

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, September 22, 2014**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson (arrived at 7:02 PM); Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio, Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz;

Approve minutes of July 28, August 11, 25 and September 8, 2014

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014 with minor corrections. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

John McNamara, RUSERIOUS, LLC - Request approval for the implementation of a wheelchair ramp and shed to be located at 102 Avenue A, Turners Falls, License to place objects in the Right-of-Way.

McNamara presents his plan for a handicapped ramp and an enclosure for trash containers. There was discussion about the town being able to give permits to put items in the right of way.

Fairbrother makes the motion to grant John McNamara, RUSERIOUS, LLC a 1 year renewable license effective October 1, 2014 to place an object in the right of way, to wit, a 3' x 10' shed for the purpose of containing trash receptacles, and for the builder to seek all necessary building permits. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to issue a license to place an object in a right of way for a wheel chair ramp as set out in the plans presented in a document dated August 25, 2014 on the corner of Avenue A and Third Street; the Town to be named on insurance policy. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

John Reynolds

Boston Post Cane Award Medallions

Reynolds shows medallions to the Board. Reynolds would like to display the cane in town hall so that it was safe.

Senior Citizen recognition

Reynolds will be back in a week with a name for the Board to receive the award.

Strong Oak Lefebvre, Prevention Coordinator, NELCWIT

Request use of Peskeompskut Park, Visioning Justice Rising, on October 25, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the request to NELCWIT, Cheryl Rogers Executive Director to use Peskeompskut Park on October 25, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for Visioning Justice Rising, Insurance Certificate is in hand, and approved by Police Chief. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Alan Charboneau, TFHS Football Parent

Request Use of public Property Avenue A/Third Street and Turnpike/Turners Falls Road “fill the football helmet” on October 4, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mr. Charboneau was not present at the meeting. This item will be put on next weeks agenda.

Tom Walsh, Montague Inn, 485 Federal Street, Request Town petition the Mass. General Court to adopt special legislation permitting the Town to increase its quota of Section 12 (on-premises) all alcohol liquor license to be issued under MGL, Chapter 138.

Potential owners are looking into opening a family restaurant at the former Montague Inn. They are looking to have a liquor license for the business. Nelson emphasized he felt it was important to eventually put a cap on licenses.

Fairbrother makes the motion to petition the legislature to for an All Alcohol License for the Montague Inn; seconded by Nelson, approved. Fairbrother- Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Abstain

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Michael Perreault, FRTA, Bus stop improvements at the intersection of Avenue A and Third Street

There have been issues with pick ups. FRTA would like to install a bus stop sign so passengers can be loaded and dropped off. The space would be large enough. FRTA is looking to see if the Town is in favor of allowing them to make improvements. This would be in addition to the one across the street. There would need to be improvements to the sidewalk if approved. FRTA will cover all associated costs.

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize representatives from the FRTA to install the proper bus stop sign at this location and for the highway dept and planner to further explore installing a shelter at that location. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Walter Ramsey, Planner and Conservation Agent

Request to renew lease of real property to Judd Wire, Inc. for parking facility on municipal property for 18 months, \$150 rent

Ramsey: This is for an 18 month extension to the lease Judd Wire has had. This option leaves all options open.

Fairbrother makes the motion to sign the lease renewals of real property with Judd Wire effective today for 18 months in the amount of 150. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Update on re-naming a portion of Greenfield Road from Turners Falls Road to RR tracks

Ramsey reports that FRCOG has no control over the names of county roads. He reported asking residents of the road their preference for a name, and Old Greenfield Rd was the most popular.

Fairbrother makes the motion to put an item on the next special town meeting warrant renaming the portion of Greenfield Road from Turners Falls Road to RR tracks. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Nay (doesn't want to admit road will never be reopen)

Montague City Road Bike and Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project – MassDOT Project #607239

Authorize Professional services change order with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. totaling \$22,850

Ramsey notes this project will provide safer bus stop and pedestrian crossing on Montague City Road. Cost is 50% more than originally expected. Construction will begin in Summer 2015. There will be a full upgrade of the road including drainage and new bus pullouts. Chapter 90 funds can be used for the town's portion of the project. The town will have to do a right of way acquisition for 14 temporary construction easements associated with the project. Four parties have donated their property for the easements.

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize the Professional Services Change order with Stantec Consulting Services totaling \$22,850. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – No (due to a seemingly extraordinary cost)

Dave Brule, Battlefield Grant Study Coordinator, Establish Battlefield Grant Advisory Board to guide the implementation of the battlefield mapping study awarded by the National Park Service Battlefield Protection Program

Brule: On advice of archaeologists, we wanted to appoint an advisory board. The board has been meeting as an ad hoc group. There was discussion about who could be on the group and who could attend the meetings. Jeff Singleton strongly urges the Selectboard to consider adding a Historian to the committee.

Nelson makes the motion to appoint to the Battlefield Grant Advisory Board David Brule, Coordinator, Paul Robinson, Professional Archeologist, Ivan Ussach, Gill Historical Commission, John Nove, Deerfield Historical Commission, Peter Miller, Greenfield Historical Commission, Pat Allen, Montague representative, Doug Harris, Narragansett THPO, Joe Graveline, Nolumbeka Project Bettina Washington, Wampanoag THPO, David Tallpine White, Nipmuc THPO, administrative support provided by the Town Planner Walter Ramsey, and a historian to be decided at next meeting. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

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Town Administrators Report

Execute Mass. Cultural Council Grant in the amount of \$22,800 for Turners Falls RiverCulture

Abbondanzio: This is the 2nd year of a 2 year grant for River Culture. The money is now released by the Legislature for this year, so we can accept it.

Nelson makes the motion to execute the Mass. Cultural Council grant in the amount of \$22,800 for Turners Falls RiverCulture Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Execute letter to Patricia Dervan, DHCD, re: requesting an Extension to March 31, 2015 for the FY13 CDBG Activities and Budget and Revisions Form requesting extension

Abbondanzio: MJ Adams cannot be here. Is asking the Board to sign a letter requesting an extension. The architect needs additional time for senior center design.

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the presented letter requesting an extension for FY13 CDBG funds. Nelson seconded approved unanimously, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Letter from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Included on the agenda so people know there is information out there. It is located on the town website.

Other

Nelson points out for the record: At the last meeting of September 15, 2014 he indicated that there had been a vote in Executive Session regarding Hatchery Road barns and the vote he was thinking of was vote to leave executive session. There was no vote taken in Executive Session on September 8, 2014 regarding the Hatchery Road barn issue.

Reynolds asks about dry hill cemetery. He urged finding a solution to maintaining access to it.

- Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirement

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM, Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously.