

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, February 12, 2024

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85408314792>

Meeting ID: 854 0831 4792 Passcode: 763251 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. 6:00PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes from 2/5/2024
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 **Sewer Commission Meeting**
CWF Superintendent Chelsey Little
 - Execute contract with Quantified Ventures, LLC for completing sewer rate analysis, not to exceed \$10,000
 - Tax share discussion on special article request for Millers Falls/Erving overage of \$94,667.83
 - Summary of January Discharge Permit Report
 - Summary of January Blending Events
DPW Superintendent Tom Bergeron
 - Summary of January CSO Events
 - Update on DPW NetDMR registration
 - Action Plan for I/I Source Investigation in Millers Falls
5. 6:25 **Tom Bergeon, DPW Superintendent**
 - Capital request to replace 2002 Dump Truck with a new 10 Wheel Dump Truck
6. 6:30 **Liquor License Hearing – Thomas Memorial Golf**
 - TMGC LLC dba Thomas Memorial, Kyle Snow as Manager has applied for a transfer of the On Premises, Section 12 Annual All Alcohol Liquor License from Thomas Memorial Golf & Country Club, Inc.
7. 6:40 **Chris Williams, Police Chief**
 - Promote One of Two Patrol Officers to the Rank of Sergeant
8. 6:50 **Roger Dumaine, TroutStock Director**
 - Trout Stock Music Festival at the Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, July 25-28, 2024
9. 7:00 **Ryan Paxton, Director of Public Health**
 - Update regarding consideration of Mosquito Control District Membership

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10. 7:05 **Deborah Frenkel, The Brickhouse Community Resource Center, LLC**
- Use of Public Property: 5K Fun Run & Walk, Bike Path through the Patch
May 18, 2024, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
11. 7:10 **Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Youth Services Librarian**
- Request use of Peskeompskut Park for Puppet Show on 8/9/2024 from 8:30am
to 1:00pm.
12. 7:15 **Town Meeting Warrant** – To consider articles for inclusion on the March 14, 2024
Special Town Meeting Warrant, attached hereto, votes may be taken
13. 7:25 **Jeff Singleton, FRTA representative**
- FRTA Bus Service
14. 7:35 **Executive Assistants Business**
- 2024 Liquor License Seasonal Population Estimation
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting

Next Meeting:

- Selectboard, Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM, via ZOOM

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
March 14, 2024**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road, Montague on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Classification Plan to add the position of DPW Truck Driver Laborer in Training at Grade B, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 6 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Schedule II Appointed Officials, to add the position of Cemetery Sexton with a rate per burial of \$100, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Cemetery Commission Request)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 6 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Schedule II Appointed Officials, to increase the pay range for Part Time Police Officers from \$25-\$28 per hour to \$29 to \$35 per hour, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Police Department Request)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the former Section 48 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, voted under Article 16 of the Warrant for the 1932 Annual Town Meeting, and any amendments thereto insofar as such chapter and section relate to the Civil Service status of regular or permanent members of the Police Department of the Town of Montague, so that the permanent members of the Police Department shall no longer be subject to the provisions of Chapter 31 and the rules and regulations relating thereto, except that such revocation shall not affect any civil service rights, which have come into existence between the Town and employees of the Police Department as a result of the Town's original acceptance of the statute, or pass any vote or votes in relations thereto.

(Police Department Request)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,974, or any other amount, for the purpose of retroactive out-of-grade pay in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors office for the prior year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Treasurer/Tax Collector Request)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$300, or any other amount, for the purpose of prior year longevity payments for union employees in the Library department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Library Director Request)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,481, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2024 Building Inspector budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Building Inspector Request)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$23,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2024 Selectboard budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, to increase the Fiscal Year 2024 Airport Wages and Expenses budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$24,261, or any other amount, to the Airport Enterprise Fund to fund part of the FY2024 Airport Debt Budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$128,000, or any other amount, to fund the expected Fiscal Year 2024 revenue shortfall to the Airport Enterprise Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$152,315, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing all failed pavement, utility connections, parking lots, and loading docks, on the Pioneer Aviation property, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$125,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a Wastewater Asset Vulnerability Inventory, including all related or incidental costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Sewer Commission Request)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to negotiate and enter into a 10-year intermunicipal agreement for joint use of the Town of Erving's Wastewater Treatment System, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Sewer Commission Request)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$90,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a skid steer, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$222,880, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing a culvert on South Ferry Road, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to revoke Article #16 of the October 13, 2022 Special Town Meeting, which established an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicated all opioid settlement revenues to this fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

