

**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/92158297683>

Meeting ID: 921 5829 7683 Password: 197499

**Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 301 715 8592
Monday, August 17, 2020**

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 Board of Health Chair opens the meeting, roll call taken
3. 6:31 Approve Minutes:
 - Joint Selectboard, Board of Health and Finance Committee, July 27, 2020
 - Joint Selectboard and Board of Health, August 10, 2020
4. 6:32 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
5. 6:35 COVID-19 Updates and Action Items
 - Review of any Updated State Guidance or Orders
6. 6:45 Brian McHugh, FC Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority
 - Update on Spinner Park Restoration Project
7. 6:55 Police Advisory Review Group Updates & Recommendations Relative to appointments
8. 7:00 Town Administrators Report
 - FY21 State Budget News
 - Turners Falls Power Canal Service Outage, 9/14/2020 to 9/19/20
 - Hazardous Waste Collection Day, 9/26/20
 - Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

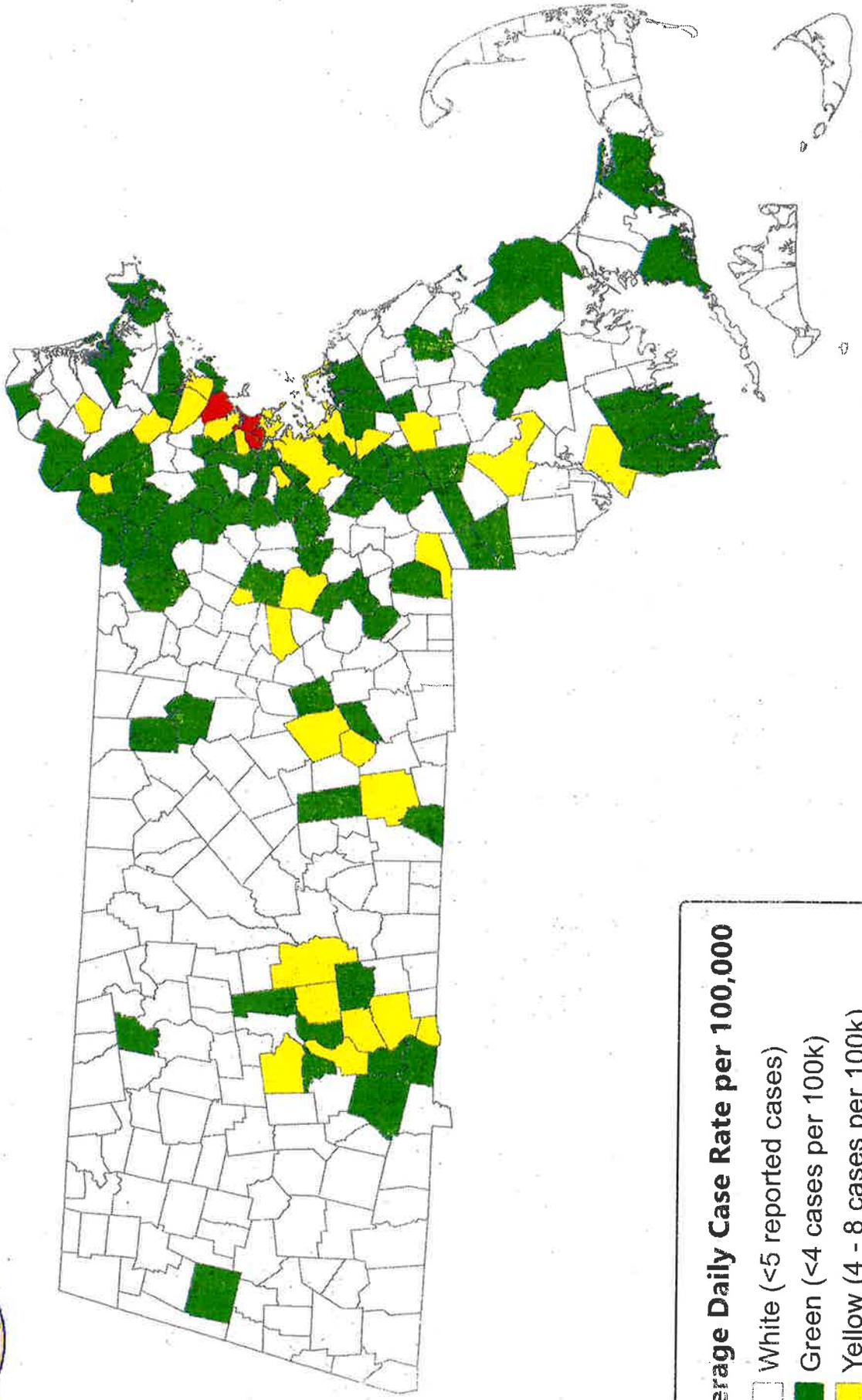
Upcoming Meetings:

