

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, July 10, 2017**

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

**Approve Selectmen minutes of June 26, 2017**

*Nelson makes a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2017. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - 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.

**Brian McCarthy, Turners Falls Firefighters**

**Use of Public Property: Helmet Drive for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fundraiser, Corner of Avenue A and Seventh St., 7/22/17, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

*Nelson makes a motion to authorize the Turners Falls Fire Department to Use Public Property for a Helmet Drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Fundraiser, Corner of Avenue A and Seventh Street on July 22nd, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Chief has made a note of no minors on the roadway. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Jan Ameen, FC Solid Waste Management District**

**Update on District Activities**

Ameen was not present at the meeting. Ellis informed the Board that Ameen wants to build upon communication with the communities of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and so has begun a process of outreach looking to provide that foundational information about what they're doing and where they're heading strategically.

**Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA**

**Authorization to Disburse No. 2, Payment Requisition #2, FY2016 Town of Montague Avenue A & Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project, General Contractor: M. L. Schmitt, Inc., \$57,694.11**

*Nelson makes a motion to authorize Disbursement No. 2, Payment Requisition #2, for the FY2016 Town of Montague Avenue A & Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project, to M. L. Schmitt, Inc., in the amount of \$57,694.11. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Change Order #2, Avenue A and Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project, General Contractor: M. L. Schmitt, Inc., \$1,530.80**

*Nelson makes a motion to authorize Change Order #2, Avenue A and Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project to M. L. Schmitt, Inc., in the amount of \$1,530.80. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Change Order #3, Avenue A and Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project, General Contractor: M. L. Schmitt, Inc., \$6,799.43**

*Nelson makes a motion to authorize Change Order #3, Avenue A and Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project to M. L. Schmitt, Inc., in the credited amount of \$6,799.43. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Execute Authorization to Disburse No. 5, Invoice #1.2017.25-5, Avenue A and Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project, Contractor: Berkshire Design Group Inc., \$5,625.00**

*Nelson makes a motion to authorize Disbursement No. 5, Invoice #1.2017.25-5 for the Avenue A and Peskeompskut Park Pedestrian Lighting Project to Berkshire Design Group, Inc., in the amount of \$5,625.00. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Police Chief Chip Dodge**

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**Execution of Agreement with MedCare Emergency Health Inc. 7/1/17 - 6/30/18**

*Nelson makes a motion to execute the Agreement with MedCare Emergency Health Inc. for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Execution of FY18 Training Grant and EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant, \$13,000**

*Nelson makes a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the EMD/Regulatory Compliance and Training Grant in the amount of \$13,000, with the Selectboard's thanks and congratulations to Marsha Odle for obtaining the grant. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Administrator's Report**

**Forward Request to acquire parcel of land in front of 186 Millers Falls Road (Map 23-09) on to the Planning Board**

Ellis stated that years ago the Fifth Massachusetts Turnpike Road and Millers Falls Road merged and the property which is the front lawn of Robert and Cathy Fistes was a continuation the Fifth Massachusetts Turnpike. The Fistes would like to acquire that property. According to the Community Development Planner, the FRCOG Executive Committee would have to approve a relocation of the county Right of Way. The Fistes would need to pursue the matter with Bob Dean, key contact of the FRCOG Executive Committee.

*Nelson makes a motion to refer to the Planning Board for consideration for their support as Robert and Cathy Fistes consider application to the FRCOG, and authorize the Town Administrator to take any initial steps between now and the next Selectmen's meeting and respond as appropriate on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to find a resolution to this issue. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Award Contract up to \$9,900 for Sixty Street Bridge Rehabilitation Feasibility Study. To be funded by a Commonwealth Community Compact Grant**

*Nelson makes the motion to issue notice to proceed for engineering services to BL Companies of New England for the Sixth Street Bridge Rehabilitation Feasibility Assessment Project for a lump sum fee of \$8,900 and to give the Board the authority to execute the standard contract for services. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Award and Execute contract of \$122,991.50 with Pereira Construction Company, Inc. for sidewalk replacement**

*Nelson makes the motion to Execute the contract of \$122,991.50 with Pereira Construction Company, Inc., in regards to sidewalk replacements on Griswold Street and Montague Street. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Execute Green Communities Competitive Grant Award**

Ellis: The Green Communities Competitive Grant Award will cover the following projects:

- Re-commissioning hot water pumps at Sheffield School (\$6,500)
- Lighting Occupancy Sensors at Sheffield School (\$5,180)
- Replace the library roof top unit at Sheffield School (\$22,030)
- Replace the cafeteria roof top unit at Sheffield School (\$33,150)
- Complete work on the HVAC system, specifically duct work replacement at the Shea Theater (\$69,750)
- Furnace and AC System, fuel conversion, oil to propane, at Carnegie Library (\$32,000) - *only partially funded*

*Nelson makes the motion to Execute and to Authorize the Chair to sign the Green Communities Grant Award for the projects that the Town Administrator just read. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Strathmore debris removal update**

Ellis: The Strathmore debris removal and boarding are being bid out as two separate contracts. DPW did a tremendous amount of work in consolidating debris, limiting the number of floors that the debris was located, but there are tens of thousands of pounds of paper and other materials that still need to be removed. We are expecting to

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receive proposals that may put us in a position to quickly move to execute a contract, assuming we get a bid that is budget-reasonable from a qualified contractor. We will know more next week. Once we see what that figure is going to be, it will shape our approach to bidding of the boarding project.

**Approve Appointments as set forth on attached list**

- *Nelson makes a motion to remove Robert Obear from the Franklin County Planning Board and to appoint Bruce Young in his place for a one-year term, expiring June 30, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes a motion to appoint Ed Gregory to the Historical Commission for a one-year term through June 30, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes a motion to appoint Christopher Williams as a Constable for a one-year term through June 30, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes a motion to appoint John Burek to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term through June 30, 2022. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

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

- *Ellis: According to Ariel Elan, our energy liaison, the Massachusetts DPU did not require Berkshire Gas to end its moratorium on new and expanded natural gas service in the Pioneer Valley. On some level, this concludes the very active work we've been doing to try to end the moratorium through means that might be quick and efficient.*
- **Use of Public Property, "Calling All Artists" Art Exhibition**  
*Boutwell makes a motion to authorize the Use of Public Property to Richard Widmer for the "Calling All Artists" Art Exhibition on July 23, 2017 in Millers Falls from 10:00 AM until 9:00 PM pending insurance. Nelson seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

*Nelson makes a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**All votes were made by roll call due to one member being on the phone**

**Documents and Exhibits:**

- Brian McCarthy, Turners Falls Firefighters: Use of Public Property: Helmet Drive for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fundraiser, Corner of Avenue A and Seventh St
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