

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
TUESDAY, February 10, 2015**

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

**Approve minutes of January 26, 2015, and January 5, 2015 Executive Session Minutes**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2015. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye*

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 5, 2015. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Abstain*

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment.**

Chief Dodge reminds the citizens of snow removal bylaw; if you own a home and have a sidewalk, you are required to remove the snow within 24 hours of the storm. This is not a requirement but we ask that you shovel out fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Big problem we have is people are blowing snow into the roadway and is very dangerous. By law you are not allowed to put snow in the roadway or town property. If you do violate any of these you will be served a notice by the Police Department and fined. Also wants to remind residents streets are becoming narrower, but the DPW is in the process of clearing snow.

**Personnel Board, Request by Chief Chip Dodge to place Richard Suchanek on 111F effective 1/28/15**

*Nelson makes the motion to place Richard Suchanek on 111F leave effective 1/28/15 until further notice due to injury on duty. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Boutwell recuses himself.**

*Nelson makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as Acting Chair for the next two items. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Abstain*

**Liquor License Violation Hearing, Rocket Science, LLC d/b/a The Rendezvous, 78 Third Street, Turners Falls, MA**

Dodge: On January 15, 2015 Alcohol compliance checks were performed in Montague and all but 2 passed with no violations.

Chris Janke: Extremely embarrassed by this, relatively new employee, this person had not been to training due to a scheduling conflict, and had slipped through the cracks in a way. We feel the TIPPS training is helpful and important. In the future we will require this to be an online training to be completed within 2 weeks of employment for new employees if they are not already TIPPs certified.

Dodge: Do sting checks regularly and they have done well. In doing my research, there was a violation in December 2010 for the same offense and this is their second offense. Based on past experience, we usually suspend the license for two days. Based on this, I recommend they lose their license for two days of their choice prior to April 9, 2015.

Nelson inquires if the clock resets after so many years and the Chief replies no, it is basically up to the Board, but we need to send a message to the Liquor establishments it is a privilege to have this license and it needs to be taken seriously.

*Nelson makes the motion to issue a written warning to the Rocket Science, LLC dba the Rendezvous for an underage liquor sale. If the Rendezvous comes before the Board again, we will consider stricter actions. Seconded by Fairbrother. Approved. Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Liquor License Violation Hearing, Pioneer Tavern, Inc., 32 Federal Street, Millers Falls, MA**

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Dodge: On January 15, 2015 Alcohol compliance checks were performed in Town. Spoke to Sean Keller, Manager at length and he was very apologetic about what happened and assured me it will not happen again. Since this is the first violation, I recommend a written warning.

Keller apologized to the Board and this has never happened to him and doesn't plan on it happening again.

*Nelson makes the motion to send a written warning to Pioneer Tavern Inc, 32 Federal Street, Millers Falls in regards to an illegal sale on January 15, 2015 with the understanding if this happens again we will take appropriate actions. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

Fairbrother relinquishes chairmanship back to Mr. Boutwell.

**Joe Dobias, Training status update on Pit Bull/Lab mix dog named Bailey with Polite Leash Walking Class**

Dodge: On October 6, 2014 a hearing was held pertaining to Mr. Dobias dog named Bailey. Board ordered conditions as well as recommended Baily attend Polite Leash Walking Class. He was to attend this class and provide certificate of completion to me. As of today I have not received a certificate from Mr. Dobias stating dog has completed the class. I did receive a letter from Canine Head Start that the dog attended this class. There is no certificate provided, just a training that can go on as long as you wish. Joe has stated he will sign his dog up for a training class that a certificate will be provided at end of class.

Dobias: I did 5 training classes, and we worked on a lot of things. I have now registered the dog in FIDO class, this class will be Bailey with other dogs rather than just being one on one. Upon completion a certificate will be provided, class starts February 19<sup>th</sup> and will run for 6 weeks. .

