

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, April 8, 2024

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81641624059>

Meeting ID: 816 4162 4059 Passcode: 200182 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 Minutes: Selectboard Meeting April 1, 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 **Chelsey Little, CWF Superintendent**
- Sewer Bill Abatements for 2nd Half of FY2024
 - MA Department of Labor Standards (DLS) Safety Inspection Report
 - CWF Ongoing Projects Update
 - CWF Facility Planning Update
 - Permitted Discharge Summary for March 2024
 - Blended Discharge Summary for March 2024
5. 6:35 **Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent**
- CSO Discharge Summary for March 2024
 - ADS Report for February 2024
 - Update on DPW's Monthly Maintenance Activities for the CSOs and Collection System
6. 6:45 **Kyle Cogswell, Newt Guilbault Community Baseball**
- Use of Public Property: New Guilbault Baseball League Opening Day Parade April 21, 2024(Rain Date 4/28/24), 11:00am-12:00pm, beginning at TFHS, taking a right on Montague Street, and ending at our Complex. Approximately 100-110 people in attendance
7. 6:50 **Brian McHugh, Community Development Block Grant Business**
- Revise FY22.23 CDBG Budget to add \$44,386 in Program Income Funds to the (6C Activity) Hillcrest Neighborhood Park Construction Project
8. 6:55 **Maureen Pollock, Town Planner**
- Use of Public Land / Closure of the Third Street Alley between Avenue A and the Municipal Parking Lot for up to two hours, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, on Sunday April 22, 2024 (4/28 rain date) to film a music video
 - Installation of bicycle racks and bicycle repair station in downtown
 - Shea Theater mural project updates

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9. 7:05 **Personnel Board**
- Appoint Joshua Anderson to Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Services District as Veteran's Advisory Board Representative, effective April 8, 2024. Term expiring June 30, 2025
 - Assistant Town Administration Hiring update
 - Planning Discussion for DPW Superintendent hiring process
10. 7:15 **Annual Town Meeting**
- Town Meeting Warrant-To Approve and Execute May 4, 2024 warrant, as attached hereto
 - Town Meeting Motions-To consider any further recommendations related to the motions of the Annual Town Meeting
 - Pre-Town Meeting Coffee Hour
11. 7:25 **Assistant Town Administrators Business**
- Recommendation to Adjust Operating Budget Capital Outlay Threshold to \$25,000
 - Announce [FY25-30 Capital Plan](#)
 - FY25 Grantmaking Strategy
 - First Street Housing Project Environmental Assessment Updates
 - FERC updates
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting

Next Meeting:

- Selectboard, Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30PM via ZOOM

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 4, 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, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 9:00 A.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 receive the reports of the Officers of the Town and any committees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, or other Town departments with the approval of the Selectboard, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	500	500	500

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
SELECTBOARD			
Chairman	2,355	2,640	2,640
Second/Third Members	2,140	2,400	2,400
BOARD OF ASSESSOR			
Chairman	1,765	1,980	1,980
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,800	1,800
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER	78,423*	82,394**	82,394
*Step 9			
**Step 10			
TREE WARDEN	1,575	1,764	1,764
BOARD OF HEALTH			
Chairman	1,765	1,980	1,980
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,800	1,800

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
ANNUAL STIPENDS			
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	625	625	625
BOARD OF REGISTRARS Town Clerk	900	900	900
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,765	6,444	6,444
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,575	1,764	1,764
BARN INSPECTOR	1,050	1,400	1,400

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
<u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u>			
IT COORDINATOR	2,100	2,352	2,352
POLICE IT ADMINISTRATOR	3,000	6,000	6,000
FOREST WARDEN	1,710	1,882	1,882
HEARING OFFICER	2,500	2,500	2,500
FARMERS MARKET MANAGER	4,000	4,000	4,000
<u>RATES PER INSPECTION</u>			
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
GAS INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
SEXTON/PER BURIAL		100.00	100.00
<u>HOURLY RATES</u>			
EXTRA CLERICAL	15.00-16.75	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
ELECTION WORKERS	15.00-17.75	15.00-19.75	15.00-19.75
SUMMER HIGHWAY	15.00-16.75	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	15.00-25.00	15.00-27.00	15.00-27.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	25.00-28.00	29.00-35.00	29.00-35.00
PART TIME DISPATCHERS	22.00-25.00	22.00-27.00	22.00-27.00
PARKS & RECREATION	15.00-21.50	15.00-24.25	15.00-24.25
AIRPORT INTERN	15.00-16.00	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
<u>SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS</u>			
<u>PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS</u>			
SECOND SHIFT		1.00	1.00
THIRD SHIFT		1.25	1.25
<u>PART TIME DISPATCHERS</u>			
SECOND SHIFT		0.75	0.75
THIRD SHIFT		1.00	1.00
<u>PART TIME CLERICAL/LIBRARIES</u>		0.75	0.75

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE (placed on NAGE Scale)

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2024</u>		<u>Range FY2025</u>	
		Start	End	Start	End
<u>SALARIED</u>					
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	100,946	124,233	103,470	127,339
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMIN	I	91,770	112,940	94,064	115,764
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
TOWN CLERK	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	91,770	112,940	94,064	115,764
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	83,428	102,672	85,514	105,239
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
CWF SUPERINTENDENT	H	83,428	102,672	85,514	105,239
<u>HOURLY</u>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	E	24.40	30.02	25.01	30.77
POLICE LIEUTENANT	G+8.5%	40.11	44.50	40.95	45.44
POLICE CUSTODIAN	A	16.35	20.12	16.76	20.62

(Selectboard 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 \$12,409,728, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sum to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, and for any other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD
				FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
113	TOWN MEETING	2,980	3,180	3,180
122	SELECTBOARD	330,581	326,230	326,230
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,000	600	600
132	RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	50,000
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	90,500	93,000	93,000
141	ASSESSORS	189,801	186,059	186,059
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	231,048	206,965	206,965
151	TOWN COUNSEL	80,000	87,475	87,475

