

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, December 27, 2018**

Meeting was opened at 5:30 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Michael Nelson and Rich Kuklewicz, and Town Administrator Steven Ellis. Chris Boutwell joined the meeting at 5:46 PM. Kuklewicz makes introduction and announces meeting is being taped.

**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**

**Approve and Execute Sludge Hauling and Disposal Contract with Veolia Water North America-Northeast, LLC**

McDonald gives an update on the Sludge Hauling and Disposal situation. A contract is being reviewed and fine-tuned and we are leaning toward hiring Veolia Water North America-Northeast, LLC.

**Public Works Facility Building Project (Steven Ellis, Ken Morin)**

**Receive report of ranked finalists to provide Architectural/Design Services to the Town of Montague's Public Works Facility Building Project**

- **Firms under consideration include: DiGiorgio Associates, Helene-Karl Architects, Weston and Sampson Engineers**
  - Helene-Karl Architects is the top ranking firm. It is a small firm from Groton, Mass. that has done a lot of DPW work as well as a lot of work for Eversource.
  - Weston and Sampson did not feel that they could get through the design phase by the early summer season in time for bidding and construction to start this year. This was not acceptable to the committee.
- **Hear Report of the committee and move to award contract, pending negotiation of fee**

*Nelson makes the motion to award the contract to Helene-Karl Architects, Inc. of Groton, Mass. pending successful negotiation of the project fee. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Authorize Town Administrator to negotiate fee**

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into negotiations for the project fee. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Administrator Business**

- **Appoint Steven Ellis, Town Administrator as the Town's Environmental Certifying Officer**

*Nelson makes the motion to appoint Steven Ellis, Town Administrator as the Town's Environmental Certifying Officer until further notice. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Execute MOU with FCSWMD regarding Wood Pellet Bag Recycling Sheds**

*Nelson makes the motion to execute the MOU with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District regarding recycling wood pellet bags at the transfer station. Kuklewicz seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Work on Green Bridge, 1/9/19 to 1/31/19**

Ellis reports that we have received official notice from the Mass DOT that they will begin work on the Green Bridge to replace the deck on January 9th. The expectation is that the project will take the balance of the month to complete.
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting**
  - Ellis announces that the Town has been awarded the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant from the Mass Office of Disabilities in the amount of \$45,000. This is for ADA accessibility in Spinner Park.
  - Ellis reports that we received a call from Lieutenant Governor Polito letting us know that the Town has been awarded a \$311,000 Complete Streets Grant. This will be for the pedestrian improvements in Montague Center, as well as other improvements in Millers Falls in the Unity and High Street intersection, and some bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Avenue A and First Street.

**OTHER:**

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- The CAC is actively recruiting members: If interested, contact Jason Burbank, CAC Chair through the Selectboard's office

The regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on January 7, 2019 at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

*Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

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