

**MONTAGUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
TOWN HALL
1 AVENUE A
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376**

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday February 13, 2025 at 3:30PM

IN-PERSON: Meeting will be held in the Annex Meeting Room of
Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA.

- Approval of Minutes (12/5/24)
- Notice of change in EDIC banking information, authorized account representatives
- Discussion on local opportunity mapping
- Notice of acceptance into Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' Public Library Construction Program; ramifications for property at 38 Avenue A
- Discussion of EDIC position on future development; relation to Selectboard and Town administration
- Set next meeting date and time
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirement

*Montague Economic Development
and Industrial Corporation*

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December 23, 2024

Hidy Goguen-Osorio
Branch Manager & Officer
282 Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

Dear Ms. Goguen-Osorio:

On behalf of the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, I would like to request a change to the signers associated with our account to the following individuals, in accordance with a vote of re-organization taken by the Corporation on December 5, 2024:

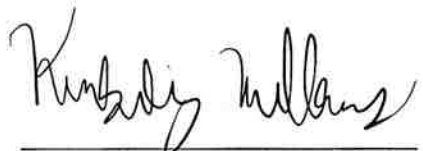
- Robert Steinberg, Chair
- Kimberly Williams, Vice Chair

Customer Information Sheets for these individuals are either attached, or have been submitted under separate cover, in addition to the Corporation's meeting minutes of December 5, 2024.

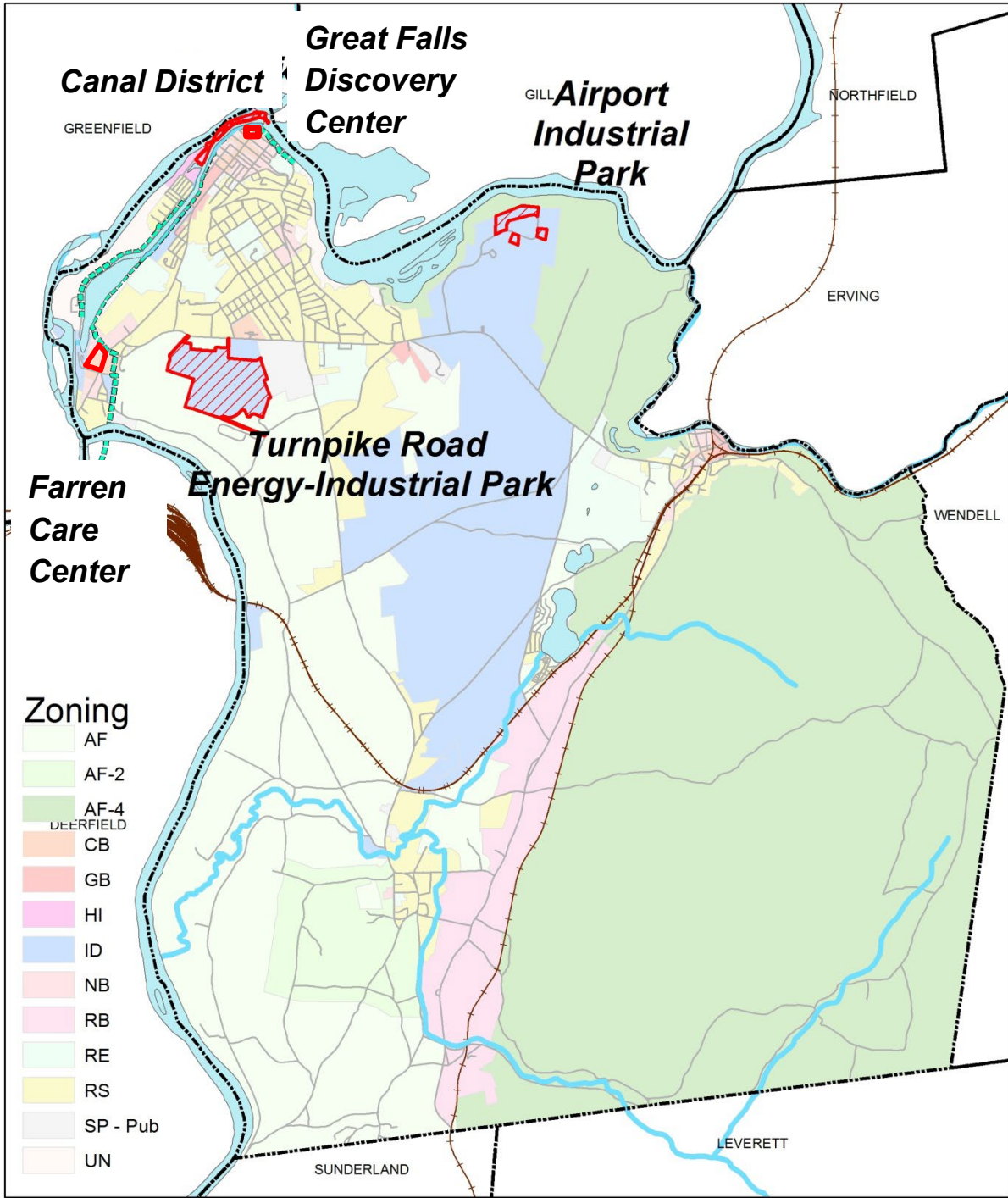
We appreciate your assistance, and please contact Assistant Town Administrator Christopher Nolan-Zeller with any questions or if any additional information is needed at (413) 863-3200 x109, or at chrism@montague-ma.gov.

