

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM
Monday, March 4, 2024
AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82898949565>

Meeting ID: : 828 9894 9565 Passcode: : 076982 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 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. 6:30PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken

2. 6:32 Approve Selectboard Minutes of February 26, 2024

3. 6:34 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. 6:36 **Personnel Board**
 - Appoint Christopher Smerz from Patrol Officer to Detective, Grade D, Step 7 (previously Grade P, Step 8) effective March 3, 2024
 - Appoint Geneva Bickford, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health, NAGE Union, Grade B, Step 4, 35 hours, \$20.76/hour. Effective March 18, 2024

5. 6:45 **Ryan Paxton, Board of Health Director**
 - Update regarding consideration of Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Membership

6. 6:50 **Brian McHugh, FCRHRA**
 - To award FY22.23 MONTAGUE CDBG Avenue A Streetscape Phase IV Design Project to Berkshire Design Group, and to execute a contract with them in the amount of \$70,800.
 - To authorize Payment #4 to Berkshire Design Group for Hillcrest Playground in the amount of \$2,312.00

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7. 7:00 **Assistant Town Administrators Business**
- Award Montague Center Library/ Old Town Hall Window Replacement contract to Diversified Construction Services, LLC for \$132,829. To be paid out of existing ARPA appropriation.
 - Authorize Site Readiness Grant Agreement with MassDevelopment in the amount of \$132,700 to advance design of the Strathmore Mill demolition and Canal District Riverfront Redevelopment Plan.
8. 7:10 **Town Administrators Business**
- Update on Utility Progress Removing Double Poles
 - Discuss Selectboard Town Annual Report Content
 - STRPB Update: Regional Agreement Sub-Committee Member Needed
 - Services for Former Health and Planning Department Assistant, Anne Stuart
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting

Next Meeting:

- Finance Committee/Selectboard/Capital Improvements Joint Meeting, and subsequent Executive Session March 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM
- Airport Informational Session, March 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM
- Selectboard, Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM, via ZOOM
- Special Town Meeting, Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Road, Montague
- Selectboard, Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM, via ZOOM
- Finance Committee/Selectboard Joint Meeting, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM