

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, June 27, 2016**

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 and Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz

Approve Selectmen minutes of June 13, 2016

Not available at this time

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

Personnel Board

Resignation of Danielle F. Marie as Per Diem Dispatcher effective 6/21/16

Nelson makes the motion to accept the resignation of Danielle F. Marie as per diem dispatcher effective 6/21/16. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Appoint Alan Stevens as DPW Groundskeeper, UE Grade C, Step 1, \$17.61/hr, effective 7/4/16

Bergeron request the appointment be at step 2 since Alan has been here for 11 years

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Alan Stevens as DPW Groundskeeper, UE Grade C, Step 2 at \$18.06/hr effective 7/4/16. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz- Aye

Appoint Mark Nelson, Jr. as DPW Maintenance, UE Grade C, Step 1, \$17.61/hr, effective 7/18/16

Nelson announces this is his biological brother and asked Tom to treat him as a regular candidate and no favoritism to be shown. Nelson abstains from this discussion

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Mark Nelson, Jr. as DPW Maintenance, UE Grade C, Step 1, \$17.61/hr effective 7/18/16. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson – Abstain

Gregg Garrison

Cycling Race at Industrial Blvd on July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Nelson makes the motion to approve the annual cycling race at Industrial Boulevard, to Gregg Garrison on July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner and Conservation Agent

Execute Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of energy and Environmental Affairs for \$40,000 for planning technical assistance to develop Natural Resource Protection Zoning and Update Subdivision Regulations in Montague

Ramsey: This is a component of a larger \$790,300 Landscape Partnership Grant awarded to Mount Grace Land Trust of the protection of 707 acres of open space in Montague and Wendell (3 properties totaling 248 acres in Montague). Montague's open space plan and housing plan calls for updating the zoning in a manner that is consistent with the town schools of preserving agriculture four street and open space outside of the villages will finding the balance with property rights. There are certain modern zoning techniques recommended in the plan that allow this to happen that the town has not adopted. The technical assistance Grant would allow the town to hire a zoning consultant to work with the planning board to recommend in draft amendments to the zoning in subdivision regulations. The town can contract directly with FRCOG planning department who I recommend for the work and is currently refining the scope of work. Part of the process involves comprehensive update to the town subdivision regulations which were last updated in 1989 this has been a back burner implementation project for the planning department for at least a decade the grass will allow this time consuming task to be completed under the supervision of the planner and planning board while allowing me to Focus on the my raid other task currently at hand. This project will be the focus of the planning board over the next year. The work needs to be completed by July 1, 2017.

Nelson makes the motion to Execute Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of energy and Environmental Affairs for \$40,000 for planning technical assistance to develop Natural Resource Protection Zoning and Update Subdivision Regulations in Montague. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

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Execute Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for \$20,000 to assess feasibility of utility/infrastructure connections to 20 Canal Road to support reuse of the property

Ramsey: This grant comes from the Towns Community Compact with the Governor where his office has committed to help the town with the "preparing for success" best practice. This will allow the town to access the feasibility of restoring water/sewer/electric and access to the mill. Ideally the resulting schematic design and cost estimates will help the town obtain an infrastructure grant that will allow building 11 and other segments of the mill to be rehabilitated. It will advance engineering identified in previous site development studies. Work would be done this summer/fall. MassDevelopment is a partner in this and this is very advantageous partnership for the town as they have the technical expertise and connections to make the project come to fruition.

Nelson makes the motion to Execute Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for \$20,000 to assess feasibility of utility/infrastructure connections to 20 Canal Road to support reuse of the property. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Project Update for 38 Avenue A redevelopment

The Montague EDIC has accepted a proposal from Crabapple Whitewater Inc. to develop 38 Avenue A into an adventure tourism operation. The buildout will be phased over 3 years. More Details will follow

Other

It was announced today Montague will receive Phase II of the Great Falls Battlefield Mapping Study Grant in the amount of \$81,000 starting in August. This is an important step in being eligible for National Registered Nomination which is the ultimate goal.

Last week the state awarded the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$800,000 plus.

Michael Nelson, 49 Greenfield Road

Request to build a retaining wall within the town's right of way

Nelson: Greenfield Road project is trucking along and should be done in the next 5 – 6 weeks. In the process some parcels of land took a bigger hit of land to make way for frontage, I lost 6-1/2 to 7' of land. The slope from the existing property is a very sharp slope and very concerning. It washed out the last rain storm. I'm here to ask permission to build a retaining wall, I have spoken to Bob from Baltazar as well as a representative from Mass. DOT and they think it is a good idea but they are not putting it there. They want 2 feet space for snow removal. I spoke with Tom Bergeron and David Jensen who agree it is a good idea but they are not putting it there. My request to the Board is to allow me to build a 90' wall to go from edge of the driveway to my property line with neighbor and be no higher than 3-1/2' high. Will be built with bricks that you get at home depot.

Boutwell makes the motion to allow the request by Michael Nelson, 49 Greenfield Road to build a retaining wall within the town's right of way approximately 90' long by 3-1/2' high to be built with retaining wall stone. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved. Boutwell – aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Town Administrator's Report

Appoint Anne Harding to Montague Cultural Council, 3 year term until 6/30/19

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Anne Harding to the Montague Cultural Council, 3 year term until 6/30/19. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, , Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye

Other Cultural Council appointments to be made at the next meeting

Execute Resolution for acceptance of Chapter 32B, Section 20 (OPEB Trust) adopted at 10/1/15 Special Town Meeting

Nelson makes the motion to execute the Resolution for acceptance of Chapter 32B, Section 20 (OPEB Trust) adopted at 10/15/16 Special Town Meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Discretionary hearing for Strathmore; \$5,000

Nelson makes the motion to approve \$5,000 from the Community Development Discretionary Account for the Unsafe/Unhealthy Buildings account for repairs at the Strathmore. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Solicit Interest and Appoint Members to the Selection Committee for the WPCF Superintendent

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Members to the Selection Committee for the WPCF Superintendent Frank Abbondanzio, Tom Bergeron, Tim Little, Grant Weaver, Walter Ramsey, Carolyn Olsen, David Jensen and leave open ended until the next meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell- Aye, Nelson- Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Interviews to start within the next 3 weeks.

Award Interim WPCF Administration to Grant Weaver, Water Planet, \$34,950, 7/1/16 to 10/31/16

Abbondanzio: This would be from 7/1/16 to October 31, 2016 even if we do hire a superintendent before 10/31/16, I would suggest we keep Grant on as the process is unique and it would be good to have the person work with Grant Weaver. I received 3 quotes for this.

Weaver: My main intention would be to provide administrative support during the transition time. I would use the experience I have running a number of treatment plants have the licensing here in the state, I wouldn't be at the plant for 8 hours everyday but I would be available to sit down with officials and staff. The goals are to get the frustrations everyone has had behind us so we can solidify the rewards at the Treatment Plant which is the revenues coming in.

Abbondanzio: We plan on having a sit down with Grant and the staff pretty quickly to see how they can work with him.

Kuklewicz: We recently met with DEP and talked to them about the issues and the transition period and they seemed supportive.

Abbondanzio: We benefit from Grant's Mass. Grade 6 license, because we need two Grade 6 licenses for the plant. We are in the process of getting Tim Little who has a Grade 5 license as a temporary grade 6 for 6 months.

Nelson: Grant has heavy knowledge of how the plant works and who the players are

Kuklewicz: Feels this will be very helpful

Nelson makes the motion to Award Interim WPCF Administration to Grant Weaver, Water Planet, \$34,950, effective 7/1/16 to 10/31/16. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Authorization to sign monthly reports in the WPCF

Nelson makes the motion to have Grant Weaver and Richard Kuklewicz to be signatories on monthly reports. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz – Abstain

Authorize Board of Selectmen to sign Inter-municipal Agreement with other towns regarding acceptance of pipeline donations

Nelson makes the motion to Authorize Board of Selectmen to sign Inter-municipal Agreement with other towns regarding acceptance of pipeline donations. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Approve Annual Appointments as set forth in the attached list

See attached list

Ariel Elan requests being reappointed as Pipeline liason and she is asked to send a letter expressing interest to Wendy

Question about Cultural Appointments and asks the Board to make changes according to the States records.

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Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements

Barrel Stickers for the trash pick-up are on sale in the Collector/Treasurers' office. The cost for a sticker is \$78.00. This sticker will cover the period of July 1 to December 31, 2016

Nelson makes the motion to send letter to Robert Trombley thanking him for his 23 years 9 months of service with the Town of Montague. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Board to sign a letter that the Town of Montague stands behind the City Council of the City of Greenfield and their stance against hate both in their community and within our own community and further that our Town through our Mutual Aid Agreement support the City of Greenfield in their investigation as appropriate to find the people responsible for their recent crimes. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Kuklewicz declares holding these executive sessions in open session will be detrimental to the public good.

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 makes the motion 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, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz – aye

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

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List of Documents and Exhibits:

- Resignation of Danielle F. Marie as Per Diem Dispatcher effective 6/21/16
- Appointment Form: Alan Stevens as DPW Groundskeeper, UE Grade C, Step 1, \$17.61/hr, effective 7/4/16
- Appoint Form: Mark Nelson, Jr. as DPW Maintenance, UE Grade C, Step 1, \$17.61/hr, effective 7/18/16
- Use of Public Property, Gregg Garrison, Cycling Race at Industrial Blvd on July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Grant Agreement with MA Executive Office of energy and Environmental Affairs for \$40,000 for planning technical assistance to develop Natural Resource Protection Zoning and Update Subdivision Regulations in Montague
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