

Montague Planning Board

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Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm

Upstairs Conference Room, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

AGENDA

~Subject to Change~

Meeting Being Taped:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** May 28, 2013, June 25, 2013 and July 16, 2013. Votes may be taken.
2. **6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING for Special Permit #2013-02 filed by BJB Realty, LLC.**

BJB Realty, LLC has applied for a special permit under Montague Zoning Bylaws Section 5.2.6(c) to allow the construction of a building over 10,000 square feet in an Industrial Zoning District. The property is located at 36 Industrial Boulevard and is identified as a portion of Assessors Map 17 Lot 45. Specifically, the project involves a proposed 4,800 s.f. addition to an existing 9,600 s.f. industrial warehouse building. The property is located in the Industrial Park and is identified as Assessors Map 17 Lot 45. Votes may be taken.

3. **7:15 PM PUBLIC WORKSHOP- To discuss proposed zoning amendments to regulate the location of registered medical marijuana dispensaries (RMD's)**

By vote at the State election on 11/6/12, the voters of the Commonwealth (and 72% of Montague voters) approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession, and use of marijuana for medical purposes. The law, which became effective in 2013, requires at least one RMD to be located in each county, and such facilities may not be prohibited in any municipality. The regulation of medical marijuana raises novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues that are just being considered for their impacts in Montague. The Planning Board will consider a range of actions including:

- 1) Allowing RMDs by-right in commercial districts
- 2) Allowing RMDs by Special Permit only in commercial and industrial districts
- 3) Adopting a temporary one year moratorium to undertake a study and thorough planning process.

4. **Town Planner update:**

- a. Ongoing: Discuss recent developments on alternative subdivision design consistent with master planning efforts
- b. Turnpike Road Industrial Park update
- c. Items not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting.