

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, April 11, 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 28 and April 6, 2016**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 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:**

Pam Kowalski comes in and wants to meet with the Selectmen regarding issues she is having with departments in Town. Ms. Kowalski is told to put her complaints in writing and Wendy will distribute to the Board

**Jeff Singleton, Foundation Budget (Chapter 70) Review Process**

Singleton goes over letter from the GM Regional School Committee regarding the issue of the adequacy of the state's foundation budget. The Foundation Budget Review Commission looked at whether the states foundation budget has kept up with inflation in certain areas and they did find out that certain pieces of that budget have not kept up with inflation over time. The pieces identified were employee health insurance and special education as well as low income students and English Language Learners. They made a specific proposal to phase in a more adequate foundation budget over 5 years and the total cost of that is around \$700 million dollars. They had a number for a one year phase in which the state definitely is not in favor of and then they had the number for one year of a five year phase in which would add \$154,595,270. My concern is they need to listen fairly quickly on who gets what for implementation. When you run these numbers through the foundation budget and they come out the other side the numbers are all over the place and don't have a lot of rationality to it. When you run numbers through budget, the Asking Selectmen to ask DESE to cost this out

*Kuklewicz makes the motion that the Board of Selectmen send an email to Commissioner Mitchell Chester and the Foundation Budget Review Commission regarding foundation budget and the concerns brought to the Board by Mr. Singleton. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

Jeff will draft something up, Wendy will put on letterhead, Michael will sign and Wendy will send out

**Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA**

**Authorization to Disburse Final Payment, Payment Requisition #5 (FINAL), FY14 Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project, Mountain View Landscapes and Lawncare, Inc. \$46,166.33**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to Authorize Disbursement of Final Payment, Payment Requisition #5 (FINAL), FY14 Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project, Mountain View Landscapes and Lawncare, Inc. \$46,166.33. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Authorization to Disburse Final Payment, Payment Requisition #5 (FINAL), FY14 Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project, Berkshire Design Group, Inc. \$472.50**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to Authorize Disbursement of Final Payment, Payment Requisition #5 (FINAL), FY14 Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project, Berkshire Design Group, Inc. \$472.50. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Certificate of Final Completion**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to sign the certificate of final completion for the Avenue A Streetscape Project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Update on FY15 planning project in Lake Pleasant**

Hunter: This would be two parks, Master Plan for Norma's Park and Ritters Park. We solicited an RFP, 15 firms took the RFP out, 3 responded, a committee has reviewed them and will be setting up meetings with the 3 firms and

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hopefully we will be able to award the project in late May. Hope to hear in July or August for Avenue A Streetscape Phase 2.

**Rich Widmer, Discussion of Community Project to clean up and repair park stairs in Millers Falls**

Widmer goes over plan and shows his plans of what he would like to do to clean up and repair the stairs going from West Main Street Millers Falls to Grand Avenue. Stairs are currently not safe and I thought this would be a good opportunity for the neighbors to come together and repair the stairs. I also discovered there is a stone dated 1935 for veterans of all wars and found that was very interesting. Thought it was a great opportunity to reform the Millers Falls Community Group then we could start with repair on stairs, clean up of area and other areas in Millers.

Initial planning meeting scheduled for Saturday 4/16/16 at 10:00 AM

**Ariel Elan, Pipeline updates**

Elan: Asked by two people to give update at the public meeting. For specific details go to massplan.org including testimonies and court hearings. On 4/15 in Pittsfield District Court, Kinder Morgan is asking to enter and cut in the state forest, case seen as test case over article 97 or whether Art. 97 has it's own power to protect land from this kind of project. At Dept. of public utilities, 3 proceedings going on, and deadlines given. In Montague's Intervention and Berkshire Gas attempted contract to use supply path of NE Energy Pipeline our expert witness information was filed. Ariel gives updates on moratorium, contributions from other towns, Northfield will be contributing \$5,000, Gill has contributed \$5,000 several towns are voting to support the efforts at their town meetings Ashfield, Conway, Leverett is asking for \$5000 Deerfield is asking for \$10,000, Warwick \$3,000 and Wendell \$2,500. There is a fundraiser on 4/23. People that understand the value of this intervention are donating. Millers River Watershed Council has offered to be our fiscal sponsor and will put a place up on their website for people to make donations. This will be discussed at our next meeting. Northfield's donation will pay for the March legal bill.

Kuklewicz makes motion and rescinds to sign the letter to authorize a donation button but it is decided to wait until the board has a chance to review letter.

**Town Administrators Report**

**Authorize \$84,935 Green Communities Grant Extension through June 30, 2017 for Shea Theater HVAC project**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the energy committee to request a grant extension with the green communities grant in the amount of \$84,935 through June 30, 2017 for the Shea Theater HVAC project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Open Meeting Law – acknowledge receipt of complaints filed by Jeanne Golrick on March 22, 2016 and March 31, 2016 relating to a quorum of the Board of Health at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on 3/21/16 and Finance Committee Meeting on 3/30/16, votes may be taken**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion that the Board acknowledge receipt of an Open Meeting Law complaints filed by Jeanne Golrick on March 22, 2016 and March 31, 2016 relating to a quorum of the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 21, and the Finance Committee Meeting on March 30, 2016. Also that the Board ratify their vote to authorize the chair to work with Town Counsel to respond on behalf of the Board which was taken on April 6, 2016. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Kuklewicz – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Abstain*

**Event Application, Peskeompskut Park: Montague Community Band, Susan Corey, Manager, June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18 and 25 (rain date) 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to authorize the Montague Community Band, Susan Corey, Manager to use Peskeompskut Park on June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18 and 25 (rain date) from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

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

None

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**Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical Condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or the Discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, Staff member or individual, votes may be taken**

Nelson declares holding the Executive Session in public will be detrimental to the public good

*Kuklewicz makes the motion at 8:02 PM to go into Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical Condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or the Discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, Staff member or individual, votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective Bargaining, IBPO, TOMEA, UE, votes may be taken**

Nelson declares holding this discussion in open session will be detrimental to the public good

*Kuklewicz makes the motion at 8:02 PM to go into Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective Bargaining, IBPO, TOMEA, UE, votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

*Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the **meeting at 8:36 PM.** Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved unanimously. Kuklewicz – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**List of Documents and Exhibits:**

- Minutes of March 28 and April 4, 2016
- GMRSD letter to Commission Mitchell Chester dated March 23, 2016
- Authorization to Disburse Final Payment, Payment Requisition #5 (FINAL), Mountain View Landscapes and Lawncare, Inc. \$46,166.33
- Authorization to Disburse Final Payment, Payment Requisition #5 (FINAL), Berkshire Design Group, Inc. \$472.50
- Standard Contract Form for Green Communities Grant
- Event Application: Peskeompskut Park, Montague Community Band