

**SELECTBOARD AND BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING NOTICE  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, 1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA**

**Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by:**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/85813440103>**

**Meeting ID: 858 1344 0103    Password: 018620**

**Dial into meeting: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 301 715 8592**

**MONDAY, May 11, 2020**

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

**Meeting Being Taped**

**Votes May Be Taken**

1. 7:00 PM    Chairs open the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 7:00        Approve Selectboard Minutes of May 4, 2020 if available
3. 7:01        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. 7:02        COVID-19 Updates and Action Items
  - Discussion of Reopening
  - Update on Seek Scan Temperature Measurement System Kit
  - Discussion and response to any new State Guidance or Development
  - Discussion of Town Meeting Logistics
5. 7:20        Chelsey Little, WPCF Superintendent
  - FY2020 Sewer Abatements
6. 7:35        Jon Dobosz, Parks & Rec Director
  - Rutter's Park Parking
7. 7:45        Town Meeting Warrant – To approve and execute the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, attached hereto
8. 7:50        DPW Building Project Update and Change Order
  - Update on construction progress and schedule
  - At upon DPW Building Committee recommendation for approval of a change order for electrical work not to exceed \$115,000

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9. 8:00 Town Administrators' Report
- Review and Execute letter of support relative to the Turners Falls/Gill Bridge Plaque
  - Proposed Community Compact Grant Submission – Financial Forecasting & Financial Management Capacity Building
  - Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Meeting, **Monday, May 18, 2020, 7:00 PM** via Zoom

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
JUNE 13, 2020  
REVISION DATE 05/7/20 12:00 PM**

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(Petitioned Article)

**WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen**

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**From:** WPCF Superintendent  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen  
**Subject:** Sewer Abatements 2020

Wendy, we are requesting time at the 11 May 2020 Selectboard meeting to complete the fiscal years sewer billing abatement requests, 15 to 20 minutes should be all we need.

Thank you!  
Robert J. Trombley  
Consulting Superintendent  
Montague WPCF

Sewer Abatement FY 2020 First Half billing period

#	Location	Reason for Request	Other information
17	94 Federal St.	Zero water usage for winter 2019-20 <b>Recommendation</b>	In this case, water meter present but 0 gallons used, minimum billing applies, <b>Abate. \$421.55.</b>
18	37 Third St.	Water leak, water meter is ok per TFWD. <b>Recommendation</b>	Water leak down stream of meter, leak not to ground. Bill should be paid. <b>Do not abate.</b>
19	1 Montague City Rd.	Labor and disposal cost to clean out sedimentation tanks. <b>Recommendation</b>	The cleaning of tanks and disposal of contents is done by other industry in <b>Do not abate.</b>

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5/5/2020  
9:45 AM

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1	16 Hatchery Rd.	No building, burned down.  <b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Abate \$395.00</b>
2	5 Millers Falls Rd.	Meter removed 20 Nov. 2018  <b>Recommendation</b>	Water meter removed, abate full bill.  <b>Abate \$62.00</b>
3	49 Main St.	Leaking Toilet.  <b>Recommendation</b>	Water went into sewer.  <b>Do Not abate.</b>
4	390 Turners Falls Rd.	Water use for livestock.  <b>Recommendation</b>	Water used for 5 horses, 2 mini ponies and 1 mini donkey. Est'd 100 gpd. 183 days Oct 2019-Mar 2020 = 18,300 gal. 46,000-18,300=27,700 g.= \$395.83  <b>Abate \$657.34-\$395.83= \$261.51 to be abated.</b>
5	127 Fourth St.	High usage in apartments, replaced toilets. <b>Recommendation</b>	Water went into sewer.  <b>Do Not abate.</b>
6	41 Central St.	Bill too high based on comparison to another owned <b>Recommendation</b>	No basis for abatement.  <b>Do Not abate.</b>
7	121 Greenfield Rd.	Incorrect data from water district.  <b>Recommendation</b>	Water district data correct. Reported to water district that inside faucets left dripping due to fear of frozen lines.  <b>Do not abate.</b>
8		<b>Recommendation</b>	
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10		<b>Recommendation</b>	

Property sales - not abated, it is the responsibility of the seller/buyer to obtain utility information and determine an equitable solution with respect to payment obligations to the town prior to closing.

Toilet leaks - not abated, water that goes through plumbing devices and reaches the sewer is billed because it is conveyed by the sanitary sewer and treated at the WWTP.

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Given under our hands this 11th day of May in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

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Michael Nelson

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Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

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Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman  
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss    Montague, MA    May \_\_\_\_, 2020

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.

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Constable of Montague

**WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen**

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**From:** StevenE - Montague Town Administrator  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:56 PM  
**To:** WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen  
**Cc:** Ken Morin; Neil Joyce; TomB - Montague Highway Department  
**Subject:** DPW Building Committee Items for 5/11 SB Mtg Agenda

Hi Wendy

Please add "DPW Building Project Update and Change Order" to next Monday's agenda. Please specify two items:

- Update on construction progress and schedule
- At upon DPW Building Committee recommendation for approval of a change order for electrical work not to exceed \$115,000.

Thanks - Steve

**Steven Ellis**  
**Town Administrator**  
Town of Montague  
One Avenue A  
Turners Falls MA 01376  
(413) 863-3200 x110

TO: Steven Ellis, Town Manager  
FROM: Neil Joyce / CMS  
DATE: May 5, 2020  
RE: Montague DPW / Electrical Changes

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The following highlights a series of electrical changes associated with PCO #4 on the DPW Project. This PCO (Pending Change Order) became a "catch-all" for several changes that came about through the middle stages of the project. There were two over-arching conditions from which these items originated, in addition to Owner requested changes.

A brief explanation of each is as follows:

**Metal Building** – The pre-engineered metal building was a delegated design. That is to say, that every manufacturer will have a different way to frame the building, as part of their design and manufacturing preferences. Neither the design team nor the Owner knew the exact size of the various steel members that would be incorporated into the finished building until after the contract was awarded and the shop drawings for the steel building were submitted. It was known and is common that some adjustment for variations among manufacturers may be necessary post-bid.

When the shop drawings were received, it was determined that a partition wall on the first floor should be relocated, due to the size and depth of the main support beams. When this wall was relocated, several room sizes were impacted, including the main electric room and locker room facilities on the first floor. Because of the reduction in space to the main electric room, a second electrical room was created on the mezzanine.

**Transformer Changes:** An above-ground transformer was contemplated for the project, with metering located on the transformer. The contract documents were prepared accordingly. During construction, the utility company changed this requirement in favor of an underground transformer which required the relocation of the electrical meter and associated CT cabinet to the interior of the building (into the main electric room). These components were located on the transformer pad in the original contract design.

Compounding this equipment move, a major piece of electrical equipment (Automatic transfer switch for the generator) was required to be relocated to a new electrical closet on the mezzanine because of the two changes – wall relocation which made the closet smaller, and relocation of the CT switch to the interior of the building which further constrained the space in the first floor electric room.

The associated electrical changes are summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Est.d Costs</u>
<b><u>Relocation of Automatic Transfer Switch</u></b> – Required due to the size reduction / space constraints of the electrical room and change in CT equipment by the Utility Company	\$50,000
<b><u>Fire Alarm / Lighting Modifications</u></b> – Additional smoke detectors and associated fire alarm Programming, as well as additional lighting, switching and circuitry for the added rooms on the mezzanine.	\$15,000
<b><u>Branch Circuits / Devices</u></b> – Additional wall receptacles and associated wiring and circuitry, made necessary by the wall relocation.	\$15,000

In addition, there were other electrical changes presented as part of this PCO that were a result of missed scope or Owner requested items:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Est.d Costs</u>
<b><u>Tel / Data Changes</u></b> – Additional data outlets for computers, printers and peripheral devices, as well as additional wireless access points were requested by the Town's IT Consultant after review of the contract documents.	\$15,000
<b><u>Exhaust Hood</u></b> – An exhaust hood was added at the welding station in the Mechanic's Area / Vehicle Maintenance Bay, to facilitate fume and smoke extraction	\$10,000

### Summary

Because these changes aggregated to an amount which exceeded the \$50K threshold authorized to the DPW Building Committee, it is requested that proceeding with these changes be authorized by the Select Board at the next available opportunity. Completing this work in sequence with other similar contract work will be most efficient and cost effective for the Town. We believe that all of these changes are justified for the new facility, although we have not come to agreement on the pricing with the contractor. We will continue to negotiate on behalf of the Town in order to obtain the best pricing for this additional work.

**Note: On May 5, 2020, the DPW Building Committee voted to recommend that the Selectboard approve the proposed electrical changes associated with PCO #4 at a cost not to exceed \$115,000, inclusive of General Contractor's contractually stipulated 15% indirect charge. The actual cost of the work will be the subject of negotiation and may be expected to come in below this NTE figure.**



# Office of the Selectboard

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Peter Cavicchi, District Highway Director  
MassDOT District 2  
811 North King St.  
Northampton, MA 01060

May 11, 2020

Dear Mr. Cavicchi,

The Montague Selectboard sends this letter in support of requests made by the Montague Historical Commission and the Gill Historical Commission in relation to a plaque that was installed on the Gill end of the bridge on the west abutment of the Turners Falls—Gill Bridge. The plaque was placed there by MassDOT shortly after completion of the rehabilitation of the Turners Falls—Gill Bridge in 2014. This plaque identifies the bridge as the “Gill—Montague Bridge.”

The proper and historic name of this structure is in fact the “Turners Falls—Gill Bridge.” This is memorialized in the original (1938), large bronze plaques on the Gill and Turners Falls abutments, which include a brief reference to the construction details of the bridge, and name the bridge as it has been known since that time as the “Turners Falls-Gill Bridge.”

It is our understanding that both the Montague and the Gill historical commissions are requesting removal of the 2014 bridge plaque and that they view the historic 1938 plaques as sufficient. We agree that the 2014 plaque should either be removed or corrected and replaced. We favor the latter because in our view it is both historically and politically appropriate to acknowledge the Commonwealth’s substantial investment in the rehabilitation of this critical transportation and cultural link between our communities and to the Route 2 corridor.

Respectfully,

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Richard Kuklewicz  
Chairman

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Michael Nelson  
Vice-Chair

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Chris Boutwell  
Clerk

cc: Montague Historical Commission  
Gill Historical Commission  
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Senator Jo Comerford

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## **WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen**

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**From:** StevenE - Montague Town Administrator  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen  
**Subject:** TA Business

Please add:

- Proposed Community Compact Grant Submission - Financial Forecasting

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