

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, April 23, 2018
-Subject to Change-**

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 April 2 and 9, 2018

Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2018. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye

Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. 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

Bob McDonald, WPCF Superintendent

McDonald: Good News, the Town received the grant from MassDEP in the amount of \$150,000 to install a 200kW solar photovoltaic system (ground-mounted) at the wastewater treatment plant. Kuklewicz requests additional information regarding the project financing options and costs of different payback terms.

Hiring of Lead Wastewater Operator

McDonald: We did an internal posting for a lead operator, and then an external posting on 2 websites for wastewater. After that we will be conducting interviews. Tim Pera passed his grade 5 license. Requests that the Town Administrator and Board Chair assist with the interview process. Ellis agrees to assist, as does Kuklewicz, assuming schedules align. In response to audience question, McDonald notes there was one internal candidate who does not presently hold the required credential.

FY18 Second Half Sewer Abatements

Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2017 Sewer Bill at 30 Park Street, Turners Falls. Seconded by Boutwell, Not approved: Nelson- Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Kuklewicz – Nay

Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2017 Sewer Bill at 159 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls.(original bill: \$865.40 - \$592.16, New Bill: \$273.24) Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2017 Sewer Bill at 78 Eleventh Street, Turners Falls. Seconded by Boutwell, Not approved: Nelson- Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Kuklewicz – Nay

Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2017 Sewer Bill at 7 Avenue C, Turners Falls. Seconded by Boutwell, Not approved: Nelson- Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Kuklewicz – Nay

Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2017 Sewer Bill at 70 Federal Street, Millers Falls, (Original Bill: \$1,403.60 - \$1221.44, New Bill: \$182.16)Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2017 Sewer Bill at 14 High Street, Turners Falls, (Original Bill: \$782.60 - \$327.20, New Bill: 455.40) Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

David Detmold, Tree Advisory Committee

Request Board approve Proclamation in support of Arbor Day

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Detmold: Tree planting coming up on Arbor Day in the 5 villages. Picked out trees specifically suited for the locations we've chosen. We will replace one tree in Unity Park; 2 apple trees in Lake Pleasant near the bridge; Franklin Street, Millers Falls a tree will be planted on the tree belt. On Sunday in front of the post office 2 trees will be planted. A tree will be planted in the tree belt in front of the Farren also.

Nelson makes the motion to execute proclamation in support of Arbor Day. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

**Zaharia Nichita, Zak's Auto Sales and Repair
Requesting Class II License at rear 48 Randall Road, Montague**

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Class II License at rear 48 Randall Road, Montague pending approval from Inspector of Building and receipt of \$25,000 surety bond. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Personnel Board

Appoint David Jensen as alternate Building Inspector until June 30, 2019

Nelson makes the motion to appoint David Jensen as alternate building inspector until June 30, 2019. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

May 21, 2018 Election Warrant – To approve and execute as attached

Nelson reads warrant into the record

Nelson makes the motion to execute the May 21, 2018 Election Warrant as attached. Seconded by Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye

Montague Public Libraries, Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Youth Services Librarian

Use of Public Property: Montague Center Town Common, July 24, 2018, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM; Performance by cellist, Books will read aloud, craft activity

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request by Montague Public Libraries, Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Youth Services Librarian for Use of Public Property: Montague Center Town Common, July 24, 2018, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM; Performance by cellist, Books will read aloud, craft activity. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Use of Public Property: Peskeompskut Park, August 3, 2018, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Puppet Show

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property: Peskeompskut Park, August 3, 2018, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Puppet Show. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Town Administrators Business

Execute documents related to Solar Project with Kearsarge Energy. WMECO d/b/a Eversource Energy: Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation

- **Exhibit H – Agreement between the Company and the Company's Retail Customer**
- **Schedule Z – Additional Information Required for Net Metering Services**
- **Execute Landlord Estoppel Certificate**

To be discussed at a later date

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements

Town of Montague has received designation as Federal Opportunity Zone Candidate. The State of Massachusetts submitted it's list and we don't yet understand entirely how that tax break program will function, but it may provide some advantage to redevelopment efforts in some of the more distressed old industrial portions of the community.

Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, §21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation concerning Southworth Company's Bankruptcy filing, Votes may be taken

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Kuklewicz declares holding in public session may be detrimental to the Towns position

Anticipated executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with, or act under the authority of any general law; specifically to review draft minutes from executive sessions conducted on dates set forth below

Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1)

6/27/16 #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
6/27/16 #2	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
7/11/16	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
10/23/17	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
10/30/17	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
12/18/17	To discuss complaints and potential Disciplinary action against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual
3/5/18	to discuss complaints and potential disciplinary action against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; votes may be taken.

Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, §. 21(a)(2)

3/5/18	to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief).
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*Nelson makes the motion to enter into executive session under G.L. c 30A, §21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation concerning Southworth Company's Bankruptcy filing, and pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with, or act under the authority of any general law; specifically to review draft minutes from executive sessions conducted on 6/27/17 #1 and #, 7/11/16,10/23/17, 10/30/17, 12/18/17, 3/5/18 and Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1) and Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, §. 21(a)(2) 3/5/18. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously.
Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - aye*

Documents and Exhibits:

- Minutes of April 2 and 9, 2018
- FY2018 Second Half Sewer Abatements
- Class II License request for Zaharia Nichita
- Appointment form for David Jensen as Alternate Building Inspector
- May 21, 2018 Election Warrant
- Use of Public Property Forms for Library

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**ELECTION WARRANT
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 21, 2018**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in their respective polling places appointed and designated as follows:

Precinct No. 1, the Montague Center Precinct, the Montague Center Fire Station, 28 Old Sunderland Rd., Montague Center; Precinct No. 2, the Millers Falls Precinct, the Highland School Apartments Community Room, 446 Millers Falls Road, Millers Falls; Precinct No. 3, the upper hill section of Turners Falls, the Hillcrest School Auditorium, 30 Griswold Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 4, the second level of Turners Falls, the Hillcrest School Auditorium, 30 Griswold Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 5, downtown section of Turners Falls, Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 6, the South End and Montague City Precinct, the Public Safety Complex Community Room, 180 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, on Monday, the Twenty-First Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen, from Seven A.M. to Seven P.M. to bring their votes on one ballot to the Election Officers for:

- One Selectman, for three years
- One Moderator, for three years
- One Assessor, for three years
- One Board of Health Member, for three years
- Three Public Library Trustees, for three years
- One Housing Authority Member, for five years
- One Parks & Recreation Commissioner, for three years
- One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Non-Veteran), for three years
- One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Veteran), for three years
- Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 1, for three years
- One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 1, for one year
- Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 2, for three years
- Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for three years
- Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 4, for three years
- One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 4, for two years
- Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 5, for three years
- Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 6, for three years

Question:

Shall the Town of Montague be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued for the purpose of planning, designing, permitting, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new public works facility, to be located on Turners Falls Road, and all other costs incidental or related thereto?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk seven days before said election.

Given under our hands this _____ Day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

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Michael M. Nelson

Richard J. Kuklewicz
Boutwell

Christopher M.

Franklin, ss Montague, MA, May _____, 2018

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the inhabitants of the Town of Montague, by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague