

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
-Subject to Change-**

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

- 1. 7:00** Approve minutes of September 8 and 14, 2015 if available.
- 2. 7:01** 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:
- 3. 7:10** Walter Ramsey, Town Planner and Conservation Agent
 - Shea Theater Lease Transition Updates
 - Request from Tennessee Gas Pipeline to Survey Land owned by the inhabitants of Montague (Map 35 Lot 2) received 9/9/2015 (Map 35, Lot 2)
 - Announce and Execute 2015 Recreational Trails Program Grant Award for Dry hill Cemetery Access Trail Project for \$6,400
- 4. 7:20** Jeff Singleton
 - FRTA Route Changes
- 5. 7:30** Noise Ordinance
 - Discussion regarding how to handle current noise ordinance, is there a need to modify current regulation?
- 6. 7.45** Town Administrators Report
 - Recommendations on Special Articles at October 1, 2015 Special Town Meeting
 - \$7,000 to increase IT Discretionary article for FY16
 - \$63,000 for Triennial Revaluation
 - \$22,000 to increase Sheffield Boiler replace/repair article
 - \$100,000 of Sewer Retained Earnings to keep sewer rates to a 10% increase
 - \$100,000 of Sewer Retained Earnings to increase the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund
 - \$4,856 of Airport Retained Earnings to increase town share of AIP17
 - \$1,500 to increase FY16 Shared Budget (#159) for additional town e-mail licenses
 - \$18,000 to increase FY16 Veterans Benefits budget based on current caseload
 - \$5,000 for Cable TV contract
 - \$15,000 for library access repairs
 - \$6,000 to repair Montague Center Library brickwork
 - \$15,000 for developing a preliminary design/engineering for DPW (taxation)
 - \$20,000 for legal representation and technical assistance related to pipeline application at the federal level
 - \$10,000 for legal representation related to pipeline application at the state level
 - Amend zoning map for Millers Falls parcel

- \$250,000 from Free Cash to establish an Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund.
- Rescind remaining \$26,647.63 of borrowing authority for Article #14 of the 9/12/13 STM (related to Industrial Park emergency)
- Rescind the unused balance, currently \$12,894, of #21 5/2/15 (Montague Center School maintenance)
- Amend town bylaws so Finance Committee can have minimum of 3 members.
- Lease for regional dog shelter
- Establish a municipal lighting plant
- Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements.

7) 8:00 Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A §21 (a)(2) to conduct Negotiations for Police Chief Charles Dodge, votes may be taken

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA