

## **MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**VIA ZOOM**

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

### **AGENDA**

**Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051588437>

**Meeting ID: 810 5158 8437 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656**

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

#### **Meeting Being Taped**

#### **Votes May Be Taken**

- 1. 6:00 PM** Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:01 Approve Selectboard Minutes from May 15, 2023
3. 6:02 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. 6:04 Reorganization of the Board
  - Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk
5. 6:15 Kaitlin John, Representative for the Affordable Connectivity Program
  - Requesting use of public property, Peskeompskut Park to set up a table to display and hand out tablets for low income residents
6. 6:20 Maureen Pollock, Town Planner
  - MassDOT Safe Passing User Program –Authorization to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to obtain signs and materials from MassDOT.
  - Proposed Market Feasibility Study – Authorization to apply for FY2024 Community Planning Grant Program
7. 6:30 Brian McHugh-Public Hearing
  - Update on the FY20 and FY21 CDBG Programs
8. 6:50 David Brule, Chair of Battlefield Grant Advisory Board
  - Battle of Great Falls Study Updates
  - Deliver Board's recommendation to award Principal Investigator services contract for Phase III of the Battle of Great Falls Wissantinnewag-Peskeompskut Site Identification and Evaluation Project to Heritage to Consultants, LLC. (\$60,000)
  - Authorize Memorandum of Agreement for project participation from Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Elnu Abenaki Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Tribal Historic Preservation Office

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9. 7:05 Walter Ramsey, Assistant Town Administrator  
One Stop Grant Authorizations:
- Site Readiness Program: Canal District Mill Demolition and Riverfront Design. Grant Request \$120,000
  - Rural and small-Town Development Fund: "Avenue A Combined Sewer Overflow and Buffer Line improvements". Grant Request \$500,000
10. 7:15 Walter Ramsey, Assistant Town Administrator and Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent
- Discussion: Retaining wall at Prospect and Third Streets
11. 7:25 Town Administrator Report
- Review Election Ballot Question Results. Discuss Transition from Elected to Appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer/Collector Positions
  - Share Town Comments to EPA/DEP Regarding Draft NPDES Permit for Clean Water Facility and Wastewater Collection System
  - Award Cemetery Ground Maintenance Bid and Execute Contract with Gleason Johndrow Landscaping of Chicopee in the amount of \$23,000.
  - Review and Discuss Trash and Recycling Bid Results
12. 7:40 Executive session in accordance with G. L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares
13. 7:55 Executive session in accordance with G. L. c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, Kearsarge

**OTHER:**

**Next Meeting:** Selectboard, Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and via ZOOM