

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, March 24, 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 of February 24, March 3, 10, and 17, 2014

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2014, seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014, seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014, seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Minutes of March 17 not approved at this time

Charles Walker Korby & Amber Baker, Event Application for Montague Center Town Common on 5/30/14

Korby: We are looking to have a picnic style wedding on the Common and use the upstairs space in the old Town Hall to have deserts, coffee, tea and beer; a reception type thing with music and dancing. The question is if we can have alcohol there and potentially block off a section of the road right in front of the Town Hall

The issue of alcohol needs to be figured out and the applicant will be back at a later date with the 1 day alcohol permit

Nelson makes the motion to approve the closure of Center Street from the corner of North Street to the corner of Main Street to Charles Korby and Amber Baker on Saturday, May 31, 21014 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to approve the use of the Montague Center Town Common to Charles Korby and Amber Baker on Saturday, May 31, 21014 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. with no alcohol being provided at this time. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Bruce Hunter, HRA Infrastructure Coordinator

Sign Owner/Contractor Agreement with Taylor Davis Landscaping Co., Inc. for Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project

Boutwell makes the motion to sign the Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Town of Montague with Taylor Davis Landscaping Co., Inc. for the Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project, scope of work not to exceed \$46,132 and work to be completed by June 23, 2014. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Sign Notice to proceed with Taylor Davis Landscaping Co., Inc., for Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Notice to Proceed for Taylor Davis Landscaping of Amherst for Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator, Votes may be taken

Community Development Discretionary Account:

Abbondanzio: I have two projects I want to propose for use of the Community Development Discretionary funding. The unallocated balance is \$88,211.18.

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Request to use \$9,975 for St. Anne's Church Senior Center/Library Feasibility Study

Boutwell makes the motion that the Board authorize \$9,975 for the Library Feasibility Study for St. Anne's Church from the Community Development Discretionary Account. Seconded by Nelson approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Update on Strathmore Mill

Abbondanzio: The Fire Chief asked for an update report which I sent out on Thursday to him. We are making a lot of progress on the items identified in his order. Republic Waste toured the mill, evaluated all the material, looked at the possibility of recycling some of it. They looked at all the waste and the roll waste would have to be cut up to make it more fluffy so it will burn. We will be hearing from them soon with a price. The Sheriff's department has offered to assist in this clean up. DPW is evaluating what to use to cover up the windows, looks like it will be a heavy duty translucent plastic. Renaissance Builders looked at the roof issues and the larger holes where we are going to need beams and they will be getting back to us. Sprinkler system is up and running and we are evaluating the possibility of providing some type of monitoring along the sprinkler pipe, this is an up in the air item. The Water Dept. is also evaluating options for bringing water into the mill and are looking at a couple of different options. One is to bring water across the pedestrian bridge through a pipe so we could have other uses for it besides TF Hydro using it. If we ever want to lease any of the space out, this will be needed. The option across the bridge right now costs about \$14,000 assuming the district would waive the \$6,000 tap in fee. There is also the possibility of running a line along the canal, they thought that might be cheaper and are looking into pricing. Swift River sewer has been thawed out and is now running. The WWTP staff did evaluate the sewer pump and was able to get it running, but there is additional action that needs to be taken before it can be used.

Trombley explains the sewer pump isn't working and they are waiting on pricing for parts. The motor has to be replaced and is about \$16,000. Waiting on quote to clean entire station as it is in tough shape.

Abbondanzio: Whoever uses that building in its final use will have to do a complete upgrade of all systems. Brief discussion about last week's washout of the road

Discussion

Bergeron goes over plan to repair building while having the least impact on other Town projects.

Request to use \$20,000 for Strathmore Mill Code Compliance

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request for use of \$20,000 for the Strathmore Mill Code Compliance from the Community Development Discretionary account up to \$20,000. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Update on Petition for Municipal Aggregation (Community Choice Aggregation/CCA)

State department has scheduled a public hearing on April 15 in Northampton

Abbondanzio: The State Dept. of Public Utilities has scheduled a public hearing for all the 36 participating towns and cities on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 PM in Northampton. The HCOG will be doing public outreach at a later date.

Update on Boston Post Golden Cane Award

Reynolds: Did not find much locally but would be happy to continue looking if the Board would like.

Selectmen will discuss requirements for the Boston Post Golden Cane Award at a later date.

Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration or Use of Public Property: New Guilbault Community Baseball League, Opening Day Parade on 4/27/14 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for Use of Public Property: New Guilbault Community Baseball League, Opening Day Parade on 4/27/14 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, leaving TFHS down Turnpike road, right onto Montague Street, enter into baseball fields at 27 Montague St., with a reminder to contact police department to

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remind them of the event. Secoded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

8:11 PM

Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Litigation, Erving – Montague Sewer Agreement, Votes may be taken

Fairbrother declares the Board will go into Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Litigation, Erving – Montague Sewer Agreement, and also hold an Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation, Regarding Millers Falls Road/Industrial Boulevard Sewer Replacement Project, Votes may be taken as holding the discussion in open session will be detrimental to the Towns position.

Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Litigation, Erving – Montague Sewer Agreement, votes may be taken. Secoded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

That executive session will be immediately followed by Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation, Regarding Millers Falls Road/Industrial Boulevard Sewer Replacement Project, Votes may be taken. The Board will leave both executive sessions only to adjourn the regular meeting. Secoded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye.