

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, November 3, 2014**

Meeting Being Taped:

Votes May Be Taken:

Approve minutes of August 25, September 8,15, 22, 29 and October 6, 14, 20, 27, 2014 if available

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2014. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Public Comment Period: Any public discussion regarding any agenda item or other matter will be reserved for this time slot. Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment.

Fairbrother makes the motion that public comment period be reserved for items not on the agenda f Seconded by Nelson, approved. Fairbroth r- Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye

Jeff Singleton

Memo regarding FRTA Response and Proposal

Singleton: The FRTA has responded to the Selectboard letter about potential route changes for Montague and other transit issues.. They have proposed to meet with town officials about the issues we have raised. I would suggest that the board support such a meeting ASAP. Proposed Route Changes For Montague: I suggest we put the attached route reorganization proposal on the table as the basis for discussion and input over the next six months. I am not asking that the board endorse the proposal but simply support it as a basis for the discussion. The goal would be to have something to present to the FRTA advisory board at its May annual meeting that could be implemented in the next fiscal year. The Montague Energy Committee has endorsed this approach. My proposal essentially consolidates the current Routes 22 (within Montague) and Route 32 (Greenfield-Montague-Orange). It fills in some of the gaps the consolidation creates with an expanded Route 23 (Amherst). The fare to Amherst is reduced to \$1.50 from the current \$3.00. The result is increased access to Amherst and less redundancy in the system without raising Montague's assessment. However there are many issues that will need to be evaluated further with the help of the FRTA and public input.

Fairbrother makes the motion to support Jeff Singleton's proposal as presented and encourage other representatives bring to FRTA and discuss as needed

Increasing Ridership: The board and the Energy Committee have requested that the FRTA establish a committee or some mechanism to discuss increasing ridership. I raised the issue at the last FRTA advisory board meeting and there was some support from COG. The recent FRTA letter does not address this issue directly so we need to raise it again.

Fairbrother makes the motion to endorse the proposal put forward by Jeff Singleton regarding increasing ridership. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Cost of weekend service: The board requested that the FRTA estimate the cost of weekend service as a way of moving the discussion of that issue forward. Based on the assessment calculations the FRTA has distributed, I have estimated the cost of a half day of weekend service (for the entire fixed route system and for Montague) and sent the calculation on to the FRTA. We should raise this issue again with them.

Police Chief Charles Dodge

Request for Civil Service Lateral Transfer to Greenfield, Corey M. Greene

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the request for a lateral transfer to Greenfield for Corey M. Greene. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Request for Civil Service Lateral Transfer to Greenfield, Joshua Lemay

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the lateral transfer request for Joshua Lemay to Greenfield. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

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Request for commitment from Selectmen for a piece of land next to the Police Department, or other location for a new animal shelter location

Been looking for grants to build a new shelter. If we can build a shell the inmates can finish the building. In order to get money we need a commitment from the Town. There are only two options available. One is the old burn dump which may take time due to permits. and the other is right next to current police department on the west side of building. The Sherriff has grants available and ready to go

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize providing a parcel of land up to 2 acres for the purpose of building animal kennel. Preference of building to be built at the current burn dump with plan B being the lot next to the police department. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Complaints regarding signs and items on sidewalk in front of Rodney Madison's business on Avenue A

Mike Sevene, Community Policing Officer has had several complaints regarding the items on the side walk Mr. Madison does not have a permit to put anything on the sidewalks

Madison to be asked to come to the next meeting

Aaron Saunders, Comcast

Request to grant exclusive use of the 2" conduit under and along Industrial Boulevard extension for the purpose of extending its cable plant under the terms of the Renewal Cable Television License

Saunders: Goes from the school up to the Industrial Park. There is a conduit with no definite plans. Will have to make sure there is no damage to conduit

Ramsey: This is a priority, businesses need internet, thinks it's a good option

Fairbrother makes the motion to grant the request to Comcast for exclusive use of the 2" conduit under and along Industrial Boulevard extension for the purpose of extending its cable plant under the terms of the Renewal Cable Television License. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Montague Energy Committee

Authorize request for Owner's agent Technical Assistance grant from DOER to assess options for energy efficiency and renewable at the Hillcrest and Sheffield Schools

Ramsey: The Montague Energy Committee has met twice with the school superintendent, Michael Sullivan, and Joanne Blier, school director of business and operations, about opportunities for improving the energy efficiency of the Hillcrest and Sheffield Schools and adding renewable energy. To that end, we requested and received approval from the BoS and the school committee to add these school buildings into the town's Green Communities energy reduction plan. With that now in place, Montague can apply for funds for technical assistance to have an energy engineer evaluate energy-saving opportunities, and, in the future, apply for Green Communities grants for these measures.

Currently, the school district has an application in process for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for a new or rebuilt steam boiler for Sheffield School and for new windows. The Energy Committee has gotten support from the superintendent for the possibility of expanding the scope of the energy efficiency efforts beyond repairing or replacing the steam boiler, especially since steam heat is much less efficient than hydronic (hot water) heating and other options. The superintendent agrees with the recommendation of the energy committee to ask MSBA if they would either slow their grant process to allow for the possibility of getting a comprehensive energy assessment with a grant from DOER for their Owner's Agent Technical Assistance grants, to bring in an energy engineer to assess the options for efficiency, or at least to work with the committee to look at replacing the steam boiler with a more efficient system with MSBA funds that takes into account possible future energy efficiency improvements.

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Given that DOER is actively promoting OATA grants because these funds are not being sufficiently tapped, there's a good likelihood that we would receive this grant, and the application is not a complex one. The energy committee will help fill in the gaps in the application as needed.

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the application on behalf of the Energy Committee for the Owner's agent Technical Assistance grant from DOER to assess options for energy efficiency and renewable at the Hillcrest and Sheffield Schools

Christine Bates

Discussion and planning regarding skatepark

Thanks many Appealing for a vision, wants collaboration

MGL c. 138, §15 Off-Premises Retail Licensees Sunday Opening Time allowed at 10:00 AM Execute Form 43, Ling Ling Corp, dba Montague Village Store, 60 Main Street, Montague

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Fairbrother as Chair. Seconded by Nelson approved. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Abstain

Nelson makes the motion to approve the change to the §15 Off-Premises Retail Licensees Sunday Opening Time allowed at 10:00 AM to Ling Ling Corp, dba Montague Village Store, 60 Main Street, Montague. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Abstain

Boutwell is now chair

Discussion and possible vote to acknowledge and authorize Town Counsel to respond to an open meeting law complaint received on October 20, 2014, executive session (pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1)) and public session expected

Discussion why this item is being put on the agenda as it is and why it refers to G.L. c.30A, s.21 (a)(1))? Frank to contact Town Counsel about this.

Nelson makes the motion to acknowledge and authorize Town Counsel to respond to an open meeting law complaint received on October 20, 2014, executive session (pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1)) and public session expected

Discussion and possible vote to acknowledge and authorize Town Counsel to respond to an open meeting law complaint received on October 27, 2014, executive session (pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1)) and public session expected

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize Town Counsel to respond to an open meeting law complaint received on October 27, 2014, executive session (pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1)) and public session expected. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Review Executive Session minutes from 3/14/13, 3/20/13, 4/1/13, 4/16/13, 4/29/13, 6/23/14, 7/14/14 and 10/6/14 and determine whether any are suitable for release due to the expiration of the executive session purpose.

Open and executive session discussions expected, votes may be taken

To be put on next weeks agenda

Cable Advisory Committee (CAC)

Accept the resignations of four members: Gary Earles, Eileen Dowd, Lisa Enzer and Bob Mahler

Nelson makes the motion to accept the resignations of Lisa Enzer and Bob Mahler from the cable advisory committee. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell

Vote to reduce the size of the CAC to five members from the current 7 members

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Nelson make the motion to ask Frank to contact the other two members

Request for new members interested in serving on the CAC

Town Administrators Report

Meet on 11/18 rather than 11/17 if Corbo is available

Vote to withdraw from the Central Franklin County Veterans District and become a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran Services District effective July 1, 2015

Fairbrother makes the motion to to withdraw from the Central Franklin County Veterans District and become a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran Services District effective July 1, 2015. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Motion withdrawn

Fairbrother makes the motion to withdraw from the Central Franklin County Veterans District and become a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran Services District effective July 1, 2015 for a three term through June 30, 2018. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Appoint Richard Colton to the Battlefield Grant Advisory Board as Professional Historian until June 30, 2016

Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Richard Colton to the Battlefield Grant Advisory Board as Professional Historian effective November 3, 2014 until June 30, 2016

Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration or Use of Public Property: Jon Dobosz, Annual Sawmill River 10K Run on January 1, 2015, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration and Use of Public Property: Jon Dobosz, Annual Sawmill River 10K Run on January 1, 2015, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. Seconded by Fairborther