Selectboard Meeting, **MONDAY, August 24, 2020, 6:30 PM** via Zoom



Average Daily Case Rate (per 100,000) for COVID-19 in MA by City/Town Over Last Two Weeks

7/22/2020 - 8/5/2020



Average Daily Case Rate per 100,000

- White (<5 reported cases)
- Green (<4 cases per 100k)
- Yellow (4 - 8 cases per 100k)
- Red (>8 cases per 100k)

City and Town Data - 7/22/2020 through 8/5/2020

Beginning August 12th, this data will be available on DPH's Weekly Public Health Report

City / Town	Category	Total Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Percent Positivity (Last 14 Days)	Avg Daily Cases per 100k Population (Last 14 Days)
Abington	Green	6	1.7%	2.4
Acton	Less than 5	<5	0.6%	-
Acushnet	Less than 5	<5	1.9%	-
Adams	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Agawam	Green	15	2.4%	3.7
Alford	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Amesbury	Green	5	0.6%	2.1
Amherst	Green	12	1.5%	2.1
Andover	Green	9	0.9%	1.8
Aquinnah	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Arlington	Less than 5	<5	0.5%	-
Ashburnham	Less than 5	<5	0.7%	-
Ashby	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Ashfield	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Ashland	Green	8	3.0%	2.9
Athol	Less than 5	<5	0.3%	-
Attleboro	Green	18	2.9%	2.8
Auburn	Yellow	10	2.4%	4.3
Avon	Less than 5	<5	1.7%	-
Ayer	Less than 5	<5	1.3%	-
Barnstable	Green	13	1.3%	2.1
Barre	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Becket	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Bedford	Green	8	1.2%	3.8
Belchertown	Yellow	11	2.6%	4.9
Bellingham	Less than 5	<5	0.2%	-

Fairhaven	Less than 5	<5	0.6%	-
Fall River	Yellow	80	3.5%	6.4
Falmouth	Green	11	1.1%	2.5
Fitchburg	Green	11	1.4%	1.9
Florida	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Foxborough	Less than 5	<5	0.3%	-
Framingham	Yellow	44	2.8%	4.2
Franklin	Green	11	1.3%	2.3
Freetown	Less than 5	<5	2.5%	-
Gardner	Less than 5	<5	0.5%	-
Georgetown	Yellow	7	3.4%	5.6
Gill	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Gloucester	Green	8	1.1%	2.0
Goshen	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Gosnold	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Grafton	Less than 5	<5	1.0%	-
Granby	Yellow	6	3.4%	7.0
Granville	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Great Barrington	Less than 5	<5	0.4%	-
Greenfield	Green	7	1.0%	2.9
Groton	Less than 5	<5	0.3%	-
Groveland	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Hadley	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Halifax	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Hamilton	Less than 5	<5	1.6%	-
Hampden	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Hancock	Less than 5	<5	16.7%	-
Hanover	Less than 5	<5	1.6%	-
Hanson	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Hardwick	Less than 5	<5	2.0%	-
Harvard	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Harwich	Less than 5	<5	0.7%	-
Hatfield	Less than 5	<5	1.0%	-
Haverhill	Green	20	1.1%	2.2

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Lynn	Red	231	6.1%	15.9
Lynnfield	Less than 5	<5	1.0%	-
Malden	Yellow	44	3.3%	4.6
Manchester	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Mansfield	Green	10	2.0%	3.6
Marblehead	Green	9	1.4%	3.3
Marion	Less than 5	<5	0.6%	-
Marlborough	Yellow	26	1.8%	4.3
Marshfield	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Mashpee	Less than 5	<5	1.3%	-
Mattapoisett	Less than 5	<5	0.7%	-
Maynard	Yellow	7	2.2%	4.8
Medfield	Less than 5	<5	0.3%	-
Medford	Green	29	1.3%	3.4
Medway	Less than 5	<5	0.3%	-
Melrose	Green	10	1.6%	2.5
Mendon	Less than 5	<5	0.7%	-
Merrimac	Less than 5	<5	0.7%	-
Methuen	Green	18	2.0%	2.4
Middleborough	Green	5	1.1%	1.3
Middlefield	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Middleton	Yellow	6	2.9%	4.2
Milford	Green	13	2.0%	3.2
Millbury	Green	7	2.6%	3.7
Millis	Less than 5	<5	1.5%	-
Millville	Less than 5	<5	3.1%	-
Milton	Green	9	1.4%	2.2
Monroe	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Monson	Less than 5	<5	0.4%	-
Montague	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Monterey	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Montgomery	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Mount Washington	Less than 5	<5	0.0%	-
Nahant	Less than 5	<5	2.8%	-

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WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen

From: Brian McHugh <bmchugh@fcrhra.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:47 AM
To: WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen
Subject: SB Meeting

Hi Wendy,

Can you put me on the agenda for Monday with the subject: "Update on Spinner Park Restoration Project" again?

I think I'll need 10 minutes.

Thanks.

Brian

Brian P. McHugh
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WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen

From: StevenE - Montague Town Administrator
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 1:43 PM
To: WendyB-Montague Board of Selectmen
Cc: Jen Audley; Rich Kuklewicz
Subject: 8/17 Selectboard Agenda

For TA Business: FY21 State Budget News. I will not be entering into an extensive budget discussion, simply sharing this important news with the Board and other stakeholders.

Source: Statehouse News Service

Level in Pandemic

Aid Accord Shield Municipalities From Potential Cuts

Michael P. Norton 7/30/20 6:09 PM

JULY 30, 2020.....In a development welcomed by cities and towns, the Baker administration and the Legislature are committing to maintain fiscal 2021 local aid and school aid at last year's levels, and to provide an additional \$107 million in school aid to cover inflation and enrollment factors.

Administration and Finance Secretary Michael Heffernan notified local officials of the commitment in an email Thursday from the Department of Revenue, and emphasized that the money is separate from \$450 million in new federal supports for K-12 schools to assist with educating students during the pandemic.

The Division of Local Services released a [list of aid amounts for all cities and towns](#) in connection with Heffernan's announcement.

The commitment mirrors the aid levels that the News Service reported on Tuesday, when Revenue Committee Co-chairman Sen. Adams Hinds posted the pledge on Twitter and then deleted it, asserting afterwards that the agreement had not been finalized.

In his announcement, Heffernan said the commitment was being made even though "critical information from the federal government is still needed in order to finalize a full fiscal year budget."

"The FY21 funding commitment also includes Chapter 70 increases for inflation and enrollment that will keep all school districts at foundation, under

the law as it existed for FY20, providing an additional \$107 million in aid over FY20," Heffernan wrote.

The promise is being made without the benefit of the usual, annual debate within the Legislature about taxes, the use of reserves, budget cuts or reform plans, and comes as state officials face an unprecedented decline in state tax collections associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is very welcome news for cities and towns in every corner of Massachusetts," said Massachusetts Municipal Association Executive Director Geoff Beckwith. "With the state facing a budget shortfall of between \$6 billion to \$8 billion due to the COVID-19 recession, local leaders have been very concerned about the potential impact on local aid. Today, the Administration, House and Senate have demonstrated that the state-local relationship is a true partnership."

Beckwith added: "By protecting local aid during this crisis, the state will maintain vital financial support for cities and towns. With this key financial guidance, communities can finalize their fiscal 2021 budgets, allowing them to continue their work fighting the coronavirus pandemic and delivering the essential quality-of-life services that drive our economy."

Lawmakers and Gov. Charlie Baker have started fiscal 2021 with interim budgets and lawmakers plan to debate a budget to cover the rest of fiscal 2021 at some point later this year. Lawmakers hope more finality about federal aid, the path of the virus, and the state's recovery will enable them to craft a more dependable budget than they would be capable of assembling under the current circumstances, which are marked by high uncertainty and volatility.

The aid commitment locks in a substantial portion of the state budget and raises questions about the potential for steep cuts in other service areas unless the Legislature is able to cover budget gaps with reserves, new revenues and other savings.

The agreement calls for the \$1.13 billion unrestricted general government aid program to be level funded at fiscal 2020 amounts for all communities. Cities and towns will also receive at least level funding for Chapter 70 school aid, officials said, and total Chapter 70 school aid will increase by \$107 million, bringing that account up to \$5.28 billion.

An administration spokesman said in a statement that education spending agreed to in the commitment "translates to higher total spending year-over-year than the \$303 million increase originally proposed in House 2, which fully funded the first year of the Student Opportunity Act.

"Despite the almost unprecedented fiscal challenges we all face, the amount of state and federal support announced thus far ensures the Administration and the Legislature can continue supporting record investments in Massachusetts students," the spokesman said.



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August 5, 2020

Town Administrator
c/o Mr. Steven Ellis
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Dear Mr. Ellis,

The Turners Falls Power Canal service outage will take place Monday, September 14, 2020 through Saturday, September 19, 2020. The canal will be drained by 0700 hours, Monday, September 14, 2020 and remain so until Saturday, September 19, 2020. During this time, the canal will be dewatered to perform inspection and maintenance work along the canal at a number of locations.

We will be performing maintenance activities in and around the canal throughout the week. If you have any projects or activities, pertaining to the power canal, scheduled during this period, please contact me regarding coordination and accessibility issues.

It may become necessary to cancel or reschedule this outage due to system load conditions during this period. You will be notified of changes as they occur. If you have any comments or questions regarding this schedule, please call me so we can discuss them.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas Hollister
Senior Operations Manager, North

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 18TH

**Register online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org
or fill out the form on the back of this sheet and mail it.**

Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

For residents and businesses of the following towns: Athol, Barre,* Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland,* Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. *Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2020. Space is limited. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible and should call (413) 772-1528 for info on disposal. For business registration and pricing information, call (413) 772-2438.



Due to COVID-19, safety protocols and waste restrictions will be in place. Participants will be required to wear a mask, remain in their vehicle, and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Materials that will not be collected this year include all types of batteries, thermometers, and thermostats. These items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.



WHAT TO BRING

Any substance labeled: CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, DANGER, CAUTION



- Paint (non-latex), spray paint, varnish, paint thinners, solvents
- Herbicides, pesticides, yard/garden chemicals, wood preservatives
- Asphalt sealer, roofing tar, household cleaners, pool chemicals
- Motor oil, antifreeze, automotive fluids
- Photo chemicals, arts & crafts supplies, furniture polish

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury-containing items (see reverse for alternate disposal), latex paint, empty containers from hazardous products (put empties in trash, not recycling), gas cylinders, radioactive material, explosives (including ammunition & fireworks)

For more information: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.



Safe Home—Healthy Home

We are exposed to harmful chemicals in many ways—including products we use to clean our homes or maintain our yards. Only a small portion of the more than 80,000 chemicals registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been thoroughly tested for human health concerns. Many common chemicals found in our homes can have immediate toxic effects on adults, children, and pets if not used properly. Others may have long-term health effects after repeated exposure. Particles from detergents, cosmetics, pesticides, and other chemicals are found in the dust in our homes, potentially contributing to asthma.



We can make our homes safer by adopting some minor changes to the way we clean our homes or care for our lawns and gardens, and through proper storage, use, and disposal of household chemicals. Consider purchasing nontoxic or low-toxic products. When considering a chemical product, ask yourself if something else you already have will do the job. Common household items such as baking soda, vinegar, and plant-based soaps can often clean just as well as specialty cleaners.

Mercury-containing products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be disposed of in the trash. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, none of these items will be accepted at the 2020 Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Thermometers and thermostats are accepted free of charge at Franklin County transfer stations; place in a bag and give to attendant. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores, at all District transfer stations, and at Greenfield Transfer Station (handle carefully and ask attendant).

Batteries (rechargeable, lithium, button) and cell phones are other common household items that should never be placed in the trash. If these batteries are burned in waste combustion facilities or buried in landfills they can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into the air and water, entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Proper disposal of these batteries and cell phones is free at all District transfer stations; hand them to the attendant. Towns that do not have transfer stations have collection boxes at town hall. Residents can bring vehicle batteries to automotive stores and most transfer stations for free recycling, or get paid at scrap metal dealers.

For information on alternatives to chemical products, and information about proper disposal of hazardous chemicals, mercury and sharps (needles): www.franklincountywastedistrict.org, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. The District is an equal opportunity provider. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Hazardous Waste Day Registration; submit by September 18, 2020 (or register online):

Please fill out this form completely and mail to:
FCSWMD, 117 Main St, 2nd Floor, Greenfield MA 01301

Resident name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Town of residence: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Specify type and quantity of waste
Ex: 2 gallons gas, 5 lbs. pesticides
Please be specific!
