

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, March 31, 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 March 17 and 24, 2014

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Minutes of 3/24/14 will be approved next week.

Police Chief Charles “Chip” Dodge, Continuation of Parking Ban on Seventh Street, Turners Falls

Dodge: On June 24, 2013 I came before the board to request putting a parking ban in place on the North side of Seventh Street. At that time it was requested I come back before you before April 1, 2014. I would like the ban kept in place. I was contacted shortly after by Charlie Choleva expressing his unhappiness with the parking ban as he is a resident on that street. It seems to be working great, there is plenty of room on the street. I'm inclined to request that Board continue the ban and leave the signs in place.

Charlie Choleva: We were not available to come to the meeting and thought the request being put out was going to be for only the weekends to cover the church going crowds. There was more discussion about how other things happen at the church during the week and the Selectboard chose to make it 7 days a week. This has really inconvenienced us as our driveway is in the back of the house. We would like to see if we could go back to the original 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. The houses were all impacted

Discussion about moving parking to other side of the road, but were trying to avoid people crossing the street. Issue of getting a ticket if you park your car on the side of the road for a few minutes and leave a vehicle unattended. Patrons going into the library are not happy parking on the allowed side, due to the slope and not being able to get into that side of their vehicle.

Nelson makes the motion to relocate no parking signs on Seventh Street from the corner of Seventh Street and Avenue A to the alley way adjacent to St. Kazimierz Society (K Street Alley) to the exact same spots but on the opposite side of the road going from Avenue A up to the corner of Seventh and L Street effective as soon as the Highway Dept can relocate the signs, but no later than Monday, April 14, 2014 for a one year trial basis to be reexamined by April 1, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

**Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent,
Sewer abatement requests for second ½ of FY2014**

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the FY2014 second half sewer bill abatement request for 44 South Prospect St, Millers Falls due to incorrect gallonage in the amount of \$180.38, bill abated to \$74.64. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the FY2014 second half sewer bill abatement request for 8 13th Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$559.80, bill abated to \$342.10. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the FY2014 second half sewer bill abatement request for 3 Oakman St, Turners Falls for outside faucet left running in the amount of \$329.66, bill abated to \$80.86. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the FY2014 second half sewer bill abatement request for 5 G St, Turners Falls in the amount of \$342.10, bill abated to \$118.18. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

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Boutwell makes the motion to NOT approve the FY2014 second half sewer bill abatement request for 302 Montague City Road, Turners Falls as the water went into the sewer. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to NOT approve the FY2014 second half sewer bill abatement request for 131 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls as the water went into the sewer. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Industrial Pretreatment – Australis request

Australis requests change pH of their greenhouse discharge to town. Green house facility is one of three discharges they are allowed to have, due to leaks they had in the system increase alkalinity mitigates effects of copper and with fish health in mind the increased the target alkalinity in the system and the greenhouse which tends to raise the pH. The existing upper limit is currently 8 and they are looking to go to 9.5 and sewer use regulations allows them to go to 11. This will not hurt anything

Nelson makes the motion to change the upper limit for the Australis Agriculture discharge permit from 8.0 to 9.5 effective immediately. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator

Invitation to march in Spring Parade

The Selectboard is invited to march in front of the parade on Saturday, April 12, 2014. The parade starts at 1:00 be there by 12:40 PM.

Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement

Abbondanzio asks if the Town should continue with Mr. Bowen regarding the Erving Municipal Sewer Agreement issue? The Board would like to continue with Mr. Bowen if he is still available.

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye