

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, April 7, 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 24 and 31, 2014

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

Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Allen Fore, Director Public Affairs, Kinder Morgan, Inc., Gas Pipeline Discussion

Preliminary overview of project proposing for Massachusetts see link on Town's website at www.montague-ma.gov

Fairbrother: The Board is only here tonight to decide whether or not to grant access for survey work on Town property in the Town of Montague.

Nelson asks if homeowners have been contacted and Mr. Fore responds yes, but people in the audience disagree. They were told Company would be happy to meet with them. 10 of 18 homeowners have given permission to go on property.

Montague resident expresses his support as a union member as it will create a lot jobs

Lengthy discussion about process for taking land if permission is not given, several hearings will be held for everyone to attend. Jobs that the project will provide, issues raised about Kinder Morgan's track record, (Fore goes on record to state issues raised about company's track record are untrue)

Nelson asks about effect on persons back yard?

Fore: Responds the biggest impact is during construction because that is when heavy equipment will be on the property, there will be a ditch, a pipe on the property. After that all the property grades are restored, but there will be no trees due to possibility of root damage. Pipe is planned to be 30" or 36" which will be driven by the market. The permanent easement on the property is planned to be 50' wide and a permanent structure would not be allowed. For construction there will be temporary work space and that can vary in width due to topography, wet lands, river crossing. Kinder Morgan will have an agent who will meet with every single land owner and we will sit down and talk to you about the potential impacts and how the pipeline will affect the landowners property. We are going to strip the top soil, make sure that is segregated, get the pipe below that, make sure the compaction is acceptable, if drain tile is involved – repair it, repair the slopes and drainage in the area so the farm can still function as before with the top soil put back on but now there is a pipe subsurface. Treeless area would be 50' and during construction it would be unknown but would probably be between 50' to 100'. Pipe size is determined by the customers' needs. This is a common carrier line and we do not have the right to refuse our customers

discussion

Suzanne Lomonto, Turners Falls RiverCulture, Registration for Assembly, Use of Public Property, Thursday, April 17, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Trolls in conjunction with Trollfest along Avenue A

Vote not needed

Goats in conjunction with Trollfest at 38 Avenue A

MEDIC to grant permission for this use

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**Bruce Hunter, HRH Infrastructure Coordinator, Votes may be taken
Approve Authorization to Disburse No. 10, Invoice #1.2012.107-10, Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project, \$1,600**

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize disbursement No. 10, Invoice #1.2012.107-10, Unity Park Phase 2.2 Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,600. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Personnel Board, with Chief Chip Dodge, Accept resignation of Reserve Officer Trevor Allenby

Nelson makes the motion to accept resignation of Trevor Allenby effective immediately with regret. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Appoint full time dispatcher, Aimee Wallace, Grade 2, Step 1 at \$13.50/hour

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Aimee Wallace, Grade 2, Step 1 at \$13.50/hour effective April 8, 2014. Seconded by Nelson approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Personnel Board with Linda Hickman, Library Director, Appoint Library Assistant, Scott A. Schmith, Grade 1, Step 2 at 12.51/hour

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Scott A. Schmith Library Assistant, Grade 1, Step 2 at \$12.51/hour effective March 31, 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Michael Nelson, Change name of applicant on Spring Parade/5K Race Application

Nelson recuses himself as Selectmen and moves to the other side of the table

Nelson: As we go through the insurance process they are requesting rather than my personal name be on the account, we use our business name that is on their as well, to just the business name.

Boutwell makes the motion change the name on the Spring Parade/5K Race permit from Michael Nelson to the Franklin County Pumpkinfest and Parades, Inc. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator,

Approve sewer vac truck service agreement with the Town of Northfield

Nelson makes the motion to approve the sewer vac truck service agreement with the Town of Northfield for emergency service. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Approve Tables and Chairs License for Twisters, 52 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for tables and chairs license for Twisters, 52 Avenue A, Turners Falls at the rate of \$10 per table, total of 5 tables as presented on the map, in the amount of \$50, proof of Insurance to be provided and permit is good until October 31, 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Approve use of Montague Center Town Common, for Annual Old Home Days event, on August 7 – August 20 (time includes set up/breakdown)

Nelson makes the motion to approve use of the Montague Center Town Common for the annual Montague Old Home Days event on August 7 – August 20 (including set up/breakdown), Police Chief has signed off, the insurance certificate has been received and the fee be waived for use of the common. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Fairbrother declared going into Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(4) to discuss strategy with respect to Deployment of security personnel or devices would be detrimental to the public's safety

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Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(4) to discuss strategy with respect to Deployment of security personnel and only come out of the meeting to adjourn the regular session. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye