



TOWN OF
MONTAGUE
MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN HALL
One Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(413) 863-3200 ext. 112
Planner@montague-ma.gov

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 12, 2024 6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and via Zoom

To join meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85790607802?pwd=cdOUWqusDRa53c4OiPIxvTbIVCzEvW.1>

Dial: (309) 205-3325

Meeting ID: 857 9060 7802

Passcode: 149234

This meeting is being held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

1. ROLL CALL:

2. MINUTES:

- a. Approval of 2024 Meeting Minutes from August 8, and September 12, and October 17

3. PUBLIC MEETING:

- a. **RDA #2024-07 - Request for Determination of Applicability**, filed by **FirstLight Power**, to determine whether the proposed landscape garden beds at the Turners Falls Fishway, **2 Gatehouse Drive (Parcel #04-0-0005) and 0 First Street (Parcel #04-0-0007)** is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. [New Unpaved Roads Stormwater Management Tool](#)
- b. [Review Montague's Preliminary Flood Hazard Data](#)
- c. **Discuss and vote to request \$10,000 funding to Waidlich Conservation Fund for FY2026 Annual Town Meeting**

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Springdale Cemetery – To review and approve of the submitted Wetland and Buffer Zone Restoration Inspection Report pursuant to Conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the previously approved Negative Determination #3 (File RDA #2024-04)
- b. Falls Farm Violations– Old Sunderland Road (Parcels #50-0-18), property owner: James Arcoleo; Old Sunderland Road (Parcel #50-0-05, property owner: Falls Farm LLC; and Meadow Road (Parcel #50-0-04), Montague, Property owner: Falls Farm LLC
 - i. Updates and public comments, if any.
- c. Possible violations: Rod Shop Road (Parcel #12-0-052) - tree cutting within Buffer Zone
- d. Project Updates:

- i. Previously approved Order of Conditions (DEP #22-0256/ NOI 2024-01) to NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for the 21C6 Distribution Line Reconductor Project. Jurisdictional activities include installation of 2 new distribution poles, grading for installation of a temporary matted work pad and removal of 13 trees in the 200-foot Riverfront Area and/or 100-foot Buffer Zone along Migratory Way and within the 21C6 ROW between Migratory Way and the Connecticut River.
- ii. Previously approved Negative Determination #5 to FirstLight Power Services LLC (applicant) for the project at Cabot Station Power Canal Left Dike off of Montague City Road and Cabot Street. The project involves the installation of a drainage pipe at the toe of the Power Canal Left Dike. Work includes the following tasks.(1) Clearing and grubbing of project work area. (2) Placing erosion controls measures. (3) Installing the temporary dewatering system for the excavation of the trench. (4) Excavating the trench for the drainage system. (5) Installing the perforated pipe drainage system.(6) Backfilling and compacting the project work area. (7) In-situ testing of soil material (density, moisture content, etc.) before and after compaction.(8) General site restoration

6. OTHER BUSINESS NOT ANTICIPATED WITHIN 48 HOURS:

7. ADJOURN: