

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, March 26, 2018**

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

Approve minutes of March 19, 2018

Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - 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

- Peter Golrick asked who prepared the Town Meeting Handout in regards to the DPW Garage since he had not seen any posted meeting by the DPW Committee. Ellis responded that Walter Ramsey prepared it.
- Betty Tegal thanked the students for walking last week and asked for a minute of silence.

Jon Dobosz, Parks and Recreation Director

Proposed changes to Section 59.4.1 of 521 CMR which recommends all loose-fill playground material be converted to what is essentially pour-in-place surfacing

Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Parks and Recreations Director, Jon Dobosz, to advocate against the proposed changes to Section 59.4.1 of 521 CMR, which recommends changing the playground material at the Town parks. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

- **Authorization to proceed with a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for 8 Canal Road using grant funds, review of Phase 1**

Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Town Planner to move forward with pursuing grant funding for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at 8 Canal Road, also known as the former Indeck property. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

- **Montague's Application to the Federal Opportunity Zone Program for Turners Falls (Census Tract 407.01)**

Nelson makes the motion to support the application to the Federal Opportunity Zone Program for Turners Falls (Census Tract 407.01). Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

- **MassCEC Microgrids Program - Execute letter of commitment for grant for feasibility and design of a solar microgrid serving key government facilities (Police, Turners Falls Fire, Turners Falls High School)**

Nelson makes the motion to execute the letter of commitment for the grant regarding the solar microgrid for the proposed properties noted. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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- **Issuance of Request for Proposals for Disposition of Municipal Property at East Main Street, Millers Falls, MA "Lot F" Development Opportunity (Assessors Map 29 Lot 180)**

Nelson makes the motion to allow Town staff to release the Request for Proposals for Disposition of Municipal Property at East Main Street, Millers Falls, MA "Lot F" Development Opportunity (Assessors Map 29 Lot 180). Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

**Tina Cote and Michael Perreault, FRTA
FY19 Budget Cuts and Possible Route Changes**

Discussion:

- The FRTA Advisory Board met on March 15 and discussed making necessary cuts based on what the Governor has projected.
- The Board would like to hold public meetings; tentative dates include April 19th from 6-7:30 and April 24th from 3-4:30.
- They will look at increasing fares, having the buses back by 7:00 PM, and reformulating routes with low ridership.
- Singleton: It's imperative we have a conversation to figure out what Montague's priorities are. I don't support Route 22. I'd like to have more discussion about Route 23.
- Tegal brought attention to the fact that a lot of people will need transportation to the Housing Authority to pay rent and do yearly updates of paper work. These people include mothers with small children and elderly and disabled people who will need a shelter, curb cuts, platform, and/or a safe walkway at the boarding location. Ramsey replied that with the two new developments in that area, the Planning Board will be looking closely at that issue. As the Town is engaged in the Complete Streets Program, we will find a way to make a safe crossing there.

Discussion of Planter Coordinator Vacancy

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Owen Wormser as the Planter Coordinator through November 30, 2018. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Capital Improvements Committee

Vote to make recommendations relative to capital articles as presented in the Montague Capital Improvements Committee FY18 Report (attached)

Nelson makes the motion to accept the recommendations of the Capital Improvements Committee which includes a total of eight items, including the Council of Aging front stairs porch, the Discretionary Budget for the DPW, the Gill-Montague Regional School District Upgrade to the Building Management Systems, the Sheffield InterCom, the Hillcrest InterCom, the Water Pollution Social Array, the Control Panel and Alarm Repair at the WPCF, and the Colle Building Renovations, for a total of \$803,000, said funding to come from PAYGO \$282,000, \$371,000 from Borrowing, and \$190,000 from Reserves. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Town Administrator's Business

- **Ja'Duke TIF Update**
The meeting was snowed out. Ellis is waiting to hear when the meeting is rescheduled.
- **Discuss changing the title of the Board of Selectmen to Selectboard**
Nelson makes the motion to put a recommendation on Annual Town Meeting to amend Article III, Section 4 of the bylaws as recommended by Counsel. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements**
None.

Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss collective bargaining strategy with respect to NEPBA. Votes may be taken.

- The Chair declares the holding such discussion in open session would jeopardize the Town's position in those negotiations.
- *Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss collective bargaining strategy with respect to NEPBA. Votes may be taken. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Documents and Exhibits:

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- Capital Improvements Committee recommendations relative to capital articles as presented in the Montague Capital Improvements Committee FY18 Report