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD
			FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	80,500	92,252
159	SHARED COSTS	85,907	93,499
161	TOWN CLERK	243,041	237,224
175	PLANNING	134,429	140,788
176	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	700	700
190	PUBLIC BLDG UTILITIES	155,932	140,050
197	FARMERS MARKET	5,000	5,200
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVT	1,682,419	1,663,222
PUBLIC SAFETY			
211	POLICE	1,970,054	2,067,608
211	POLICE CRUISER	68,100	60,000
212	DISPATCH	395,588	410,768
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR	148,621	155,082
244	SEALER OF WEIGHTS	7,182	7,182
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	6,265	6,944
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	23,112	23,658
294	FOREST WARDEN	1,710	1,882
299	TREE WARDEN	30,285	30,474
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,650,917	2,763,598
PUBLIC WORKS			
420	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,747,506	1,772,006
423	SNOW & ICE	311,250	321,250
433	SOLID WASTE	679,221	802,776
480	CHARGING STATIONS	7,380	11,980
491	CEMETERIES	30,150	32,150
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,815,507	2,940,162
HUMAN SERVICES			
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	175,444	168,004
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	58,593	59,272
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	76,500	77,897
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	310,537	305,173

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	LIBRARIES	503,336	518,233
630	PARKS & RECREATION	160,703	164,826
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,600	1,600
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECREATION	666,139	685,159
DEBT SERVICE			
700	DEBT SERVICE	1,154,319	1,158,857
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	113,924	116,874
MISCELLANEOUS			
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,490,334	2,657,083
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	120,600	119,600
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	2,610,934	2,776,683
	TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	12,004,696	12,409,728

(Selectboard 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 \$3,119,324, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Clean Water Facility and associated pumping stations, said sum to be allocated in accordance with Schedule IV, CWF Budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Schedule IV
Clean Water Facility Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
CLEAN WATER FACILITY			
440	Wages & Expenses	2,015,729	2,116,590
440	Capital Outlay	58,500	58,500

**Schedule IV
CWF Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND	
			FY25	
CLEAN WATER FACILITY				
700	Debt Service	483,614	478,365	478,365
910	Employee Benefits	363,631	380,719	380,719
	SUBTOTAL CWF	2,921,474	3,034,174	3,034,174
449	DPW SUBSIDIARY			
	Wages & Expenses	84,650	85,150	85,150
	SUBTOTAL DPW SUBSIDIARY	84,650	85,150	85,150
	TOTAL CWF	3,006,124	3,119,324	3,119,324

(Sewer Commission 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 \$419,677, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, said sum to be allocated in accordance with Schedule V, Airport Budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Schedule V
Airport Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND	
			FY25	
AIRPORT				
482	Wages & Expenses	274,915	255,238	255,238
482	Capital Outlay/Local Share	10,000	-	-
700	Debt Service	101,535	102,775	102,775
910	Employee Benefits	40,515	61,664	61,664
	TOTAL AIRPORT	426,965	419,677	419,677

(Airport Commission 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 \$52,250, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operations and maintenance of the Colle Building, 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 \$837,356, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague’s share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Franklin County Technical School 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 \$12,143,442, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague’s share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District 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 \$24,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of reconfiguring the Sheffield School main office, including all incidental and related costs , or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District 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 \$175,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing and upgrading the Hillcrest pavement and sidewalks, including any and all incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said sum under General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any such documents and/or agreements necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District 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 \$36,000, or any other amount, for the purpose

of providing tuition and transportation for a Montague resident attending Smith Vocational School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 57C, for the purpose of establishing a quarterly tax payment system to be effective beginning July 1, 2025 (Fiscal year 2026), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Tax Collector 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 \$260,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying for legal fees and valuation expert testimony before the Appellate Tax Board, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Assessors 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 \$283,800, or any other amount, for the purpose of upgrading the Montague Center Pump Station, including any and all incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said sum under General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any such documents and/or agreements necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Clean Water Facility Request)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the planning and design phase of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Library Request)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$64,218, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing, equipping, and making major repairs to DPW vehicles and equipment, including all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$40,402, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a 20-ton trailer for the DPW, including all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$365,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a ten-wheel dump truck, including plow, sander, and all incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said sum under General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any such documents and/or agreements necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$78,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of lining sewer manholes and relining sewer pipes, including all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$30,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of paving the First Street alley, including all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$296,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of rehabilitating the public parking lot at One Avenue A, including any and all incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said sum under General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Selectboard to execute any such documents and/or agreements necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the following sums, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the special purpose funds set forth below, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

Fund	Amount (\$)
Henry Waidlich Conservation Trust Fund	10,000
Town Capital Stabilization Fund	119,653
GMRSD Stabilization Fund	34,323
OPEB Trust Fund	50,000
Total:	213,976

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement for a printer/copier in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §21C, said sum to be included in the Shared Services departmental budget, and to take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, Website, and Town Hall of the Town, at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this document with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk fourteen days before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Matthew Lord

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectboard, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA April ____, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague

Sewer Abatements FY2024 Second Half Billing Period

#	Location	Reason for Request	Superintendent Recommendation	Updated Info (for Treasurer)	Notes (\$18.39/100gallon)
1	59 Main St Montague	Replaced boiler in April of 2023 that had been leaking. New boiler installed see Hubbard's bill for new replacement.	Abate	606.87	Used 3 year winter ave. for 24000 gal 24x18.39=441.36-1048.23=606.87 abatement
2	29 G. St TF	resident replaced apartment toilet, supply line & shut off due to leak	Abate	1544.76	Used 3 year ave. 39000 gal 39x18.39=717.21-2261.97=1544.76 abatement
3	27 Center St Montague	Resident states usage was high due to leak in the main line that was fixed	Abate	367.8	Clerical error, 1 half abatement went through w/amendment to 2nd half to be 30000 gal 30x18.39= 551.70-919.50=367.80
4	100 K St. TF	Outside faucet was left on for several months before noticing.	Abate	441.36	Used 3 year winter ave of 13000 gallons 13x18.39= 239.09-680.43=441.36
5	196 Turnpike Rd Montague	Unusual high winter usage. Resident does not know why	Abate	717.21	Used 3 year winter average for 33000 gal 33x18.39=606.87-1324.08=717.21
6	6 Eighth St TF	Resident fees they should not have to pay previous owners bill when she bought the home	Abate	1195.35	Summer usage lower than winter reading & new home purchase. Used 3 ear winter ave of 22000 gal. 22x18.39=404.58-1599.93=1195.35
7	76 Oakman St. TF	After years of leaks, plumbing and water heater fixed, and bill went up not down.	Abate	275.85	Used 3 Year winter ave. of 23000 gal 23x18.39=422.97-698.82=275.85
8	26-28 Third St TF	Extreme inflation of usage from past three years	Abate	882.72	Inflated winter reading used 3 y winter ave. of 24000 24x18.39=441.36-1324.08=882.72
9	57 Davis St TF	Resident has had several floods in the basement, also had 2 leaks from the bathroom and kitchen sink that has been taken care of	Abate	386.19	Used 3 year ave. of 21000 gal 21x18.39=386.19-772.38=386.19
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11					
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Property sales - not abated, it is the responsibility of the seller/buyer to obtain utility information and determine an equitable solution with respect to payment obligations to the town prior to closing.

Toilet leaks - not abated, water that goes through plumbing devices and reaches the sewer is billed because it is conveyed by the sanitary sewer and treated at the CWF
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STANDARDS

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LAUREN E. JONES
SECRETARY

MICHAEL FLANAGAN
DIRECTOR

March 25, 2024

Chelsey Little, Plant Superintendent
Montague Clean Water Facility
34 Greenfield Road
Montague, MA 01351

DLS File Number: **24S-15451**
Request Number: **286143**
Visit Number: **349025**

Dear Ms. Little:

In response to your request, Justin Rizzo and Dawn Toon, Safety and Occupational Health Specialists, conducted an initial limited-service health and safety visit at your facility on February 27, 2024.

The enclosed report details recommendations for controlling hazards identified during the visit and includes management practices to ensure ongoing, systematic hazard prevention.

Please use the "**Appendix A- Report of Employer Action Taken**" of this report to advise us of your action. In addition, you may provide any supporting documentation of your hazard correction, such as photographs or copies of purchase orders, for physical and health hazards identified. This material can help the consultant evaluate your corrective actions to confirm compliance with the applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

Accompanying this report is **Appendix C - List of Hazards**, which itemizes the hazards found during the visit. This list must be posted, unedited, at a prominent location where it is readily observable by all employees for three working days, or until the hazards have been corrected, whichever is later. We encourage you to inform your employees of the actions you take. This knowledge will help them do their part in maintaining a safe and healthful workplace, and it will let them know about your concern for their protection.

If you would like any additional information or if we can help you further, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Adam Hartnett, CSP
Staff Supervisor- Consultation
Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards - Workplace Safety and Health Program

Consultation Report

For

**Montague Clean Water Facility
34 Greenfield Road
Montague, MA 01351**

**Consultation Date
February 27, 2024**

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1. Executive Summary

This report provides the results of the initial limited-service health and safety visit requested by Ms. Chelsey Little, Plant Superintendent, for the establishment on January 31, 2024. The worksite occupies a located at 34 Greenfield Road. This facility is in operation 1 shift(s) per day. The worksite has 10 employees establishment-wide.

This visit was made to your facility on February 27, 2024. Justin Rizzo and Dawn Toon held an opening conference with Ms. Little to discuss the purpose and scope of the visit. The correction of all identified serious hazards is required to ensure a safe worksite.

A thorough review of OSHA 300 data and supporting documentation was not conducted with Montague Clean Water Facility since the facility has 10 or fewer employees. Establishments with 10 or fewer employees are exempt from OSHA Recordkeeping.

Following the opening conference, the Montague Clean Water Facility's written safety and/or health programs were reviewed. After the review, a walk-through was conducted with Ms. Little to identify safety and health hazards in the workplace along with recommended actions. The hazards found during the visit to your workplace are listed on **Section 2 - Report of Hazards Found**. Each hazard has been categorized by hazard type and described, and recommendations are given for its correction.

A closing conference was conducted on February 27, 2024, with Ms. Little who was informed that a written report would be sent. The employer's contact was informed that the report includes **Appendix A – Employer Report of Action Taken** and you are required to complete and return it.

2. Report of Hazards Found


Hazards noted from the consultation could be in any of the following hazard types:




Imminent Dangers are hazards that can reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm immediately or before this written report is received. Any such hazards would have been corrected immediately, and no correction dates or space for correction method would appear in this section.



Serious Hazards can cause an accident or health hazard exposure resulting in death or serious physical harm. Each such hazard has been assigned a mutually agreed upon date by which correction is to be completed.

Other-Than-Serious Hazards lack the potential for causing serious physical harm but could have a direct impact on employee safety and health. We encourage you to correct these hazards and notify us of the action taken.



Regulatory Hazards reflect violations of OSHA posting requirements, recordkeeping requirements, and reporting requirements as found in 29 CFR 1903 and 1904. No correction dates have been set, but we request notification of their correction.

Item Number	1	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.1450(e)(1)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	A Chemical Hygiene Plan was not developed or carried out where hazardous chemicals were used in a laboratory.				
Condition	The employer did not develop and maintain a Chemical Hygiene Plan for lab employees exposed to hazardous chemicals, including Glacial Acetic Acid, during laboratory analysis of samples.				
					
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Figure 1: Acid stored in chemical fume hood. </div>				
Potential Effect	Overexposure to hazardous chemicals due to a lack of hazard recognition or protective measures against hazards; occupational diseases are unchecked by required medical examinations.				
Recommended Action	Develop and implement a formal, written plan in accordance with 1910.1450(e).				

Item Number	2	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.1200(e)(1)		Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	
Description	Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain at each workplace, a written hazard communication program which at least describes how the criteria specified in paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of this section for labels and other forms of warning, safety data sheets, and employee information and training will be met.				
Condition	<p>Though some elements of a program existed, the employer has not written and implemented a comprehensive hazard communication program, which is to include container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets and employee training.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Figure 2</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Figure 3</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Figure 4</p> </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Figure 2: Sodium Hypochlorite used in water treatment process. Figure 3: Paints and solvents used by maintenance employees. Figure 4: Right to Know Station in front office.</p> </div>				
Potential Effect	Exposure or overexposure to hazardous substances and inadequate medical care, from lack of documentation, results in a lack of communication of hazard information to employees and their representatives.				
Recommended Action	<p>Recommended Action: The employer must develop and implement a detailed written hazard communication program to include, but not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Labels and other forms of warning. (b) Safety Data Sheets (SDS) (c) Training (d) A list of the hazardous chemicals in the plant. Note: Such a list may be broken down into specific areas and/or departments. (e) Methods the employer will use to inform employees of the hazards of nonroutine tasks. (f) Methods the employer will use to inform contractors of the hazards to which their employees may be exposed. (g) Availability of the written program to employees and their designated representatives. 				

Item Number	3	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.134(c)(2)(ii)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	The employer shall identify and evaluate the respiratory hazard(s) in the workplace; this evaluation shall include a reasonable estimate of employee exposure to respiratory hazard(s) and an identification of the contaminant's chemical state and physical form. Where the employer cannot identify or reasonably estimate the employee exposure, the employer shall consider the atmosphere to be IDLH.				
Condition	The employer failed to implement aspects of the written respiratory protection program for employees who wore half-mask, tight-fitting elastomeric respirators (3M brand) with P100 filters for voluntary use. The employer did not ensure employees were medically able to use a respirator and that the respirator was cleaned, stored, and maintained so that its use did not present a health hazard to the user. Employees working on equipment in the facility were exposed to chemicals such as, but not limited to, organic solvents and particulates.				
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Figures 5 and 6: 3M respirator and P100 (2091) filters provided to employees.</p> </div>
	Figure 5		Figure 6		
Potential Effect	Employees may be exposed to airborne contaminants through lack of training in using, maintaining, and storing respirators. Employees with existing cardiac or pulmonary conditions may suffer adverse health consequences as a result of using these respirators.				
Recommended Action	<p>If the employer determines that voluntary respirator use is acceptable, the employer must provide users with the information contained in Appendix D of OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134).</p> <p>The employer must provide the respirator users with the information contained in Appendix D of the standard ("Information for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required Under the Standard"). For use of respirators other than filtering facepieces, employers must pay for required medical evaluations for voluntary users and provide voluntary users with appropriate facilities and time to clean, disinfect, maintain, and store respirators.</p>				




Item Number	4	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.146(c)(4)		Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	
Description	When the employer decides that its employees will enter permit spaces, the employer shall develop and implement a written permit space program that complies with this section. The written program shall be available for inspection by employees and their authorized representatives.				
Condition	<p>When the employer decided that its employees would enter permit spaces, the employer did not develop and implement a written permit space entry program that complied with 29 CFR 1910.146:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="427 768 789 1253"> </div> <div data-bbox="911 728 1179 1253"> </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Figures 7 and 8: Offsite confined space; G Street Pump Station, 15 feet deep.</p> </div>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury				
Recommended Action	<p>Develop and implement a written program that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Establishes and implements the means, procedures, and practices to eliminate or control hazards necessary for safe permit space entry operations. b) Identifies employee job duties. c) Implements appropriate procedures for summoning rescue and emergency services and preventing unauthorized personnel from attempting rescue d) Implements a system for preparing, issuing, using, and canceling entry permits. 				

Item Number	5	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.146(g)(1)		Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	
Description	The employer shall provide training so that all employees whose work is regulated by this section acquire the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for the safe performance of the duties assigned under this section.				
Condition	The employer did not provide training so that all employees whose work involved a permit-required confined space acquired the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for the safe performance of their duties.				
			<p>Figures 9 and 10: Ventis 4 gas meters, used to alert workers to toxic gases, oxygen-deficient and combustible atmospheres that may exist in confined spaces, and other enclosed spaces.</p>		
Potential Effect	Deaths or injuries due to lack of training. Employees endanger others as well as themselves when they cannot recognize a permit space, when they miscalculate a hazard level, when they misperceive danger symptoms, or when they are unaware of hazards that have no obvious symptoms.				
Recommended Action	Design and implement a training program so that employees obtain and understand and attain proficiency in the skills necessary for the safe performance of their assigned duties.				



Item Number	6	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.146(k)(2)(iv)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	Ensure that affected employees practice making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months, by means of simulated rescue operations in which they remove dummies, manikins, or actual persons from the actual permit spaces or from representative permit spaces. Representative permit spaces shall, with respect to opening size, configuration, and accessibility, simulate the types of permit spaces from which rescue is to be performed.				
Condition	All employees did not practice making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months.				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury due to failure to understand confined space policy and entry procedures.				
Recommended Action	Ensure that affected employees practice making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months, by means of simulated rescue operations in which they remove dummies, manikins, or actual persons from the actual permit spaces or from representative permit spaces. Representative permit spaces shall, with respect to opening size, configuration, and accessibility, simulate the types of permit spaces from which rescue is to be performed.				



Item Number	7	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.146(k)(1)(ii)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	Evaluate a prospective rescue service's ability, in terms of proficiency with rescue-related tasks and equipment, to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the particular permit space or types of permit spaces identified;				
Condition	The employer did not evaluate a prospective rescue service's ability (Fire Department) in terms of proficiency with rescue-related tasks and equipment, to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the particular permit space or types of permit spaces identified. Employees were required to enter permit-required confined spaces, and the employer failed to ensure that the prospective rescue service had been evaluated to determine their ability to provide rescue from permit spaces.				
Potential Effect	Death to rescue personnel as well as permit space entrants, due in large part to lack of proper equipment or training.				
Recommended Action	Contact the local fire department or designated rescue team and schedule an onsite training with employees so that any would-be rescuers have knowledge of the confined spaces and potential hazards.				


Item Number	8	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.132(d)(1)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	The employer shall assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present, or are likely to be present, which necessitates the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). If such hazards are present, or likely to be present, the employer shall: (i) Select, and have each affected employee use, the types of PPE that will protect the affected employee from the hazards identified in the hazard assessment. (ii) Communicate selection decisions to each affected employee; and, (iii) Select PPE that properly fits each affected employee.				
Condition	A Hazard Assessment was not conducted at the workplace to determine potential hazards and appropriate PPE.				
Potential Effect	Fatalities, injuries, or illnesses as a result of no protection or insufficient protection for the hazards.				
Recommended Action	Perform a workplace hazard assessment to determine the type of PPE required for specific work areas or operations. A hazard assessment assures that the correct PPE has been chosen according to the hazards of a task. Provide the PPE, communicate PPE requirements to employees, and provide the training for proper selection, use and care of PPE.				


Item Number	9	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.140(c)(18)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	29 CFR 1910.140(c)(18): Personal fall protection systems were not inspected before initial use during each work shift for mildew, wear, damage, and other deterioration, and defective components were not removed from service.				
Condition	A program was not implemented to ensure that fall protection systems were inspected before initial use during each work shift for mildew, wear, damage, and other deterioration, and defective components were not removed from service.				
					
	Figure 10	Figure 11	Figure 12	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Figure 10: Sala lift II Winch Figure 11: Self Retracting Lifeline Figure 12: Harness</p> </div>	
Potential Effect	Death or serious injuries resulting from failure of equipment				
Recommended Action	Implement a program to inspect fall protection equipment on a routine basis based on manufacturer requirements.				



Item Number	10	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.147(a)(3)(i)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	This section requires employers to establish a program and utilize procedures for affixing appropriate lockout devices or tagout devices to energy isolating devices, and to otherwise disable machines or equipment to prevent unexpected energization, start up or release of stored energy in order to prevent injury to employees.				
Condition	Employer did not have a lock out tag out program in place.				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from exposure to hazardous energy				
Recommended Action	Establish a program and utilize procedures for affixing appropriate lockout devices or tagout devices to energy isolating devices, and to otherwise disable machines or equipment to prevent unexpected energization, start up or release of stored energy in order to prevent injury to employees.				

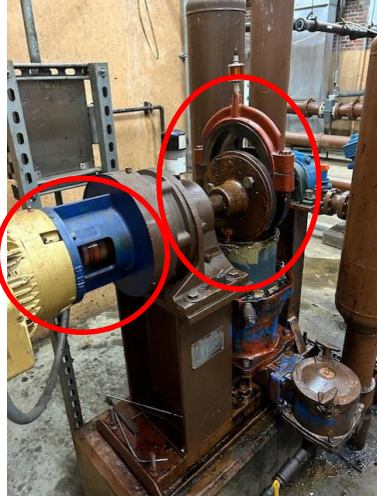
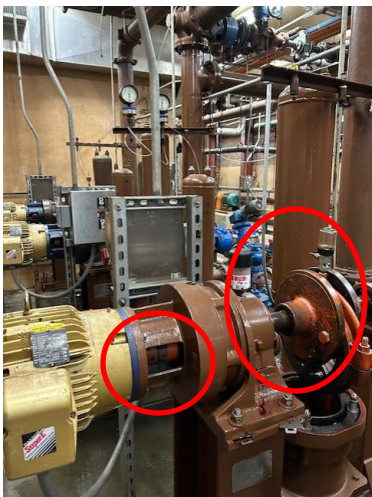
Item Number	11	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
Standard	1910.29(b)(6)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	(6) Guardrail systems are smooth surfaced to protect employees from injury, such as punctures or lacerations, and to prevent catching or snagging of clothing;				
Condition	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 13 Figure 14</p>				
Potential Effect	Aeration tank chain safety latches were rusted and non-functioning				
Recommended Action	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
	Replace or restore chain safety latches to working order				


Item Number	12	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	4
Standard	1910.29(b)(2)(i)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	(i) Midrails are installed at a height midway between the top edge of the guardrail system and the walking-working surface;				
Condition	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 15 Figure 16</p>				
	Midrails were not installed at the openings of the aeration tank.				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
Recommended Action	Install a midrail at a height midway between the top edge of the guardrail system and the walking-working surface				


Item Number	13	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.28(b)(3)(i)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	(3) Holes. The employer must ensure: (i) Each employee is protected from falling through any hole (including skylights) that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level by one or more of the following:				
Condition	 <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 17</p> <p>The employer did not ensure each employee is protected from falling through any hole (including skylights) that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level on the Clarifier Catwalk.</p>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
Recommended Action	Cover all exposed holes with grates				





Item Number	14	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	2
Standard	1910.23(b)(10)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	(10) Any ladder with structural or other defects is immediately tagged "Dangerous: Do Not Use" or with similar language in accordance with §1910.145 and removed from service until repaired in accordance with §1910.22(d), or replaced;				
Condition	<p>Ladders with structural defects were not taken out of service.</p> <p>1) A ladder on the side of a clarifier was rusted and in disrepair.</p> <p>2) At the G Street pump station, A fixed ladder had rungs missing.</p>				
					
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
Recommended Action	Inspect ladders before use and storing to make sure there is no damage. Tag damaged ladders, repair, or remove from the site.				


Item Number	15	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	2
Standard	1910.28(b)(1)(i)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	(1) Unprotected sides and edges. (i) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, the employer must ensure that each employee on a walking-working surface with an unprotected side or edge that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level is protected from falling by one or more of the following:				
Condition	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Figure 20</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Figure 21</p> </div> </div> <p>Employees were exposed to unprotected edges of more than 4 feet at the dump truck bay and the dumpster bay.</p>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
Recommended Action	Install a guardrail system, safety net system or personal fall protection system such as personal fall arrest, travel restraint, or positioning system.				

Item Number	16	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
Standard	1910.219(c)(3)		Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	
Description	Guarding vertical and inclined shafting. Vertical and inclined shafting seven (7) feet or less from floor or working platform, excepting maintenance runways, shall be enclosed with a stationary casing in accordance with requirements of paragraphs (m) and (o) of this section.				
Condition	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 22 Figure 23</p> <p>The employer did not ensure piston pumps below the workshop had rotating parts guarded.</p>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from contact with moving parts				
Recommended Action	Place guards around all rotating parts on piston pumps.				

Item Number	17	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.305(b)(2)(i)		Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	
Description	<p>All pull boxes, junction boxes, and fittings shall be provided with covers identified for the purpose. If metal covers are used, they shall be grounded. In completed installations, each outlet box shall have a cover, faceplate, or fixture canopy. Covers of outlet boxes having holes through which flexible cord pendants pass shall be provided with bushings designed for the purpose or shall have smooth, well-rounded surfaces on which the cords may bear.</p>				
Condition	 <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 24 An Electrical box was left open in the workshop</p>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury by electrical hazards.				
Recommended Action	Close and secure electrical box in the workshop				

Item Number	18	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.305(g)(1)(iv) (A)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	Unless specifically permitted otherwise in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section, flexible cords and cables may not be used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure.				
Condition					
	Figure 25				
	An extension cord was used as permanent wiring for a sampler for more than 90 days.				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury by electrocution				
Recommended Action	Ensure all equipment is plugged directly into outlets.				

Item Number	19	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
Standard	1910.28(b)(3)(iv)		Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	
Description	Each employee is protected from falling into a ladderway floor hole or ladderway platform hole by a guardrail system and toeboards erected on all exposed sides, except at the entrance to the hole, where a self-closing gate or an offset must be used.				
Condition	<p>Employees were exposed to falls at ladderways. Fixed ladders leading to the grit removal catwalks were not protected by a self-closing gate or an offset.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 26 Figure 27 Figure 28 Exposed Ladderways leading to the grit removal catwalk.</p>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
Recommended Action	<p>Install a self-closing gate or an offset and each fixed ladder servicing the grit removal catwalk. The self-closing gate should serve as both a top rail and midrail as seen in the example below.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Figure 29 – Example of self-closing gate.</p> </div>				

Item Number	20	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Standard	1910.22(a)(3)	Correction Due Date	5/3/2024		
Description	(3) Walking-working surfaces are maintained free of hazards such as sharp or protruding objects, loose boards, corrosion, leaks, spills, snow, and ice.				
Condition	 <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 30. Employees were exposed to walking working surfaces that were not free of hazards. There were damaged concrete stairs at the G Street pump station.</p>				
Potential Effect	Death or serious injury from fall to lower level				
Recommended Action	Patch and repair missing or crumbling portions of the concrete steps				

3. Other Findings and Recommendations

DLS recommends the damaged rope with the ring buoy be replaced with U.S. coast guard approved ring buoy materials.



Figure 31



Figure 32

4. Employer's Obligations and Rights

To use our services, employers must agree to abide by certain obligations. Employee participation is required on all on-site visits involving hazard identification. Requirements vary depending on whether the site has a recognized employee representative. Consultants do not issue citations or propose penalties. The employer must correct imminent danger situations immediately or remove employees from the danger area. Failure to remove employees from an imminent danger area will result in immediate referral to enforcement. The employer must correct all serious hazards in accordance with mutually agreed upon correction due dates and provide Justin Rizzo documentation of the action taken to eliminate or control the hazards. Failure to do so will result in referral to enforcement. Employers should correct other-than-serious hazards in a timely manner but need not send verification of correction to Justin Rizzo, except for those employers wishing to participate in an exemption program like SHARP or Pre-SHARP.

The employer must agree to post the List of Hazards, as it was received from the Consultation Project, for a minimum of three working days, and it can only be removed once all hazards identified on the list are corrected. Agreed-upon modifications or extensions of correction due dates must also be posted. Posting must be in a prominent place where it is readily observable by all employees. While in most instances this will entail posting a hard copy of the List of Hazards, posting by electronic means is acceptable in cases where electronic transmission is the employer's normal means of providing notices to employees and each employee is equipped with an electronic communication device. Failure to post the List of Hazards will result in the termination of the Consultation "visit in progress" status.

5. Interim Protection for Employees

Where a serious hazard(s) is identified and is not immediately corrected in the presence of the consultant, the employer must provide interim protections for affected employees at the worksite while the identified hazard(s) are being corrected. Interim protections include but are not limited to the following:

Engineering Controls Engineering controls consist of, but not limited to, substitution, isolation, ventilation, and equipment modification.

Administrative Controls Any procedure that significantly limits daily exposure by control or manipulation of the work schedule or manner in which work is performed is considered a means of administrative control. The use of personal protective equipment is not considered a means of administrative control.

Work Practice Controls Work practice controls are one type of administrative control in which the employer modifies the manner in which the employee performs assigned work. Such modification may result in a reduction of exposure through such methods as changing work procedures, improving sanitation and hygiene practices, or making other changes in the way the employee performs the job.

Personal Protective Equipment and/or Clothing Providing the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to all affected employees and training affected employees in the proper selection, use and maintenance of the PPE.

The recommended abatement action and interim protection recommendations in this report are intended as advisory in nature, informational in content, and are intended to assist employers in identifying potential engineering controls, administrative controls, work practice controls and personnel protective equipment to reduce employee exposure to the hazard. It is the employer's responsibility to evaluate the workplace and the controls necessary for their particular operation in order to reduce employee exposure.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act requires employers to comply with hazard-specific safety and health standards. In addition, employers must provide their employees with a workplace free from recognized hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm under Section 5(a)(1), the General Duty Clause of the Act. Employers can be cited for violating the General Duty Clause if there is a recognized hazard and they do not take steps to prevent or abate the hazard.

In the event of a DLS WSHP Enforcement inspection, it is important to remember that the Compliance Officer is not legally bound by the consultant's advice or by the consultant's failure to point out a specific hazard. You may, but are not required to, furnish a copy of this report to the Compliance Officer, who may use it to determine your good faith efforts toward safety and health and reduce any proposed penalties. You are, however, required to furnish any employee exposure data from this report as required by 29 CFR 1910.1020.

6. Evaluation of Safety and Health Management System

The following recommendations are provided as part of good standard work practices. Public sector employees are encouraged to develop a Safety and Health Management System which includes:

A safe and healthful workplace depends on an effective management system to ensure that hazards are identified, corrected, and that effective physical and administrative protection are established and maintained.

● Management Leadership

- Establish a department and city-wide Safety & Health Policy.
- Establish management and employee accountability.
- Authorize a joint labor-management Safety Committee.
- Set goals for safety.

● Control Risk

- Establish written safety procedures for department tasks.
 - Sample safety programs are available at www.mass.gov/dols/wshp
- Provide safe and adequate equipment to perform job tasks:
 - Operations equipment
 - Safety equipment
- Inspect and maintain equipment on a preventive maintenance schedule.
- Pre-plan job tasks.
- Follow established industry standards for workplace safety.
- Conduct periodic workplace inspections and control hazards.
- Provide new hire and annual training regarding workplace safety.

● Measures Performance:

- Monitor Department injury patterns and injury costs. A worksheet for determining injury patterns and injury costs in your city/town is available at www.mass.gov/dols/wshp.
- Conduct accident investigations and determine preventative strategies.
- Conduct periodic self-audits to evaluate safety conditions.
- Compare performance to annual safety goals.

References for Safety and Health Program Management:

- ANSI Z10 "Occupational Health and Safety Management"
- OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/OSHA_SHP_Recommended_Practices.pdf
- OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/leadingindicators/docs/OSHA_Leading_Indicators_Guidance-07-03-2019.pdf
- OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/SHP_Self-Evaluation_Tool.pdf

7. Explanation of Inspection Process

EXTENSION OF DUE DATES: An extension of Correction Due Dates for a particular item may be requested in writing if the employer can demonstrate progress towards correction of the hazard and give assurance that interim safeguards are in use to protect employees from the hazard.

VOLUNTARY CONSULTATION: The Department of Labor Standards offers free technical assistance and audits to assist employers comply with OSHA standards and prevent work-related injury and illness. A condition of the voluntary consultation is that the employer agrees to correct conditions identified by the DLS inspector by the Correction Due Date. To encourage employers to request voluntary consultations, DLS does not issue fines or penalties as a result of voluntary inspections.

RETALIATION: 454 CMR 25.0 prohibits retaliation against employees. No person shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against any employee because the employee has: filed any complaint under or related to 454 CMR 25.00; instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to 454 CMR 25.00; testified or is about to testify in any proceeding under or related to 454 CMR 25.00; or exercised on his or her behalf or on behalf of others any right afforded to 454 CMR 25.00.

UNION PARTICIPATION: It is the employer's responsibility to share the Conditions Requiring Corrective Action with employees and employee representatives.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: Requests for public records can be made by phone or using our online form. Please provide your email and phone number in case we need more information to fulfill your request. 617-626-6975 or

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/department-of-labor-standards-public-records-request>

8. Appendices

Appendix A – Employer Report of Action Taken

From: Montague Clean Water Facility
34 Greenfield Road
Montague, MA 01351

Visit Activity: 349025

Opening Conference Date: February 27, 2024

Item Number	1	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.1450(e)(1)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	2	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.1200(e)(1)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	3	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.134(c)(2)(ii)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	4	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.146(c)(4)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	5	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.146(g)(1)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	6	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.146(k)(2)(iv)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	7	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.146(k)(1)(ii)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	8	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.132(d)(1)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	9	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.140(c)(18)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	10	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.147(a)(3)(i)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	11	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.29(b)(6)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	12	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	4
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.29(b)(2)(i)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	13	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.28(b)(3)(i)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	14	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.23(b)(10)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	15	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	5
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.28(b)(1)(i)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	16	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.219(c)(3)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	17	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.305(b)(2)(i)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

	18	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.305(g)(1)(iv)(A)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	19	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.28(b)(3)(iv)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Item Number	20	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024	Hazard Corrected Date			
Standard	1910.22(a)(3)				
Describe Corrective Action Taken					
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence					

Employer's Signature

Print Name

Date Signed

Appendix B – Industrial Hygiene Monitoring Results

Industrial hygiene monitoring was not conducted during this survey.

Appendix C – List of Hazards

VISIT NUMBER: 349025
VISIT DATE(S): February 27, 2024

Montague Clean Water Facility
34 Greenfield Road
Montague, MA 01351

This is a notification of serious hazards identified during the consultation visit. This notification is not a citation. Montague Clean Water Facility is a voluntary participant in the consultation program and has agreed to correct the hazards on this list within the correction due dates(s) specified. Montague Clean Water Facility has also agreed to make information on other-than-serious hazards as well as corrective action proposed by the consultant available to employees upon request.

Item Number	1	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.1450(e)(1)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	The employer did not develop and maintain a Chemical Hygiene Plan for lab employees exposed to hazardous chemicals, including Glacial Acetic Acid, during laboratory analysis of samples				
OSHA Standard Description	A Chemical Hygiene Plan was not developed or not carried out where hazardous chemicals were used in a laboratory.				

Item Number	2	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.1200(e)(1)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Though some elements of a program existed, the employer has not written and implemented a comprehensive hazard communication program, which is to include container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets and employee training.				
OSHA Standard Description	Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain at each workplace, a written hazard communication program which at least describes how the criteria specified in paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of this section for labels and other forms of warning, safety data sheets, and employee information and training will be met.				

Item Number	3	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.134(c)(2)(ii)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	The employer failed to implement aspects of the written respiratory protection program for employees who wore half-mask, tight-fitting elastomeric respirators (3M brand half-facepiece respirators manufactured by with P100 filters for voluntary use. The employer did not ensure employees were medically able to use a respirator and that the respirator was cleaned, stored, and maintained so that its use did not present a health hazard to the user. Employees working on vehicles were exposed to chemicals such as, but not limited to, organic solvents.				
OSHA Standard Description	The employer shall identify and evaluate the respiratory hazard(s) in the workplace; this evaluation shall include a reasonable estimate of employee exposures to respiratory hazard(s) and an identification of the contaminant's chemical state and physical form. Where the employer cannot identify or reasonably estimate the employee exposure, the employer shall consider the atmosphere to be IDLH.				

Item Number	4	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.146(c)(4)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	When the employer decided that its employees would enter permit spaces, the employer did not develop and implement a written permit space entry program that complied with 29 CFR 1910.146:.				
OSHA Standard Description	If the employer decides that its employees will enter permit spaces, the employer shall develop and implement a written permit space program that complies with this section. The written program shall be available for inspection by employees and their authorized representatives.				

Item Number	5	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.146(g)(1)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	The employer did not provide training so that all employees whose work involved a permit-required confine space acquired the understanding, knowledge, and skills, necessary for the safe performance of the duties.				
OSHA Standard Description	The employer shall provide training so that all employees whose work is regulated by this section acquire the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for the safe performance of the duties assigned under this section				

Item Number	6	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.146(k)(2)(iv)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	All employees did not practice making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months.				
OSHA Standard Description	Ensure that affected employees practice making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months, by means of simulated rescue operations in which they remove dummies, manikins, or actual persons from the actual permit spaces or from representative permit spaces. Representative permit spaces shall, with respect to opening size, configuration, and accessibility, simulate the types of permit spaces from which rescue is to be performed.				

