

## **MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING**

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

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

### **AGENDA**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85351377274>**

**Meeting ID: 853 5137 7274 Passcode: 858494 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656**

This meeting/hearing of the Selectboard will be held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

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

#### **Meeting Being Taped**

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

1. 6:00PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Selectboard Minutes: December 11 and 18, 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 Tom Bergeron, Superintendent, Montague Highway Department
  - Authorize and Execute FY25 FRCOG Collective Highway Bid Process
  - Montague Transfer Station, DEP 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspection Report and Corrective Action Form
5. 6:15 St. Kazimierz Society, 197 Avenue A, Turners Falls
  - Request Change of Manager on Club All Alcohol, Section 12 Liquor License; Brenda Ozdarski
6. 6:20 Entertainment License Requests
  - Annierose Klingbeil, Musica Franklin, at Unity Park, May 11, 2024, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
  - Lawrence George, Brick and Feather Brewery, 78 11<sup>th</sup> Street Turners Falls, Yearly license request
7. 6:30 Personnel Board
  - Rescind vote of 12.18.2023 to change wage rate for on call reserve officers pending Special Town Meeting consideration of this revision to Schedule II, Appointed Officials
  - Consider adoption of Approved Business Meals Reimbursement Schedule as proposed by the Town Administrator
  - Appoint David Dempsey to the Energy Committee, 6 month term, term expires 6/30/2024
  - Appoint Kristi Bodin, Cable Advisory Committee, 2 year, 6 month term, term expires 6/30/26
  - Update on Montague Exit From Police Civil Service (Steve)

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8. 6:45      Informational Meeting for FY24 CDBG Application
9. 7:05      Brian McHugh, Director, FCRHRA
- To Approve Final Quarterly Report for the FY21 Town of Montague Community Development Block Grant Program Activities
  - To authorize payment #2 to Berkshire Design Group in the amount of \$935.00 for the FY22-23 Montague Hillcrest Park Construction Project
10. 7:15      Executive Assistant Business
- Special and Annual Town Meeting
    - Article submission deadline for March 14, 2024 Special Town Meeting; suggested date Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM (changed from previous meeting which was February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM)
    - Article submission deadline for May 4, 2024 Annual and Special Town Meeting; suggested date, Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM
11. 7:25      Assistant Town Administrators Business
- Review of slate of FY25 Capital Requests
  - Consider expediting two requests to March 14 Special Town Meeting: DPW Skid Steer and DPW and Ferry Road Culvert Replacement
  - Completion of Burn Dump Cap Repair
  - Overview of Avenue A Streetscape Improvement Design (Affecting sidewalks in front of 1,2,38,52,60,64,76 Avenue A)
12. 7:40      Town Administrators Business
- FY25 Budget Updates
    - Review Budget Calendar and Set SB Schedule for Review and Recommendations
    - Set Agenda and Special Topics for January 16 Budget and Personnel Hearing
  - Town Request for \$75,000 for a Wastewater Asset Vulnerability Inventory included in MassDEP 2024 Draft Intended Use Plan for Clean Water State Revolving Fund programs
  - Approve Steven Ellis as NetDMR Signatory for EPA Reporting
  - Changes to State Regulations Governing Opioid Settlement Payments
  - Update on FERC Relicensing Process and Recent FirstLight Filings
  - Developing Conversation re: Ambulance Service in Montague
  - Updates Re "White Bridge" Repairs and Closure
  - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting
13. 8:15      Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Union, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Selectboard, Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00PM via ZOOM