

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, October 15, 2013

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz (absent)

Meeting being Taped

Approve minutes of August 26 and September 9, 16, 23, 30, and October 7, 2013 if available

Not available at this time

Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, Change of Ownership, ConAgra

Trombley: Lightlife was formerly owned by ConAgra until recently. ConAgra sold Lightlife to a private equity firm by the name of Brinwood Partners and they want to continue the new company Lightlife Foods, Inc. They have a discharge permit that allows them to discharge certain sanitary waste to the sanitary sewer system. It is a multi phase document that gets renewed every 3 years; it is allowed by the Industrial Pretreatment Program to change the ownership of the permit from one entity to another but it needs the approval of the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the contract change from Conagra Lightlife to Lightlife Foods, Inc, all terms and conditions being the same, effective immediately. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye .

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator's Report

Sign Change Order #5, Unity Park Improvements Project, \$4,823.72

Nelson makes the motion to approve change order #5 in the amount of \$4,823.72 to Diversified Construction Services for outfield drainage and connecting to existing drainage manhole. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Authorization to Disburse Architect Payment #6, \$2,965.00

Will be signed next week due to incorrect figures listed on sheet

Appointments: MEDIC: Expires 6/30/16: Richard Ruth, Moon Morgan, Donald Valley

Boutwell makes the motion to reappoint Richard Ruth to the MEDIC Industrial seat, for 3 years, effective 11/15/13 to 6/30/16. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to reappoint Moon Morgan to the MEDIC At large seat, for 3 years, effective 11/15/13 to 6/30/16. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to reappoint Donald Valley to the MEDIC At large seat, for 3 years, effective 11/15/13 to 6/30/16. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement

- Block grant informational meeting to be held next Monday
- Patricia Dion has been awarded designation of Certified Mass. Municipal Collector

Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property: Rag Shag Parade, Avenue A, October 31, 2013, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Nelson makes motion to approve annual Rag Shag Parade for VFW Post #923 and the Montague War Memorial Committee care of John T. Murphy on October 31, 2013 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Aubuchon Parking lot ending at 7:00 PM. Route is from Aubuchon parking lot down Avenue A, ending at the Discovery Center Parking Lot with an estimated 100 people participating. The police chief has signed off on this and there is a request to use Town's insurance. Seconded by Boutwell for discussion

Fairbrother has been opposed to using the Towns insurance for two years. Rates will go up if there are claims and it needs to be decided where the line is drawn

General discussion about events being covered by Town's insurance and how do you pick who gets covered

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Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the Rag Shag Parade on October 31, 2013 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

The War Memorial Committee is being asked to come in next week to discuss the insurance portion of the permit.

This has to do with policy in general and is nothing personal to the War Memorial Committee

Other

Golrick asks for updates on Millers Falls/Erving Sewer. Abbondanzio responds that a missing piece in terms of the revised contract was given to the WWTP Supervisor and they will schedule another meeting in Montague but the date has not been set yet

-General questions asked and answered about the Millers Falls RFP

-Abbondanzio, Ramsey and Jensen had a meeting with the Montague Center School Developer, there are issues that he needs more information on, we are looking at a due diligence period because there is information that is going to have to be gathered and some assurances he is going to have to have before moving forward on some costly items. Big issue is sprinkler system and level of sprinkler system that will be required due to square footage on building due to Massachusetts laws

-Reynolds asks about Rectory Building since winter is coming. There is no water in building

-Golrick asks what the resolution is on the catwalk to the Strathmore and update on Strathmore going into winter. Pedestrian bridge is still in legal limbo. Town Planner went to Boston and met with Architectural Barriers Board to try and get a waiver on meeting ADA requirements for handicap accessibility on that bridge. Utilities company continues to own bridge. Seems to be moving in direction of the Town taking bridge as a donation.

-Submission was made by Town to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission addressed relicensing and Walter did a good job presenting that argument. They didn't want to look at how the Energy Company would be required to take it. At that point it was how is economic development effected by the continuance of the project on the river.

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye.