

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A and VIA ZOOM

Monday, May 1, 2023

AGENDA

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Meeting ID: 894 2635 2204 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

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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 Approve Selectboard Minutes from April 24, 2023
3. 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
4. 6:34 Mark Wisnewski, Rocket Science dba The Rendezvous
 - Execute License to use Real Property for the use of town parking lot adjacent to the Rendezvous, 78 Third Street from 4/1/23 to 12/1/23
5. 6:40 Mike Naughton, Six Town Regionalization Planning Board
 - Committee Updates and impending vacancies
6. 6:50 Library Director, Caitlin Kelley
 - Use of Steps in front of the Montague Center library on 5/24/23, 6/7/23, and 6/14/23 for a free, three-part concert series
 - Request to close Center Street in Montague Center directly in front of the library for the duration of the concerts
7. 6:55 Kathy Lynch, Montague Village Store, 60 Main Street, Montague Center
 - Entertainment License 5/19/23, 6/15/23, 7/20/23, 8/18/23, 9/15/23
8. 7:00 Linda Tardiff, The Shea Theater
 - One Day Beer and Wine License for Suds and Song at 60 Main Street, Montague on: 5/19/23, 6/15/23, 7/20/23, 8/18/23, 9/15/23
9. 7:05 Maureen Pollock
 - Reserve Fund Transfer Request: \$1,500 to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to account #001-5-480-5211-000, Charging Station Electricity.

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10. 7:10 Suzanne LoManto, Assistant Planner
- Use of Peskeompskut Park: Free Summer Events co-sponsored by RiverCulture on August 12, 2023 (rain date August 13, 2023) schedule of events provided Pocumtuck Homeland Festival, August 5 and 6, 2023
 - Request to close First Street from top of hill (by Maple St.) and at the corner of L Street as well as Unity Park Hill, please see map attached in meeting material
 - Entertainment Permit
 - Execute Agreement with Northfield Mountain LLC/FirstLight MA Hydro for use of property along the river for Pocumtuck Homeland Festival
11. 7:15 Personnel Board
- Request for cell phone stipend for Ryan Paxton, \$5.77/week, effective May 8, 2023
 - Appoint Tess Poe to the RiverCulture Steering Committee through 6/30/24
 - Appoint Lisa Davol to the RiverCulture Steering Committee through 6/30/24
 - Consider Kathern "Beanie" Pierce Candidacy for Town Clerk Position
 - Hear recommendation of the Town Clerk Qualifications Review Panel
 - Appoint Kathern "Beanie" Pierce as Transitional Town Clerk at Grade G, Step 5, Effective May 2, 2023 through June 30th 2023
 - Acknowledge and Decommission Temporary Hiring Committees
 - Town Clerk Qualifications Review Panel
 - Health Director Hiring Committee
 - Town Planner and Conservation Agent Hiring Committee
 - Assistant Town Administrator Hiring Committee
12. 7:25 Consider use of ARPA to fund the following wastewater infrastructure category projects
- Clean Water Facility Septage Receiving Station Upgrade (\$264,000)
 - Clean Water Facility Operations Building Boiler Replacement (\$113,500)
 - Clean Water Facility Rough Terrain Vehicle (\$25,000)
 - Provide update on ARPA Social Service Agency Gap Funding Requests
13. 7:35 Assistant Town Administrator, Walter Ramsey
- Authorize Green Communities Grant Application: \$40,000 to fund the conversion of Montague Center Streetlights to LED and \$15,000 toward the purchase of plug-in hybrid SUV for town inspectional services.
 - Authorize expenditure of up to \$14,000 from unexpected engineering to fund 11th Street Bridge Engineering Study. Said funds to be backfilled by anticipated Annual Town Meeting appropriation.
14. 7:45 First Light Federal Energy Regulatory Commission License Renewal (Steve)
- Review of Proposed FirstLight Recreational Settlement Agreement, if available
 - Discuss Recreational Settlement Agreement Terms Relative to Fish & Flows Agreement
15. 7:55 Town Administrator Business
- Update Relative to New EPA NPDES Permit and potential cost implications
 - Update on Colle/Shea Roof Replacement Bid Award Process
 - Plan for FY24 Board and Committee Appointments
 - Communication Plan for Annual Town Meeting
 - Trash and Recycling Collection Bids due May 9, 2023
 - Topics not anticipated within the 48hr posting

OTHER:

Announcements:

- “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day, May 13, 2023, 9:00 AM to Noon, Shelburne Falls, Whately and Northfield

Next Meetings:

- Pre-Town Meeting, Saturday May 6, 2023 at 8:00AM in the cafeteria at Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Rd, Turners Falls
- Annual Town Meeting, Saturday May 6, 2023 at 9:00AM in the theater at Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Rd, Turners Falls
- Selectboard Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM