

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, March 14, 2016**

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

Approve Selectmen minutes of March 7, 2016

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016. 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:

John Furbish: I've noticed you are defining the planter committee as only people who tend the planters or business people and I think it should be broadened as other people are interested. I'm here to urge the board not to have that definition and two have two committee meetings.

R. Madison: There have been times where I feel I've been treated differently and the Board says no that's not the case. A few weeks ago, I suggested, as well as another resident and a Selectboard member that we put the matter of the planter on the agenda. You vehemently objected. I wanted to go on the agenda because I felt like policies and procedures weren't being followed. Gary comes in and gets put on the agenda. I had to have a private meeting. We had an agreement and we'll see if you go back on that or not. He requests it for almost the same reason, just separate issues. We should have settled this a while ago. You could have told him you already made a decision and not put him on the agenda.

Personnel Board and Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent

Appoint Joseph Dodge, Truck Driver/Laborer, UE Grade B, Step 3, \$17.20/hour, 40 hrs/wk; effective 3/28/16

Kuklewicz makes the motion to appoint Joseph Dodge as Truck Driver/Laborer, UE, Grade B, Step 3, \$17.20/hour, 40 hours/week; effective 3/28/16. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent

Approve Agreement for Engineering Services between Town of Montague and James J. Toth, PE, \$150/hour not to exceed \$1,650. For engineering assistance with the Montague Street Sidewalk Replacement Project

Bergeron: I've been asked many times to do the sidewalks on Montague Street, (Crocker Avenue to Dell Street) and this will replace just about the whole street. I need an engineer to make these ADA compliant. I may need him to do the construction meeting and a couple of inspections of the concrete sidewalk which will be done outside of the contract, but will be done at \$150/hour. This will be done with Chapter 90 money

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services between Town of Montague and James J. Toth, PE, \$150/hour not to exceed \$1,650. For engineering assistance with the Montague Street Sidewalk Replacement Project. Additional Pre inspection meeting and inspect (up to 6 inspections) the work to make sure in compliance at \$150/hour outside of the contract. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye

Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent

Approve Certificate of Substantial Completion for Pump Station Project, First Street and Poplar Street

Follow up work that needs to be done but operating per their intended function. Punch list 49 First Street, 36 items for Poplar Street

Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Pump Station Project on First Street and Poplar Street. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Discussion of process for selecting a planter coordinator

Nelson: Where we left off is this Board appointed Gary Konvelski as the planter coordinator and we have asked him to set up a spring meeting as outlined in the planter program. Questions were asked why the appointment was as long as it was and why we weren't waiting till the fall. I feel we should stand by that discussion and the planter

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coordinator will be charged with pulling together a spring meeting where a person will be appointed and the name brought forward to the board

G. Kovenleski: My motivation is to get the planters done. I've had people come to me and ask me to be planter coordinator. There was supposed to be another meeting to select a coordinator but no one seemed to want that position so I volunteered for it to get this going. In the past couple of months I've met with the schools to get their planter portion going. When I came to the BOS meeting they voted on it until 2017. I don't know what to do now. Was the vote legal?

Nelson, Yes but it can be amended at any time. I believe we made it to that date to keep it inline with the other appointments

R. Madison: It was assumed I was the planter coordinator as I was doing all the work to coordinator was assigned to do, being the person that is head of the planter committee we were going to have a spring meeting and nominate me to be coordinator. There was a committee that was disbanded through miss information; how is it decided who gets appointed

Nelson states this needs to be discussed in the springtime

Discussion held regarding how Gary was appointed

Gary will get a meeting together in April and post it with the Town Clerk.

Nelson wants the person in this position during the calendar year. See how meeting goes in the fall and we will see what the committee

Kuklewicz: I'm not prepared to make any changes. Let's let Gary do what he's appointed to do, set up a meeting and have a season we can go through. Let's just get this going

Further Discussion about appointment, length of appointment and date of appointment

Gary: Will get a meeting together, and will post it with the Town Clerk.

Goal in the end is everyone is trying to do the same thing and it's important for everyone to work together

Town Administrators Report

Award RFQ for Sergeant and Lieutenant Assessment Center to Badge Quest Public Safety Consultants, \$9,200 total

Dodge: To keep the process moving along and to fill retirements coming up and slots that need to be filled, we need to hold these exams. BadgeQuest came in as the lowest bidder and would like Board to authorize the awarding of Sergeant and Lieutenant Assessment Center to BadgeQuest.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to award the bid for Sergeant and Lieutenant Assessment Center to BadgeQuest Public Safety Consultants in the amount of \$9,200. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements

- Skatepark will not be closed this week due to weather as planned to work on cement repairs. This will have to be closed later
- Gill/Montague Bridge will be closed on Thursday, 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

Kuklewicz makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye

List of Documents and Exhibits:

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- Minutes of March 7, 2016
- Appointment form – Joe Dodge
- Engineering Agreement with James Toth
- Certificate of Substantial Completion for Pump Station Project. First St & Poplar St
- BadgeQuest Proposal