

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, June 5, 2017**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell and Michael Nelson, Town Administrator Steven Ellis, and Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz. Absent: Richard Kuklewicz; Nelson makes introduction and announces that the meeting is being taped.

Approve Selectmen minutes of May 22, 2017

Boutwell makes a motion to approve the Selectmen's minutes of May 22, 2017. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell - 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

None

Linda Ackerman, Greenfield Savings Bank

Use of Public Property, July 1, 2017, Noon - 3:00 PM, Train/Engine plus attached cards; Exit GSB parking lot, left on Avenue A, left at lights on 7th St., right on J St., right on 6th St., right on Avenue A, right into GSB parking lot

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property to Linda Ackerman, Manager of Greenfield Savings Bank, the date of assembly is July 1, 2017, to begin at 12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM. There's going to be a train ride that exits the bank parking lot, turns left at the avenue lights, turns down 7th St., turns right on J St., turns right on 6th St., turns right on Avenue A, and right back into the GSB parking lot. There will be space for 18-24 riders on the train. Insurance has been included, and the Police Chief has signed off on the event. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Use of Peskeompskut Park, July 1, 2017, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, Montague Community Band

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property to the Greenfield Savings Bank for an event on July 1, 2017. The location is at Peskeompskut Park, the hours will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, with set-up from 1:00 to 1:30 and clean-up from 3:00 to 3:30. The estimated amount of people is 50-75. The Montague Community Band will perform at this event. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Personnel Board

Appoint Justin Nyle Joseph Moody, Police Officer, 37.69 hrs/wk, IBPO Patrolman, Grade: Patrolman, Step 1, \$21.51/hour + Educ. Incentive, effective 6/5/17

Boutwell makes the motion for the Personnel Status Board Notice that the Board appoint Justin Nyle Joseph Moody to the Police Department, effective date of change June 5, 2017, hours per week 37.69, IBPO Patrolman, Grade: Patrolman, Step 1, wage rate \$21.51/hour plus Education Incentive. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Cell Phone Stipend for Justin Nyle Joseph Moody, effective 6/5/17, \$5.77/week

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Cell Phone Stipend for Justin Nyle Joseph Moody, effective 6/5/17, not to exceed \$5.77/week. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Cell Phone Stipend for Bryan Camden, effective 5/11/17, \$5.77/week

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Cell Phone Stipend for Bryan Camden, Airport Manager, effective 5/11/17, not to exceed \$5.77/week. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Execute Agreement between Town of Montague and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 274, effective 7/1/16 through 6/30/19

Boutwell makes the motion for the Board to sign the Agreement between the Town of Montague and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 274, effective date July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

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Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent

Execute Task Order No. 8 to Master Service Agreement between Town of Montague and CDM Smith, Inc., \$45,700 (Sewer Maintenance Program - Engineering Services under Town of Montague Meeting Article 30)

Boutwell makes the motion that the Board authorize Task Order No. 8 to Master Service Agreement between the Town of Montague and CDM Smith, Inc. to do maintenance and sewer cleanings as outlined in the agreement, the amount not to exceed \$45,700. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Brian Hillard & Eliza Young

Use of Peskeompskut Park, Wedding Ceremony, April 7, 2018, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the use of Peskeompskut Park for a wedding ceremony on April 7, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM for a wedding of approximately 100 people. There's a \$25 usage fee, and the prospective users must sign the Hold Harmless Agreement. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

St. Kazimierz Society, 197 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Change of Manager and Change of Officers for Annual On Premise, Section 12 All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Local Licensing Authority to approve the request of St. Kazimierz Society, 198 Avenue A, Turners Falls for the appointment of Bonnie J. Sokoloski as the new manager of the establishment. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA

Authorization to Disburse No. 1, Payment Requisition #1, FY2016 Town of Montague Avenue A & Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project, General Contractor: M. L. Schmitt, Inc., \$114,915.87

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize Disbursement No. 1, Payment Requisition #1, FY2016 Town of Montague Avenue A & Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project to M. L. Schmitt, Inc., Taylor Street, Springfield Mass., in the amount of \$114,915.87. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Approve and Endorse 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Ramsey: The Open Space and Recreation Plan is something that the Town needs to update every seven years. The Conservation Commission is taking the lead on this update. We received some State funding to write up the plan, as well as some technical assistance from the FRCOG Program. The Open Space and Recreation Plan inventories cultural and natural resources in Town, identifies gaps and needs, comes up with a plan to address those over a seven-year period, and helps obtain grant funding to implement some of the projects. There was a public survey to which 200 people gave their feedback, as well as a public forum which was attended by about ten people. In addition, during February vacation, we held a Favorite Places in Montague Exhibit in which children were asked to draw pictures and describe their favorite places. Since the 2010 plan, we've completed Unity Park, built the Skate Park, fixed up a pedestrian bridge in Montague Center North Street Wildlife Management area, posted some trail systems in the Dry Hill Hannigan Brook Watershed area, and put 500 acres of farmland into permanent protection. About 39% of the Town is permanently protected and undevelopable and up to 60% has some level of protection. The plan looks at strategies for protecting farmland in the future. Regarding recreation, public feedback included wanting to maintain existing facilities, increase recreational programming, add an outdoor swimming facility, and add more bike and hiking trail systems around town. The list of action items is posted on-line under the Planning page, public comments will be taken until the end of the month, and there is a station set up in the Town Hall downstairs where people can help prioritize which of the action items to tackle first.

Boutwell makes the motion to approve and endorse the 2017 Open Space and Recreational Plan as presented. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Approve Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant Application for \$12,500 to evaluate and design a municipally-owned PV facility with storage capabilities at the Water Pollution Control Facility

Ramsey: This is a grant through the Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Program. There's no match with this grant. It's seed money for energy efficiency projects. We're looking at the project with the WPCF

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to develop a municipal solar array and have battery storage. This would be installed in a grassy area just south of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, outside the fence. The grant will do the preliminary feasibility of installing that and hopefully bring us through a schematic design, with which we would be able to apply the grant programs and help get the project financed

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant Application for \$12,500 to evaluate and design a municipally-owned PV facility with storage capabilities at the Water Pollution Control Facility in Montague. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Execute Design Services Contract with Berkshire Design Group in the amount of \$7,500 for Schematic Design Spinner Park Rehabilitation

Boutwell makes the motion to Execute the Design Services Contract with Berkshire Design Group in the amount of \$7,500 for Schematic Design Spinner Park Rehabilitation. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

David Jensen, Inspector of Buildings

Request to Transfer \$1,236.88 from the Reserve Fund to Account #100-5-176-5345-000 ZBA Advertising, present balance (\$781.74)

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Request from David Jenson, Inspector of Buildings, to Transfer \$1,236.88 from the Reserve Fund to Account #001-5-176-5345-000, ZBA Advertising, present balance (\$781.74). Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Town Administrator's Report

HED Grant for Assessing Infrastructure for capacity to support redevelopment and commercial homesteading properties in the Turners Falls Canal District, \$20,000

Ellis: There is a Housing Economic Development Grant for assessing our infrastructure, which is a community compact agreement that the Town had prioritized two specific areas for support for the community compact, which seeks to move towards best practice. One of those is in relation to the Open Space Planning. We will be hiring an engineer to examine gateways to the canal district. Conversations are ongoing about improvement of access and/or bridges from the IP/Headgate Bridge, the pedestrian bridge to the Strathmore, and also the Sixth Street bridge that goes over between Railroad Salvage and Franklin Regional Housing Authority. We think we're going to focus the energy on that latter bridge because we have an Economic Development Project in the form of the Railroad Salvage Restoration that's ongoing, and we also have interest in improving both accessibility to the Patch, but also potentially long-range access to the paper mill site as well.

Accept Zoning Map Amendment Petition to redistrict two parcels of land off Millers Falls Road and East Mineral Road, Assessors Map 25 Lot 16 and Map 25 Lot 14 from Agriculture-Forestry-4 to General Business

Boutwell makes the motion to initiate the petition to redistrict two parcels of land off Millers Falls Road and East Mineral Road, Assessors Map 25 Lot 16 and Map 25 Lot 14 from Agriculture-Forestry-4 to General Business. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Topics not anticipated

None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Father's Day Fun Fly will be held on Father's Day, June 18 from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Come bring your children, grandchildren, and friends to this great event and try your hand at flying a radio control aircraft. If you're thinking of getting a drone for Father's Day, this is the place to bring it, fly it, and ask questions. Visit their website <http://www.franklinrc.com/>

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Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(6) to consider the value of real property - First Light Power Resources, Votes may be taken

Nelson declares doing this in open session will be detrimental to the public good.

Boutwell makes the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM under G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(6) to consider the value of real property - First Light Power Resources. Votes may be taken. We will only come out of Executive Session to adjourn the regular meeting. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye.

List of Documents and Exhibits:

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