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as Chair for next item. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye

**Gary Banash, President, St. Kazimier Society**

**Request to serve alcohol on Sundays at 10:00 AM, as allowed by MGL Chapter 138, Section 33B, and May 13, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Vote**

*Nelson makes the motion to allow the sale of Alcohol at St. Kazimier Society on Sundays at 10:00 AM as allowed by MGL Chapter 138, Section 33B. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

Fairbrother relinquishes the Chairmanship back to Mr. Boutwell.

**MJ Adams, Director of Community Development, FCRHRA Given by Robin Sherman, Executive Director Sign 2015 CDBG Application Forms (Application Cover Page, CDBG Funding Displacement Certification, Anti Displacement and Relocation Assistance Certification, Program Income Certification, Chief Elected Official (CEO) Certification Form, Civil Rights Certification, Designation of Environmental Certifying Officer)**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the appropriate documents to file the 2015 CDBG Application. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**Sign Authorization to Disburse – No. 3, Invoice #2014003-3, Senior Planning Study, \$10,200**

*Nelson makes the motion to sign the Authorization to Disburse – No. 3, Invoice #2014003-3, in the amount of \$10,200 to Caitlin & Petrovick Architects, PC for Senior Center Study. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

**Town Administrators Report**

**Execution of deeds to the successful bidders at the auction held on January 5, 2015 of Tax Title Properties Kristie & Joel Tognarelli, 35 Eleventh Street, Turners Falls, \$42,000.00**

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*Nelson makes the motion to execute the tax title deed to Kristie & Joel Tognarelli, for 35 Eleventh Street, Turners Falls, in the amount of \$42,000.00 known as Assessors Map 5, Lot 26. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to execute the tax title deed to Kristie & Joel Tognarelli, for 249 Wendell Road, Millers Falls, in the amount of \$7,350.00 known as Assessors Map 46, Lot 32. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to execute the tax title deed to William J. Doyle, IV, for 257 Wendell Road, Millers Falls, in the amount of \$6,300.00 Assessors Map 46, Lot33. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to execute the tax title deed to Mountain Research, LLC, for parcel of land located Rear Meadow Road, Montague, in the amount of \$5,775.00 Assessors Map 42 , Lot 17. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to execute the tax title deed to Douglas Donnell or nominee, for parcel of land located West Chestnut Hill Rd, Montague, in the amount of \$525.00 Assessors Map 52 , Lot33 . Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Letter from Town of Gill to the Gill Montague Regional School Committee**

Abbondanzio: This was discussed at the joint Finance Committee/Selectmen Meeting last week and there has been a lot of discussion going back and forth and there was some question whether the formula that is in place for the affordable school assessment somehow outlived its usefulness and expired. Based on the discussion I've heard and what I've seen recently it's apparent that is not the case and discussions will continue involving the finance boards of both Montague and Gill with the district. If any adjustments that have to be made in the formula that exists then that discussion has yet to take place. I think there is a general consensus in both towns that the formula has not outlived it's usefulness and is a great concept to continue.

Singleton The Oversight Committee and we are going to try and update the 5 year plan and try to incorporate the new revenues or decide what to do and present them to the various boards during the budget process.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize Frank to send letter to GM School Committee voicing Town of Montague's endorsement and desire to continue with the compact noting its value in the past. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye*

**OTHER**

**Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property: Newt Guilbault Community Baseball League, Opening Day Ceremony Parade, April 26, 2015, 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the use of public property for the Newt Guilbault Community Baseball League for their annual opening day parade to take place on Turnpike Road, Montague Street, ending at Campbell Field, approximately 100 people taking part in the parade, starting at 11:00 AM ending at approximately 11:45 AM, on April 26, 2015; the Chief has signed off and asks them to contact police department the morning of the event, and insurance is included. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

Boutwell officially cancels tomorrow meeting that was posted incase of snow.

*Nelson makes the motion to adjourn meeting at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*