

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, March 10, 2014**

*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;*

Meeting being Taped

**Approve minutes February 10, 18, 24 and March 3, 2014**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014 with corrections. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Charles Garbiel, II, Owner, Shady Glen Inc., Request to add article to annual town meeting warrant that the Town accept MGL Chapter 138, Section 33B**

Garbiel: This is to accept the State statute that allows alcohol service beginning on Sundays at 10:00 AM rather than Noon

*Nelson makes the motion to add an article to the annual town meeting warrant that the Town accept MGL Chapter 138, Section 33B. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Bruce Hunter, HRA Infrastructure Coordinator, Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project; Accept and award bid from Taylor Davis Landscaping Co., Inc. in the amount of \$46,132.**

*Boutwell makes the motion to accept and award the bid for the Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project from Taylor Davis Landscaping Co., Inc. in the amount of \$46,132. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**John Reynolds, Proposal to reactive the Boston Post Golden Cane Award**

Need to decide if you want to continue tradition of awarding cane, or award something else such as a medallion. If the cane is to be used, we will have to have someone who can keep track of it, or we could come up with something else to give out to people in recognition of their status. The last time the cane was given out was in 1996.

Abbondanzio: There is the real risk that the cane could be thrown out, or go to an auction house or something. I think the idea of medallions is a great idea. The initial recognition of the person could be put in the Annual Report as the person often has it for several years.

*Nelson makes the motion to reactive the Boston Post Golden Cane Award. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize Frank to purchase 5 medallions as presented by John Reynolds and to authorize up to \$10 for refurbishing and sprucing up the original Cane for a grand total of up to \$135. Upon receipt of said items we will ask John to rejoin us and we will discuss who would be the intended recipient of said golden cane and make a formal presentation to them for a photo opportunity and then the cane will be returned. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

Photo sample to be provided prior to the medallions being ordered.

**Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator,  
Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement**

Erving Selectmen will be here tomorrow at 6:30 for the Millers Falls Municipal Sewer Agreements

**Sign Letter of Authorization for the request of electricity consumption information for Kenneth Elstein, Hampshire Council of Governments**

Abbondanzio: this is the municipal aggregation of electricity and community choice aggregation program. This has been ongoing with the Hampshire Council of Governments. Once all levels have been cleared at the State level will make it possible for residents from the Town to get benefits, discounts by virtual of the HCOG as wholesale buyer of electricity. 37 communities will be participating in this agreement and the HCOG is asking for a letter of authorization because the utility company has asked that this be provided so the HCOG can get the kind of data needed to see what kind of usage the Town has.

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*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the chair to sign the letter of authorization (LOA), for the request of Electricity Consumption Information for the Town of Montague. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously.  
Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Other**

Republic Waste people are sending a team to Montague tomorrow to look at the Strathmore mill to evaluate the material that is there to see what the alternatives are. Hopefully we can recycle more than we thought we were going to be able to recycle.

Frank is asked to contact FRTA to have the letter Montague sent be put on the agenda.

Jeanne Golrick submits a letter stating she does not want her property located at 9-11 West Main Street on the Millers Falls Slums and Blight listing.

*Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously.  
Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*