

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
TUESDAY, September 8, 2015**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson (arrives at 7:10 PM) Rich Kuklewicz, Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio (absent) , Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz

Rich Kuklewicz announces he will be Chairman until Michael Nelson arrives

***Approve minutes of August 10 and 24, 2015 if available.***

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – 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:**

None

**Jon Dobosz, Parks and Recreation Director, Execute agreement between Town of Montague and Grindline Skateparks, Inc. in the amount of \$366,000**

Dobosz points out an addendum needs to be done by Berkshire Design, but it is not enough of a change to hold up the project and not sign the document. The Town Accountant has no problem signing off on this when the Addendum arrives. The contract should indicate the majority of the funding is from Park Grant from the Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Goal is to finish by November 30, 2015.

*Boutwell makes the motion the Board authorize the agreement between the Town of Montague and Grindline Skateparks, Inc. in the amount of \$366,000. Seconded by Kuklewicz approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye*

**Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture Director, Use of Spinner Park for live music and 2 tents on September 17, 2015 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize Suzanne LoManto to use Spinner Park for live music and 2 tents on September 17, 2015 from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Seconded by Kuklewicz. Approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Abstain*

**Erin MacLean, Loot , Use of sidewalk between 62 Avenue A and 56 Avenue A for tent and 3 piece jazz/world music band on September 19, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize Erin MacLean, Loot for use of sidewalk between 62 Avenue A and 56 Avenue A for tent and 3 piece jazz/world music band on September 19, 2015 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM (music will play until 6:00 PM). Signed off by Police Chief and insurance has been provided. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Abstain (Fund raiser for F.C. Sheriff's Dog Kennel)*

**Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent, Request to declare Avenue A street lights as surplus**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to declare the following items as surplus equipment: #5 2002 Ford F250 P/U, 151,473 miles, w/8.5 foot fisher plow; #11 1996 Ford L8000 Dump Truck, 81,320 miles; #28 1986 Wood Chuck Chipper; #31 1995 Stow 1 Ton Roller R2000 with trailer; #39 1991 Graco 3500 Line Painter; Curtis Fastcast 550 S/S Sander; Harder P/U s/s Sander; 3 point hitch fertilizer spreader; 2 Stone Spreading Tail Gates; 33 Cast Iron Street Lights (Tom has been asked to save 4 street lights and 4 separate arms). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**MJ Adams, Director of Community Development**

**Execute standard contract package between the DHCD and Town of Montague, \$374,909**

Adams: Grant will focus on the Lake Pleasant area, Housing rehab and working with Park and Rec to do master planning for two parks there. Other elements are Meals on Wheels and Family early literacy  
*Kuklewicz makes the motion to enter into contract for the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$374,909. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

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**Request Town cover legal expenses involved in securing payoff of FY2012 CDBG loan**

Adams: House burned down last December and owners decided not to rebuild so we informed them they needed to pay loan back. Ongoing conversation with insurance company, owners and building inspector. Insurance made a payout without paying loan back. Our attorney had to get involved and required a lot of involvement so we asked the Town to cover the legal costs.

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to pay the \$1,000 in extraordinary legal fees to FCHA as discussed and \$17,378.40 to be returned to the Town's Community Development Fund. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Accept FY2013 Town of Montague CDBG final quarterly report**

Adams: At the end of every block grant we do a quarterly report and they ask the Selectmen sign off on it stating we did what we said we would do.

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to accept the final quarterly report for FY13 from the Franklin Regional Housing Authority. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Execute letter to Ryan Ambrose, DHCD re: FY2013 Town of Montague, Community Development Fund, Final Quarterly report**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to Ryan Ambrose, DHCD re: FY2013 Town of Montague, Community Development Fund, Final Quarterly report. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Walter Ramsey, Town Planner and Conservation Agent**

**Review Proposals for Montague Landfill Area Solar Facility. Issue Notice to Proceed to selected proponent**

Ramsey: Town solicited proposals from private solar development firms on 63 acres of Town owned land off of Sandy Lane. Four proposals were received on August 31<sup>st</sup>. All four met the Town's technical qualifications. Kearsarge Energy offered the best lease rate and revenue stream for the Town for the 4 development scenarios that were proposed, those were sub areas within the 163 acres. I'm recommending awarding this to Kearsarge Energy for Scenario B, approx. 6.42 Mega Watt facility off of Sandy Lane, at a lease rate of \$26.50 kw DC for a period up to 25 years. This scenario is not the optimum build out, but it allows the Town to build out the entire industrial park while accommodating space for a new DPW building and Regional Dog Shelter. Kearsarge has proposed solar to the uncapped portion of the burn dump and in order to help expedite capping they have offered the Town an upfront Solar inducement fee in the amount of \$51,360.80. Kearsarge plans to begin permitting immediately and build out in 2016. Water and Sewer would have to be brought to the site in order to develop it.

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Town Planner to continue discussions and issue a notice to proceed with Kearsarge Energy to continue with Option B (that will come before the Board as a contract) awarding a solar landfill project, Option B at lease rate at 26.5 kw; 6.42 mega watts facility off of Sandy Lane for a period up to 25 years. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, NelsonBoutwell - Aye*

**Department of Public Works Facility Planning: next steps**

Briefly discussed but is an ongoing discussion, in the beginning stages and will be discussed when information is available.

**Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter on municipal land off Turnpike Road, Assessors Map 21, Lot 5; siting and next steps**

This issue is to be tabled as Walter and Tom will meet to discuss details and come back before the Board

**Updates from Franklin County Regional Pipeline Advisory Group. Request for participation in a regional scope of services to legal representation and technical assistance in FERC permitting for Kinder Morgan Pipeline**

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Ramsey: I've been attending Regional Pipeline Advisory Committee with representatives from other Selectboard and Committees from Towns effected by the pipeline. and one of the projects they are working on is to ensure towns have adequate representation in the FERC process. This is on an upcoming special Town Meeting, and will provide the town legal expertise and technical assistance through the FERC permitting process, which is a very complicated process. It makes the most sense to join with other towns, to ensure we are protected throughout the Federal process and our interests are protected. If some studies are rejected by FERC this group will have the option to conduct the studies ourselves then FERC will accept those studies. On the Town Meeting warrant I put in \$20,000 as a place holder but more towns have joined so it looks like it will cost \$13,750 assuming more towns don't sign up, then it will be lower.

**Execute Change Order No. 1, Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project (time only)**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize change order #1 for the Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement project extending end date to October 22, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Letter from Robert Daddario, requesting a change to section 7.9.4 of the Town of Montague Zoning Regulations by adding Solar Energy Facilities in the General Business District**

Land owner petition request, area behind Park Villa, General Business does not allow solar facilities.

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to move discussion to the Planning Board and report back to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

Nelson asks Kuklewicz to act as Chair while his topics are discussed

**Michael Nelson, Request Use of Avenue A and 7th Street for Annual "Toll Booth" fund raiser on October 10, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize Michael Nelson, organizer of Pumpkinfest to hold a fundraiser on Avenue A and 7th Street for Annual "Toll Booth" fund raiser on October 10, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Seconded by Kuklewicz – Aye, Boutwell – Aye*

**Request to use DPW Staff and Equipment at Pumpkinfest on October 24, 2015**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the use of the street sweeper for the Pumpkinfest event and the Pumpkinfest will pay for the overtime costs of the operator. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Administrators Report**

**Appoint Jeff Singleton as Montague representative for GMRSD Negotiations**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to appoint Jeff Singleton as the Montague representative for the GMRSD Negotiations. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Adopt revised language to Five Eyed Fox petitioned article**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to accept the change in wording for the petitioned article for Five Eyed Fox as recommended by the state Legislature. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Abstain.*

**Town Administrators Report**

Request to use Peskeompskut Park, K-9 demonstration/fundraiser on October 30, 2015 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize Officer Jim Ruddock for use of Peskeompskut Park for a K-9 demonstration and fundraiser on October 30, 2015 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Personnel Board with Linda Hickman, Library Director**

**Request to hire Mary Ellen (Mrz) Ziamba, Children's Program Assistant. 12 hours per week, Grade B, Step 3, \$17.20 Per hour, effective 9/29/15**

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*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the hiring Mary Ellen (Mrz) Ziembra, Children's Program Assistant, 12 hours per week, Grade B, Step 3, \$17.20 per hour effective 9/29/15. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Rodney Madison, Chairman, Planter Committee, Endorse Adopt-A Planter Program & Policies (#9A)  
Avenue A (#23-170) & Third Street (#36-86)**

Jensen: We've struggled through this, our last meeting was put together to go over Selectmen and administrators comments. Changes were made to accommodate these. Imbedded in this is what we think is a coherent policy and also a coherent process for running the program. A number of years it has gone on without government interference. I think it was the consensus of most of the staff to replicate what had worked successfully through the years was the way to go. There is someone in charge of the fine details and has the authority to move things along, 3without moving up the government, down the government; in a sense, keep the books and have a modest amount of economy deciding things. For 2 years we have worked on how to resolve this contentious issue. One of the missions I saw is the Selectmen were ill equipped and didn't want to be the one mediating mini disputes. The tree warden, planter coordinator; it's an administrative duty. DPW has issues of safety and has first initiative to fix it; the planter coordinator is not responsible for this. Always contact owner if there is a problem.

Discussion about signage in the planters. Nelson wants to be sure person doing planter receives credit. Kuklewicz wants to be sure there is no cost to Town

Kuklewicz thinks we will have to wait and see how it works out. It creates a process for people to have a discussion at a level that makes sense and people that have a vested interest in the planters and understanding of how things work. Might need fine tuning after the first year.

Jensen: The final sentence the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to alter this policy and makes no particular limit on that. This is generated from the Town Street bylaws and honor the Selectmen's authority as final judgment.

Discussion about Third Street area, no nails in the trees, non plant items in the planter (are items risk to trees or public?)

Jensen: Objects are allowed as long as they don't dominate. Planter coordinator can decide if something is art or if you are out of bounds. The Selectmen select a planter coordinator and have the option to not choose the person the committee suggests. There will be two yearly meetings, one at beginning of planting season, one at the end of season when a coordinator is appointed for your selection. You are not under any obligation appoint the person. It could be a town employee as the planter coordinator.

G. Konvelski: Asks what is considered art? Feels the regulation is too vague as written

Madison: Says the committee could get together and discuss concerns people may have regarding objects in the planter. Feels person creating planter does not want to create an eyesore.

Jensen: If you don't like decision of planter coordinator you can ask a larger group, then you can go to the Selectmen if you don't like their decision

Jemes: Was involved on the committee for 9 years, has been thinking of this a lot, knew town members were attending meetings, didn't know until recently that the Town members did not have a voice in voting on the guidelines. I am super uncomfortable with the process. Frank worked hard on the streetscape process. When town came on hard times financially, this is the first thing to get cut; volunteer groups come forward to keep them up and running. Could it be it is time to reinventing the idea of the planters. To me it's not the point of where should we go, its how are we getting there and this process is very uncomfortable to me. I propose that we put these guidelines on hold and we have bare bones guidelines and have meetings where people can intend with a broad selection of people. I wrongly assumed people who were previously involved would have had a voice in the process; only recently I found out this wasn't true. I think it's time the Town spent more money on this.

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Nelson: Back in March/April we begged people to join the committee and asked people to submit public interests, we received 5 responses and those were the people appointed. We would have loved to have had more people involved

Kuklewicz looks at it as a starting, not as an end, as a plan to move forward in a positive direction.

Ramsey said they took his comments into consideration and included them in the document

Discussion about only having plant material in the planters and there was a general consensus to eliminate restrictions. It will be up to the coordinator to decide if something is okay or not.

Sentence should be added regarding signs recognizing sponsorship of planter, add no nails in the trees

Discussion

Kuklewicz makes the motion to accept the proposal of the planter committee and asks planter committee to come back before the Board within 60 days Motion rescinded

Kuklewicz makes the motion to accept the adopt a planter program and policies as presented requesting the planter committee come before the Board with in 60 days to go over requested changes. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Requested additions: Distribution of signs saying who has been doing it, further definition of objects for sale, something regarding abandonment, something that specifically says no foreign objects imbedded in trees

**Update on Town Administrators extended absence**

Nelson: Frank Abbondanzio is out for the remainder of the year for some health issues. Frank met with the Board to go over assignments and projects were delegated. Each Selectmen has been assigned a Department to check in with. We will not be hiring an interim Town Administrator as it is a short leave.

