

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, September 14, 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 August 24 and September 8, 2015 if available.**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 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:**

Charles Kelley: Serious concern regarding telecommunication policy and the way negotiations have been carried out. Complaints about Montague being involved with Comcast in a no bid, non competitive franchise agreement. Who authorize Mark Fairbrother to negotiate this, its just not right!

Kuklewicz: I do not believe Mark Fairbrother was the sole negotiator on this, we had legal counsel working on this. Mr. Fairbrother is not here to defend himself so if you have issues with him, they have to be taken up with him

Kelley: Feels the process is flawed, why isn't there an RFP put out?

Nelson: The Cable Advisory Committee brought the contract before this board and we signed the contract. The purpose of the CAC is to advise the Board what they think is best, and that is what they did. The contract was reviewed for many months.

Aiyana Masla: Will be getting a list of specific training options together for the Selectmen and bring them in next week.

**Mickey Longo, Airport Manager, Execute Grant Assurances, Turners Falls Municipal Airport. Reconstruct and Shift a Portion of Taxiway A (2,400' x 35') AIP Project No. #3-25-0032-18-2015, State Grant No. #0B5SHFTWA**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Grant Assurances, Turners Falls Municipal Airport. Reconstruct and Shift a Portion of Taxiway A (2,400' x 35') AIP Project No. #3-25-0032-18-2015, State Grant No. #0B5SHFTWA there is zero cost to the Town. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Karen Sturtevant, Chairperson Montague Cultural Council, Introduction of committee and short presentation**

Sturtevant introduces Cultural Council (members present: Karen Sturtevant, Chairperson; Jeri Bannister, Treasurer; Jen Audley, Public Relations; John Furbish; members not present: Dan Brandon, Co-treasurer; Shannon Coakley Ramsey, Secretary; Lisa Davol) Able to give out grants that apply to our community. Starting new cycle for FY16, flyers have gone out; last year we granted 23 grants. Goal for this year was more PR with the community and recruiting new members, (would like to have 11 members). Money is given away for school projects; average amount of money given out is \$300. This year we had \$5,375 to award; unencumbered funds come back to us. The project must be done first then the money will be reimbursed.

**Walter Ramsey, Town Planner and Conservation Agent, Community Development Discretionary Hearing: Light Pole and Luminaire on Avenue A, \$5,436.88**

Ramsey: Block grant covers 33 replacement poles, when we were out in the field we realized we needed 34. I'm reluctant to pay for it out of the contingency money, if there is money left over in the end, then we will tap into the contingency money prior to using the community development discretionary money. Ramsey will get a cost on new light bulbs for lights in front of town hall.

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the request for use of Community Development Discretionary monies to purchase one light pole and luminary on Avenue A, in the amount of \$5,436.88. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

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Battlefield Grant presentation is Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Turners Falls High School.

- Avenue A project is proceeding along and on schedule
- Millers Falls Road project has had some setbacks due to the recent rain storms as the banking was not stabilized before the rain. We will be meeting with the engineer tomorrow to go over the designs and explain their rationale.

**Jaime Pottern, Mount Grace Land Trust Conservation Specialist, Request for support for “Landscape Partnership Grant” application which involves the conservation of over 500 acres in Montague and Wendell**

Pottern: Whole initiative started over a year ago, a farmer from Wendell came to them asking for help to protect his land, so we started to work with him. All the neighbors were invited to a meeting, and it became apparent we had enough interest to start putting things together to apply for a state grant, landscape partnership grant. You need 500 contiguous parcels of land to apply for this. Mt. Grace is the lead partner, grant requires properties in the initiative have conservation restrictions put on them, and held by the Town, in both towns the co-holding entity is the Conservation Commission. All properties in the initiative are working farms, and are farms that would be difficult to protect with the Dept. of Agriculture. These properties combined would connect corridors already protected in both Towns. We are calling this a working lands corridor, it is going to protect water resources, recreational opportunities, trail networks, private properties will become public, protecting working farms, and protect wildlife. There are 2 – 3 core properties in Montague currently. This grant provides funding to bring in a specialist up to \$40,000 to help revise Montague By-laws.

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to sign and endorse the LPG grant application and designate Town of Montague Planning Board as lead organization. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to sign and the letter to Melissa Cryan, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs supporting the Seventh Generation Working Lands Corridor Project Application. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell- Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Chief Chip Dodge, Request Fulltime hire list from Civil Service due to retirement of Detective Bill Doyle on 10/14/15**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Chief to request a full time hire list from Civil Service and begin the process of replacing Detective Doyle. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to add William Doyle to the reserve officer list effective October 15, 2015. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Town Administrators Report**

**Request from Jon Dobosz, Parks & Rec Director to waive building permit fee for the Unity Park Skate Park Project**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to wave the building permit fee for the Unity Park Skate Park Project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Execute FY2016 Engineering with Tighe & Bond for Landfill Monitoring Services, \$13,100**

**Request from ZBA to appoint William J. Doyle IV as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals**

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**Execute MOU with FCSWMD for Third Party Inspection of the Towns Municipal Transfer Station, \$150.00**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to execute the MOU with FCSWMD for Third Party Inspection of the Towns Municipal  
Transfer Station, \$150.00. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell –  
Abstain*

**Execute MOU with FCSWMD for the household hazardous waste (HHW) collection on October 3<sup>rd</sup> budget:  
\$5,500.00**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to execute the MOU with FCSWMD for the household hazardous waste (HHW)  
collection on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, budget: \$5,500.00. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye,  
Boutwell - Abstain*

**Execute MOU for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection of the town's closed landfill, \$250.00**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to Execute the MOU with the FCSWMD for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection of the town's closed  
landfill, \$250.00, seconded by Nelson, approved. Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell - Abstain*

**Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements.**

- 36 Green Pond Road will be auctioned off on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon.
- FCTS will be holding a meeting on September 30, at 6:00 PM to nominate a Municipal Collective Bargaining representative, looking for interested parties
- The process for FRTA route changes will be starting and Jeff Singleton will keep the Board informed
- Town has taken possession of property located at 15 Power Street, the Annex Building and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

*Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved unanimously.  
Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*