

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, December 2, 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; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz (absent)*

Meeting being Taped

**Approve minutes of October 15, 21, 28, November 4, 18, 25, 2013 if available**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Liquor License Hearing, Transfer of Annual on Premises §12 Restaurant, All Alcohol Liquor License from Max A. Brody d/b/a The Night Kitchen to Bread and Water, LLC, d/b/a The Alvah Stone, Howard Wein as Manager**

Fairbrother reads hearing notice into the record

Concerns raised about noise level at that location and how it will be handled. That issue would be discussed when an entertainment license is applied for

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the Transfer of Annual on Premises §12 Restaurant, All Alcohol Liquor License from Max A. Brody d/b/a The Night Kitchen to Bread and Water, LLC, d/b/a The Alvah Stone, Howard Wein as Manager with the stipulation Mr. Wein and an additional manager be TIPPS trained before serving any alcohol on premise. Further request the Alvah Stone be conscientious neighbors with this license in this otherwise residential neighborhood. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Walter Ramsey, Town Planner**

**Approve FY13 Green Community Annual Report**

Ramsey: The Town was designated in May of 2010, one of the first communities to be given this designation, The 5 criteria looked at for this report are as follows: 1) Type of as-of-right siting approval received, 2) type of expedited permitting approval received, 3) municipal energy use baseline (meat and bones of Green Communities program), 4) Purchase Fuel Efficient Vehicles, 5) Stretch Code Adoption

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the FY13 Green Community Annual Report. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Green Community Annual Report. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Approve 2014 Community Development Strategy**

Ramsey: This is an annual update that is done as part of a community development block grant program requirement. This strategy is meant to be a comprehensive integrated approach to the municipalities' community development principals and it summarizes public purposes set out in the principal planning documents in the town, our comprehensive plan, the recently completed downtown livability plan, the open space and recreation plan, economic development plan, housing plan, ADA transition plan, Natural hazard and mitigation plan, it synthesizes all those into a 3 – 5 year strategy for projects, specifically oriented towards community development. Each of these plans have had extensive public outreach, (completed and priority projects explained)

*Boutwell makes the motion that the Board accept the 2014 Montague Community Development Strategy. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Other**

Fairbrother: Frank, it has been brought to my attention that the signs coming into Montague are incorrect. They state incorporated in 1754 and in fact it was established in 1754. Tom has contacted the State regarding this already.

**Town Administrators Report, Votes may be taken**

**Letter from Attorney General's Office regarding Open Meeting Law Complaint**

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Topic not being discussed

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

None

**Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation,  
Regarding Millers Falls Road/Industrial Boulevard Sewer Replacement Project**

Fairbrother declares holding discussion in open session will be detrimental to potential litigation down the road.

*Nelson makes the motion at 7:52 PM to go into Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation, Regarding Millers Falls Road/Industrial Boulevard Sewer Replacement Project. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Nelson - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye.*