

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

Monday, September 20, 2021

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Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30 PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken

2. 6:30 Approve Minutes:
 - Selectboard Meeting September 13, 2021

3. 6:31 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

4. 6:33 Lew Collins, Between the Uprights, 23 Avenue A, Turners Falls
 - Execute 2021 License to Use Real Property Café License, 23 – 29 Avenue A, Turners Falls
 - Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property, and One day Special License:
 - Great Falls Festival Celebration, October 23, 2021, 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM

5. 6:40 Montague Board of Health
 - Review of Montague COVID Case Counts and Trends
 - Consider any necessary response to recent trends

6. 6:55 Discussion of Recent Trash and Recycling Issues

7. 7:10 Personnel Board
 - Appoint Cameron Tucker, DPW Grounds, UE Grade C, Step 4, effective 10/12/21
 - Appoint Roy Dennis, DPW Mechanic, UE Grade D, Step 3, effective 10/12/21
 - Appoint Bob Obear to Zoning Board of Appeals as Alternate Member, until June 30, 2022
 - Update on Library Director Hiring

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8. 7:20 Brian McHugh, FCRHRA
Spinner Park:
- Authorization to Disburse No. 6, payment to Sciaba Construction, \$36,185.50
 - Execute Certificate of Substantial Completion
 - Discussion of Park Opening, Statue Placement and Park Rededication Ceremony
9. 7:30 Jeff Singleton, FRTA Representative
- Upcoming FRTA Advisory Board Meeting
10. 7:35 Walter Ramsey, Town Planner
FY21 Shared Streets and Spaces Grant
- Issue Notice to Proceed to Taylor Davis Landscaping & Construction Company for the Second Street/Unity Park Entrance enhancement project for a contract in the amount of \$66,075.55. To be funded by a FY21 Shared Streets and Spaces grant.
 - Authorize Construction Agreement with Taylor Davis Landscaping & Construction Company in the amount of \$66,075.55, subject to forthcoming receipt of required bonds and insurance certificates
- FY21 Green Communities Grant Project
- Execute Energy Management Services Agreement with Energy Resources USA for projects at Millers Falls Library, WPCF, and 2nd Street Parking lot. Green Communities in the amount of \$61,129.00. To be funded by FY21 Green Communities Grant.
11. 7:45 Grant Submission Requests
- DLS Community Compact Info Technology Grant
 - DLS Community Compact Best Practices Grants
 - MA Office for Disabilities Grant Program
12. 7:50 Proposed Community-Based Prevention Programming RFP (Use of Cannabis Funds)
13. 8:00 Proposed 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge Project Appropriation
14. 8:10 Special Town Meeting – October 14, 2021
- To review draft warrant, attached hereto, and to make recommendations on all items in warrant; votes may be taken
15. 8:20 Town Administrator's Report
- Update of First Light FERC Settlement Process
 - Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

Other:

- Special Town Election for Selectboard Member, Tuesday, September 21, 2021
- Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, September 25 at GCC's Main Campus and the Orange Transfer Station. Online preregistration by September 17th at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html
- Anticipated Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 14, 2021**

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 Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on **Thursday, October 14, 2021**, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$X**, or any other amount, for the purpose of making emergency repairs to town cemeteries, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Cemetery Commission Request)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$13,367.33, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying a prior year bill of the WPCF, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,300, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2022 Finance Committee budget to allow for clerical assistance to take minutes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused \$102,000 borrowing authority as voted pursuant to Article #28 of the May 17, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$385,000 for the purpose of abating hazardous and asbestos containing materials within the Strathmore Mill Complex, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$7719.12, or any other amount, which represents the net premium paid to the Town upon the sale of the Town's \$1,812,000 DPW Facility Bond Anticipation Note dated September 23, 2020, to pay costs of the DPW facility authorized by the vote of the Town passed March 29, 2018, and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project by such amount, as set forth in M.G.L. c. 44, §20 or any other applicable law, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing cable related equipment for MCTV and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$135,000 or any other amount for the purpose of implementing the Montague City Road Flooding Relief Project any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Director of Planning Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$114,382, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and setting up a robotic sewer camera and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(DPW Superintendent Request)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sums of \$200,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the following sums, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the special purpose funds set forth below, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

Fund	Amount (\$)
Town Capital Stabilization Fund	250,000
OPEB Trust Fund	250,000
Total:	500,000

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repaying the town for part of the \$39,800 supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Airport Budget voted as Article 10 of the February 25, 2021 Special Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sums of \$45,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing and painting exterior siding of the Council on Aging building, and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sums of \$100,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge, and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Planning Request)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sums of \$50,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding evidence-based substance abuse prevention programming with a focus on families and children, and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sums of \$29,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the FY22 Dispatch Budget, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Dispatch Request)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sums of \$10,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new phone system for Parks and Recreation, and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

(Parks and Recreation)

