

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
Monday, October 2, 2023

In-Person at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM
AGENDA

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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 September 25, 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 Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent
 - Winter Parking Ban Flashing Beacon Proposal
5. 6:40 Personnel Board
 - Appoint Robert Bessette to DPW Heavy Equipment Operator, UE Grade D, Step 8, \$26.74/hour, Effective 9/25/23
 - Request for cell phone stipend for Kyle Bessette, \$5.77/week, effective 10/2/23
 - Appoint Elena Pepe-Salutric, Substitute Library Assistant, \$15.00, effective 10/3/23
 - Appoint Jeffrey Bache, Alternate Gas/Plumbing Inspector, 1 year term, until 6/30/24
 - Appoint Todd Weed, Alternate Electrical Inspector, 1 year term, until 6/30/24
 - Affirm Personnel Board Role in Classification and Compensation Study
 - Consider Any Updates on Request Regarding STM Longevity Article
6. 6:55 Caitlin Kelley, Library Director
 - Request to close Center Street in front of Montague Center Library, for an outdoor concert on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 4:30 PM – 7:45 PM

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- 7: 7:00 Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture Director
- Requests approval to participate in “Making it Public” a training sponsored by the New England Foundation for the Arts.
 - Execute Letter of support to NEFA Selection Committee
8. 7:10 Mark Wisnewski, Rendezvous
- Entertainment License request for Falls Fest, Parking Lot at Third Street, October 21, 2023, 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM
9. 7:20 Brian McHugh, Director FCRHRA
- FY21 Montague CDBG Programs:**
- To authorize payment #12 to Berkshire Design Group in the amount of \$4,527.60 for Construction Administration for the FY21 Montague Avenue A Streetscapes Improvement Construction Project
 - To authorize signature on Budget Revision #2, to move \$1,857.17 in uncommitted (4C) Housing Rehabilitation Funds and \$2,116.00 in uncommitted (6C) Infrastructure Construction Funds into 6A Program Delivery of Infrastructure Project
- FY22.23 Montague CDBG Programs:**
- To authorize the Town to sign the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)-approved Professional Services Agreement with Franklin County Regional Housing and Rehabilitation Authority to administer the programs funded by the FY22.23 Community Development Block Grant.
 - To authorize the Town of sign the EOHLC-approved Professional Services Agreement with the 5 social service agencies being funded by the FY22.23 CDBG Program.
 - To award the fixed fee contract to Berkshire Design Group, Inc. for the Bidding and Construction Administration for the Hillcrest Neighborhood Park Construction Project.
10. 7:30 Assistant Town Administrator Business-
- Announce \$71,400 Green Community Grant Award for LED lighting upgrades of Montague Center streetlights and contribution toward the purchase of an electric vehicle for Inspectional Services. Request authorization to execute forthcoming grant agreement.
 - Recommendation to award the Town Hall Annex Roof Solar PV System Project to Alliance Clean Energy (ACE Solar) in accordance with the Request for Proposals issued 7/19/2023. 75 kW System is proposed at cost of \$192,930.52. System to be funded by existing ARPA appropriation.
 - Burn Dump Capping – Unilateral Administrative Order response and engineering expense

11. 7:40 Town Administrator Business
- Discuss Preparations for FY25 Budget Cycle
 - Authorize Signing of \$11,400 MA DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Municipal Recycling Dividend Program Grant
 - MA Fair Share Tax Spending Plan – Positive Implications for Road & Bridge Funding through expansion of Ch90-type aid
 - \$2M Federal Earmark Request for Collection System Improvements Does Not Survive Federal Appropriations

OTHER:
Upcoming Meetings:

- Special Town Meeting, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM, Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road,
- Selectboard Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM, via ZOOM