**Award and Execute IT consulting contract with Moody Consulting**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to award IT contract to Moody Consulting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**10/1/15 Special Town Meeting Warrant – To approve and execute draft warrant attached hereto  
October 1, 2015 Town Meeting Warrant – Approve and execute draft warrant, attached hereto**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 1 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 23 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriation was for Information Technology, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 2 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$63,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of utility appraisals, the state mandated triennial revaluation or interim year valuation of real and personal property by the Assessing Department, and Appellate Tax Board appeal defense, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 3 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

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*ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 23 of the September 12, 2013 Town Meeting, which appropriation was for repairing or replacing a boiler at the Sheffield School, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 4 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2016 sewer rates, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 5 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 6 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,856, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 4 of the May 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting, which appropriation was for the Town's share of Airport Improvement Project 3-25-0032-17, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 7 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Shared budget (Department #159) for additional e-mails for town board and committee members, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 8 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$18,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Veterans' Benefits budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 9 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding legal expenses associated with the negotiation of the Town's cable contract with Comcast, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 10 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

*ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of library repairs, including but not limited to repairs to the handicapped ramp and exterior stairs at the Carnegie Library and exterior stairs at the Montague Center Library, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 11 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

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*ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$6,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing brickwork at the Montague Center Library, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 12 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000, or any other amount, for the development of preliminary design and engineering work for a Department of Public Works Facility, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 13 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000, or any other amount, for legal representation and technical assistance related to the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline's application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 14 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, to fund legal representation in cases before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU), and in related legal proceedings, concerning the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas pipeline, also known as "NED" (Northeast Energy Direct), or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

Discussion regarding combining article 13 and 14. It was decided this could be done on Town Meeting Floor

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 15 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to amend the Montague Zoning Map to redistrict Assessors Map 29 Lot 122 in the village of Millers Falls, 5-7 Church St, from Public-Semi Public to Neighborhood Business, said area to total +/- 0.7 acres, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 16 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B Section 20, which authorizes the Town to establish an Other Post Retirement Benefit Trust to reduce the unfunded liability of health care and other post employment benefits for which the Town of Montague is obligated, as set forth in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #45, and further to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding said Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 17 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to rescind the unused borrowing authority of \$26,647.63 as authorized under Article #14 of the September 12, 2013 Special Town Meeting, which funded emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system on Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 18 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to rescind the unused balance of \$12,849.30 as appropriated under Article # 21 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which funded maintenance of the Montague Center School Building,*

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*or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 19 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will amend Article II Section 2 of the Town Bylaws, relating to the town's appropriation committee, by changing the words "no less than 5" to "no fewer than 3", or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 20 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease not to exceed ten (10) years for the purpose of permitting construction and maintenance of a regional dog shelter on up to 2 acres of Town-owned land located on Assessor Map 21 Lot 5 (Turnpike Road), on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to place article 21 on the October 1, 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:  
ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system, construction of a fiber optic network, and any related services, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Update on Employee Training Opportunities**

Nelson: When we last met I handed off a packet with a list of trainings our Insurance Company offers for their review. These trainings are thought to be very useful for all Town staff: Customer Service Excellence: Reaching Down Deep; Dealing with Difficult People: Enhancing Your Interpersonal Skills; Expert Communication: Communication Skills for Working Effectively with Others; I Pay your Salary: Responding to Difficult Situations with Residents, Patrons and Customers.

Kuklewicz: Folks mentioned concerns about discrimination and none of these topics specifically refer to that and we should look for a training specific towards that. Would like the Chief to look into this through his connections.

Resident offers to research the specific training and give it to the Selectmen

Nelson: We are dedicated as a town to continue and better educate our employees and have them perform at their highest standards. If it can help the employee better themselves and community, it is a great opportunity.

Discussion regarding trainings and policies

Michael and Wendy will work on scheduling the training sessions and reply back to the Board

**Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A §21 (a)(2) to conduct Negotiations with Police Chief Charles Dodge, votes may be taken**

Nelson declares having this in open session will be detrimental to the Towns bargaining position

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to go into Executive Session at 10:07 PM as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A §21 (a)(2) to conduct Negotiations with Police Chief Charles Dodge. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*