

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, July 13, 2015**

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

Approve minutes of June 15 and 29, 2015

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Minutes of June 29, 2015 not available at this time

Executive Session minutes will be put on the next agenda as Mr. Boutwell is absent

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements.

Betty Tegal reads letter to the BOS informing them of the 25th anniversary of the American with Disability Act signed by President Bush.

Appointment of Peter Golrick to the Airport Commission until 6/30/18

Kuklewicz makes the motion to appoint Peter Golrick to the Airport Commission for 3 year term expiring 6/30/18. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye ,Nelson – Aye

Thomas & Jessica Byrnes, Upper Valley Music Festival

Use of public property, Avenue A & Third St, from Rendezvous to Avenue A on 7/25/15, noon to midnight. Street musicians/busking during music festival

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request by Tom and Jessica Byrnes for use of public property on Avenue A and Third Street from Rendezvous to Avenue A on 7/25/15, noon to midnight. Street musicians/busking during music festival, insurance is on file. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Jeff Singleton

FRTA Update

Singleton passes out proposal regarding routes. FRTA has been holding meetings to revise fixed routes. Everyone has been waiting for a state mandated report called Comprehensive Service Analysis which is required by the state of all regional transit authorities before they do any revisions of their routes. That report came out on July 6. Timeline given, August 4th is when input is due. Proposal has a huge increase in the cost of transportation; the report recommends the recommendations Montague put on the table last spring. It increases frequency and access to Amherst from 2 to 4 times on a week day; to consolidate route 22 and route 32 to reduce redundancy. Changes are done in three phases, phase 1 is a 50% increase in their fixed rate costs. I'm concerned about the cost and reaction from the state. Discussion. Wants support on increasing routes to Amherst. No focus on increasing base ridership. Executive summary given to the Selectmen for their review.

Tegal: Need parking spaces for people to park cars, would like to see bus shelter by grocery store and cut out for people to get on a wheel chair van, bus shelter is not big enough on Third Street.

Thomas Memorial Golf and Country Club

Liquor License Hearing, Request for change of manager to Stephan Smith, replacing Burton White

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request for change of manager at Thomas Memorial Golf and Country Club as presented to Stephan Smith and forward the ABCC. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Hubie's Tavern and Restaurant

Review of noise ordinance put in place at the June 29, 2015 Noise Complaint Hearing regarding complaints in violation of Hubies Entertainment License, MGL Chapter 140, Section 183-A and the Town's Noise Ordinance.

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Nelson We know why we are here. There were complaints over previous noise events and they were discussed in June. Went out and checked levels with Mr. Hubert and his understanding is levels were good.

Kuklewicz also stopped by various times and the noise levels seemed to be reasonable, but wasn't there the whole time. Feels Mr. Hubert understands the concerns and is working on this.

Nelson makes the motion to adopt decibel regulations as set forth on Monday, June 29, 2015 through the end of the calendar year for Hubies Tavern, with the understanding that music will end by 10:00 PM and there are no more than 8 events per calendar month. Seconded by Kuklewicz for discussion:

Hubert: Feels if discussions had happened earlier, they could have been ironed out.

Thorpe: Curious what Nelsons readings were. Feels they both went out the same day, it was bouncing between 86 and 92. Wasn't so bad in his house. Talked with neighbors and for the most part thought it was fine. It is still sort of loud. Wants to know if it is possible to go out front to hit a number and then he will go talk to neighbors to see if it works. Possibly force drummers to use bundle sticks which reduce impact. Thinks him and Mr. Hubert have a better relationship since the beginning. Thanks Mr. Hubert for putting in the effort and talking to him. If someone else complains we are going to be back. Feels they can move on and not be adversarial.

Hubert: Saturday nights are the main nights for music, a few Thursdays and possibly on a Sunday. I've talked with musicians if they have any ideas on mitigation the music. Possibly putting up a curtain in the back, anything that makes financial sense he will look into it.

Kuklewicz: May have to revise noise ordinances to accommodate Hubies. Needs to be fair to everyone, there needs to be a balance Feels Mr. Hubert understands what the concerns are. He is bringing in a group of people to Town.

Nelson makes the motion to adopt decibel regulations as set forth on Monday, June 29, 2015 through the end of the calendar year for Hubies Tavern, with the understanding that music will end by 10:00 PM and there are no more than 8 events per calendar month and Mr. Hubert continue to make a good faith effort to remediate noise levels where possible. Seconded by Kuklewicz. Approved. Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture

Use of Public Property: Use of Lot on corner of First Street and L Street, (Couture Property). Request Town allow Mr. Couture to be additionally insured for activities happening on his property (parking) and be issued a certificate of liability from the town's insurance during the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival on August 1, 2015, 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Kuklewicz makes the motion to allow Use of Public Property for the Lot on corner of First Street and L Street, (Couture Property) allowing Mr. Couture to be additionally insured for activities happening on his property (parking) and be issued a certificate of liability from the town's insurance during the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival on August 1, 2015, 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Use of Public Property: Request to reserve two parking places on August 1 for Basically Bicycles patrons and the spots be marked as a town zone from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM during the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival on August 1, 2015,

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property to reserve two parking places on August 1 for Basically Bicycles patrons and the spots be marked as a town tow zone if parked there longer than 60 minutes from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM during the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival on August 1, 2015, seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Bob Trombley, WPCF Superintendent

Sign Memorandum of Understanding with FCSWMD for sludge hauling & disposal.

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Kuklewicz makes the motion to sign the memorandum of understanding with the FCSWMD for sludge hauling and disposal. Seconded by Nelson approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Bruce Hunter, FCRHA

Authorization to Disburse No. 1, Payment Requisition #1, FY 2014 Town of Montague – Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project, \$6,460.00

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the Authorization to Disburse No. 1, Payment Requisition #1, FY 2014 Town of Montague – Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project, \$6,460.00. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Kuklewicz expresses concern about color of LED lights and to keep the brightness in the 3000 range. Hunter will pass this information along

Town Administrator Report

Sale of Town's interest in GMTA Deerfield Street Facility to Greenfield

Abbondanzio: The Mayor asked if the Town would be interested in selling its 30% share in the GMTA Deerfield Street Facility to Greenfield. We have a lease with them that will be coming up in February. GMTA had the property appraised a while ago which the assessed value is based \$575,700. This would have to go to Town Meeting, prior to sale, a new appraisal would have to be done. We don't get anything out of owning it. The current assessed value our 30% share is \$172,710 but we also have liability there is a debt GMTA has been carrying a number of years. If we walked away today with a profit of \$105,210. Personally I cannot see why the town would want to retain that building. I think it's an opportunity if Greenfield wanted to purchase it. The Town gets nothing really out of owning it. It's an opportunity to augment our stabilization fund.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to acknowledge letter from the Mayor of Greenfield and the Selectmen agree in concept to the sale of the GMTA Deerfield Street facility in Greenfield pending approval from Town Meeting. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

If sale went through GMTA would be dissolved.

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements.

Abbondanzio: This is for the Colle building repair and maintenance. The Colle building operates as a self funded operation where all the expenses incurred are offset by the revenues that are earned from the leases, which far exceed the costs. The deficit occurred because of the awnings that were put on and not budgeted for. If reserve funds are used, at the next town meeting, we will ask for money to be transferred back.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the reserve fund transfer of \$3000 to fund the Colle repair and maintenance. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Other

Nelson looking for further information on the General Pierce Bridge and the Montague Center School. Closing on school is set for the end of the month.

Personnel Board

Set Salary of Director of Assessing as per recommendation of the Selection Committee for Karen M. Tonelli, Grade G, Step 5, \$61,533/year effective 8/3/15

Kuklewicz makes the motion to set the salary of Karen M Tonelli as Director of Assessing with the unanimous recommendation of the Selection Committee with salary to be set at Grade G, Step 5, \$61,533/year. Ms. Tonelli will be Director of Assessing – trainee effective August 3 for two weeks and to be permanent on August 17, 2015. seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Kuklewicz makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

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Cable Appointments will be done at the next meeting when we have a full board present.

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Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*