4 and this one they didn’t know when that event was going to be.

**Resignation of Dr. Mary E. Melonis from the Montague Historical Commission as of 6/30/13**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Mary E. Melonis from the Montague Historical Commission as of June 30, 2013 with regret. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye Fairbrother - Aye*

**Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining – involving on-going contract negotiations with town unions (IBPO, U.E. and TOMEA), votes may be taken**  
This is has been cancelled

**Other, votes may be taken**

*Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as acting Chair until the next meeting. Seconded by Allen, approved. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Abstain*

Thanks expressed to Pat Allen by John Hanold on behalf of the Finance Committee and Sally Pick of the Energy Committee

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