Sincerely,

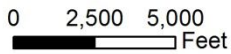

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WITNESS: Christopher Nolan-Zeller



**Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation
2021 Economic Development Plan**



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For Immediate Release

Contact: Celeste Bruno
Communications Director

January 9, 2025

Celeste.Bruno@mass.gov

\$1.3 Million Awarded in Planning and Design Grants

At its January Board Meeting, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) awarded \$1.3 million in planning and design grants to thirteen libraries through the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP), a state-funded program that works with local communities to build, renovate, and expand public libraries. These [Standard Grants](#) are for municipalities with populations over 2,500 and fall into tiers based on square footage submitted in the MPLCP application: small, medium, and large.

The MPLCP awards grants in two phases: Planning and Design Phase and Construction Phase. All the projects will move through the planning and design phase at the same time, regardless of status. At the culmination of this phase in late 2025 or early 2026, all projects will undergo an independent review of the MPLCP Level of Design. The immediately funded projects that pass the review will be recommended for a construction phase grant immediately. The waitlisted projects that pass the review will be recommended for a construction phase grant as funding becomes available. Funding to support the current grant round is [included in the recently passed Mass Leads Act](#).

Small Tier

Municipality	Library	Maximum Award	Construction Status
Springfield	East Springfield Branch	\$100,000	Immediately Funded
Freetown	Freetown Public Libraries	\$100,000	Immediately Funded
Great Barrington	Ramsdell Library	\$100,000	Waitlisted
Falmouth	East Falmouth Branch	\$100,000	Waitlisted
Berkley	Berkley Public Library	\$100,000	Waitlisted

Medium Tier

Municipality	Library	Maximum Award	Construction Status
Hanson	Hanson Public library	\$100,000	Immediately Funded
Yarmouth	Yarmouth Town Libraries	\$100,000	Immediately Funded

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Montague	Carnegie Library	\$100,000	Immediately Funded
Clinton	Bigelow Free Library	\$100,000	Immediately Funded
Northbridge	Whitinsville Social Library	\$100,000	Waitlisted
Hudson	Hudson Public Library	\$100,000	Waitlisted
Uxbridge	Uxbridge Free Public Library	\$100,000	Waitlisted

Large Tier

Municipality	Library	Maximum Award	Construction Status
Waltham	Waltham Public Library	\$100,000	Immediately Funded

“Libraries are busier than ever assisting people with job searches, teaching residents to use new technology or simply providing the only free space where everyone in a community can continue their education,” said MBLC Director Maureen Amyot. “This important work would not be possible without the support of Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Legislature.”

Planning and design phase grants for the Standard grant type are 50% of the eligible costs up to a maximum award of \$100,000 and may be used for schematic design, cost analysis of options, site investigation, and project management services.

Twenty-two libraries submitted applications in the 2023-2024 Grant Round, demonstrating the ongoing need to renovate and expand libraries that in many cases were built 100 years ago, before technology and COVID changed the way people live and use libraries. In October, the MBLC awarded [Small Population Grants](#) for municipalities with populations less than 2,500 to [Blandford and Otis](#).

The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program was first funded by a state bond authorization in 1987. Since then, it has helped more than 250 communities plan, build, renovate and/or expand their public libraries. MPLCP projects are underway in the following communities: Amherst, Deerfield, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Melrose, Sharon, Shutesbury, Swansea, and Westford. Learn more about the program on the [MBLC website](#) and the [Building Literacy podcast](#).