

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, June 1, 2015**

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

Approve minutes of May 19, 2015, if available

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

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:

Reynolds: Last week I mentioned having some of the Selectmen meetings at different villages, if we can't move the meetings to different villages, have you thought of ways to get more people involved or how they can speak at these meetings.

Nelson: I've spoken with MCTV, we cannot be live and I have gotten the impression the public likes our meetings to be live.

Kuklewicz feels we could go to villages to show support in other ways outside of the normal meeting schedule

Lewis Collins dba Between the Uprights at Second Street, License to Use Real Property, Café License, 6/1/15 to 12/21/15

Kuklewicz makes the motion to endorse the license for use of real property, café license (Article IV, Sections 4, 5, and 6) to Lewis Collins, dba Between the Uprights at Second Street as presented. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, Use of Public Property for June 27, 2015, July 19, 2015, August 8, 2015, October 24, 2015, and November 25, 2015.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to allow to use public property on the following dates: June 27, July 19, August 8, October 24 and November 25, 2015 as presented in the documents presented. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Kuklewicz – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Abstain (due to Pumpkinfest event). Original October 17th date changed to October 24th

Special One Day Liquor License for June 27, 2015, July 19, 2015, August 8, 2015, October 24, 2015, and November 25, 2015

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the Special One Day Liquor License for June 27, July 19, August 8, August 8, October 24 and November 25, 2015 to Lew Collins, dba Between the Uprights at Second Street Seconded by Boutwell. Approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Abstain (due to conflict with Pumpkinfest)

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Montague Senior Center Planning Study Results Presentation

Ramsey gives presentation which is attached.

Community Forum to be scheduled soon to discuss the location for this project.

Execute three (3) individual Memoranda of Agreement with Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck Tribal Historic Preservation Office regarding the "Battle at Great Falls/Wissatinnewag-Peskoempskut" research project

Ramsey: This has been an ongoing study, the Town received a grant from the Park Services. Everything going well, one meeting has been held, two more still need to be held. The tribes are participating, we want to be wrapped up before August 2016. We are hiring the tribes to give their historical account of what happens, total cost for each MOA is \$8,500. The tribes agree to attend meetings, put their account into writing for the final report. Counsel has not reviewed this at this time.

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Kuklewicz: Feels getting out of the agreement may be difficult, as it says mutually agreed. Wants Counsel to review first.

Reynolds asks what the town will gain from this and Ramsey replied the Town will become owner of all material; reports will get distributed to libraries and the Town hall will have a copy. The study is to figure out what happened here and what is worth protecting.

J. McNamera: Anything in the original state is probably wiped out. Ramsey said what makes this special is the Native Americans have taken the time to tell their story, thinks what we are doing is unique and exciting to try and set the story straight according to the Native Americans.

Ramsey will have Town Counsel review documents and be back to the next meeting.

Issue Notice to Proceed and Execute Contract with Bales Energy Associates for \$9,990 to develop technical performance specifications in support of the Town-administered procurement process for design-build services for heating system upgrades for the Shea Theater. Consultant fee to be paid from Green Communities Grant

Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Chair to enter into an agreement with Bales Energy Associates for \$9,990 to develop technical performance specifications in support of the Town administered procurement process for design-build services for heating system upgrades for the Shea Theater. Consultant fee to be paid from Green Communities Grant. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Bruce Hunter, HRH Infrastructure Coordinator

Recommendation for award of Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project to Mountain View Landscape and Lawncare, Inc. \$396,550

Kuklewicz: New lights are no way the quality of the old lights, wants to know the plan on the lights being taken out and if they should be refurbished for future use.

Nelson: Previously suggested in Phase 2 that the good poles be saved for Peskeompskut Park. Hunter: This is part of Phase 2, salvaging all lights and they will be stored by the Highway Department; a pallet of bricks is also being saved (in the contract)

Ramsey: Not feasible to keep the fixtures, double the cost; lights now are incredibly difficult to repair. Two poles are being saved the one in front of Spinner Park and Town Hall.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to award the contract for Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement project to Mountain View Landscape and Lawncare, Inc. in the amount of \$396,550. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz, Aye

Deborah Bourbeau, Town Clerk and Betty Tegal: Absentee Ballot Election Questions

Bourbeau: Absentee ballots were made available to the public on May 5, try for 3 weeks in advance but there was a glitch this time with printing of ballots. All but 4 ballots were returned to her. The post office said Greenfield delivery service is two days. I do not know why it took so long to reach Ms. Tegal. I did my job, there is no MGL that states when they have to be mailed out. These ballots cannot be sent out 45 days early. Just not possible as I am still waiting to hear from people who want to submit their names for nomination. There is a law, but it is a Federal law that pertains to those elections.

Ms. Tegal arrives and Mrs. Bourbeau explanations this to her.

Charles Dodge, Chief of Police

Letter of Commendation Issued to Detective John Dempsey

Letter of commendation to Detective John Dempsey read into the record by Chief Dodge

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Personnel Board action: Accept resignation of Nathan Coffin from the position of Reserve Police Officer

Kuklewicz makes the motion to accept the resignation of Nathan Coffin from the position of Reserve Police Officer effective May 30, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Suzanne LaMonto – Riverculture Coordinator

LaMonto: This is to get the downtown involved during the Upper Valley Music Festival

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request by RiverCulture to sponsor a Sidewalk Sale in conjunction with the Upper Valley Music Festival on July 25, 2015 pending approval from Chief Dodge. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Homeland Festival Road Closing

LaMonto: Same set up as last year, closing First to L Street to entrance of Unity Park.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request from RiverCulture for August 1, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 9:15 PM for the Homeland Festival in Turners Falls, pending approval from Chief Dodge. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye Suzanne will talk to Chief to see if extra coverage is needed.

Request by Sammy Gilford to be Appointed to the Cable Advisory Committee

Gilford expresses his desire to be appointed to the Cable Advisory Committee

J. Burbank: Sam attended a CAC meeting and was awfully emotional, feels motivation is more opposing a committee member than interest of the CAC. We are making good headway with two contracts we are working on and doesn't see Sam helping them at this point.

Kuklewicz saw a disagreement but good work was getting done. Feels the committee makeup is good at this point and is not in favor of changing anyone at this point.

Gilford: There is no criteria except being a resident, there isn't a balance. There is no limit to the number of people that can be on the committee, it is the Selectmen's decision not the CAC's.

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Sammy Gilford to the Cable Advisory Committee until 6/30/15. Seconded by Nelson. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Nay, Nelson – Nay

Town Administrator Report

Approve new wording for Montague Inn Liquor License Legislation

Boutwell abstains

Kuklewicz makes the motion to change the wording in Line 3, changing it from Montague Inn to an Entity at 485 Federal Street, Montague. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell - Abstain

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirement

-There has been noise complaints about the event held at Peskeompskut Park by the church group from Vermont. Nelson to contact Chief Dodge to see how many complaints were received and Nelson will prepare an official friendly notice of complaint.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Seconded by Boutwell approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Insert Senior Center Study before posting to web here