Item Number	7	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.146(k)(1)(ii)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	The employer did not evaluate a prospective rescue service's ability, (Fire Department) in terms of proficiency with rescue-related tasks and equipment, to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the particular permit space or types of permit spaces identified. Employees were required to enter permit-required confined spaces and the employer failed to ensure that the prospective rescue service had been evaluated to determine their ability to provide rescue from permit spaces.				
OSHA Standard Description	Evaluate a prospective rescue service's ability, in terms of proficiency with rescue-related tasks and equipment, to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the particular permit space or types of permit spaces identified;				

Item Number	8	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.132(d)(1)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	A Hazard Assessment was not conducted at the workplace to determine potential hazards and appropriate PPE.				
OSHA Standard Description	<p>The employer shall assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present, or are likely to be present, which necessitates the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). If such hazards are present, or likely to be present, the employer shall:</p> <p>(i) Select, and have each affected employee use, the types of PPE that will protect the affected employee from the hazards identified in the hazard assessment.</p> <p>(ii) Communicate selection decisions to each affected employee; and,</p> <p>(iii) Select PPE that properly fits each affected employee.</p>				

Item Number	9	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.140(c)(18)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	A program was not implemented to ensure that fall protection systems were inspected before initial use during each work shift for mildew, wear, damage, and other deterioration, and defective components were not removed from service.				
OSHA Standard Description	29 CFR 1910.140(c)(18):Personal fall protection systems were not inspected before initial use during each work shift for mildew, wear, damage, and other deterioration, and defective components were not removed from service.				

Item Number	10	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.147(a)(3)(i)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Employer did not have a lock out tag out program in place				
OSHA Standard Description	This section requires employers to establish a program and utilize procedures for affixing appropriate lockout devices or tagout devices to energy isolating devices, and to otherwise disable machines or equipment to prevent unexpected energization, start up or release of stored energy in order to prevent injury to employees.				

Item Number	11	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
OSHA Standard	1910.29(b)(6)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Aeration tank chain safety latches were rusted and non-functioning				
OSHA Standard Description	(6) Guardrail systems are smooth-surfaced to protect employees from injury, such as punctures or lacerations, and to prevent catching or snagging of clothing;				

Item Number	12	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	4
OSHA Standard	1910.29(b)(2)(i)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Midrails were not installed at the openings of the aeration tank.				
OSHA Standard Description	(i) Midrails are installed at a height midway between the top edge of the guardrail system and the walking-working surface;				

Item Number	13	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.28(b)(3)(i)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	The employer did not ensure each employee is protected from falling through any hole (including skylights) that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level on the Clarifier Catwalk				
OSHA Standard Description	(3) Holes. The employer must ensure: (i) Each employee is protected from falling through any hole (including skylights) that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level by one or more of the following:				

Item Number	14	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.23(b)(10)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Ladders with structural defects were not taken out of service. 1) A ladder on the side of a clarifier was rusted and in disrepair. 2) At the G Street pump station, A fixed ladder had rungs missing.				
OSHA Standard Description	(10) Any ladder with structural or other defects is immediately tagged "Dangerous: Do Not Use" or with similar language in accordance with §1910.145 and removed from service until repaired in accordance with §1910.22(d), or replaced;				

Item Number	15	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	5
OSHA Standard	1910.28(b)(1)(i)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Employees were exposed to unprotected edges of more than 4 feet at the dump truck bay and the dumpster bay.				
OSHA Standard Description	(1) Unprotected sides and edges. (i) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, the employer must ensure that each employee on a walking-working surface with an unprotected side or edge that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level is protected from falling by one or more of the following:				

Item Number	16	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
OSHA Standard	1910.219(c)(3)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	The employer did not ensure piston pumps below the workshop had rotating parts guarded.				
OSHA Standard Description	Guarding vertical and inclined shafting. Vertical and inclined shafting seven (7) feet or less from floor or working platform, excepting maintenance runways, shall be enclosed with a stationary casing in accordance with requirements of paragraphs (m) and (o) of this section.				

Item Number	17	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.305(b)(2)(i)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	An Electrical box was left open in the workshop.				
OSHA Standard Description	All pull boxes, junction boxes, and fittings shall be provided with covers identified for the purpose. If metal covers are used, they shall be grounded. In completed installations, each outlet box shall have a cover, faceplate, or fixture canopy. Covers of outlet boxes having holes through which flexible cord pendants pass shall be provided with bushings designed for the purpose or shall have smooth, well-rounded surfaces on which the cords may bear.				

Item Number	18	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.305(g)(1)(iv)(A)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	An extension cord was used as permanent wiring for a sampler for more than 90 days.				
OSHA Standard Description	Unless specifically permitted otherwise in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section, flexible cords and cables may not be used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure.				

Item Number	19	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	3
OSHA Standard	1910.28(b)(3)(iv)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Employees were exposed to falls at ladderways. Fixed ladders leading to the grit removal catwalks were not protected by a self-closing gate or an offset.				
OSHA Standard Description	Each employee is protected from falling into a ladderway floor hole or ladderway platform hole by a guardrail system and toeboards erected on all exposed sides, except at the entrance to the hole, where a self-closing gate or an offset must be used.				

Item Number	20	Hazard Type	Serious	# of Instances	1
OSHA Standard	1910.22(a)(3)				
Correction Due Date	5/3/2024				
Hazard Corrected Date					
Condition	Employees were exposed to walking working surfaces that were not free of hazards. There were damaged concrete stairs at the G Street pump station.				
OSHA Standard Description	(3) Walking-working surfaces are maintained free of hazards such as sharp or protruding objects, loose boards, corrosion, leaks, spills, snow, and ice.				

CWF Active/Ongoing Projects

(updated Feb 2024)

1. Industrial Blvd Pump Station Rehab (Funded by RST Development Grant for \$169,000)
2. Screw Pump Replacement and Corresponding Building and Wet Well Rehabilitation (Funded by USDA RD Grant/Loan Program for \$2.5M)
3. Aeration Blowers and Fine Bubble Diffusers (Funded by DEP GAPII and GAPIII for \$325,000 , and Enterprise Funded Match for \$145,735)
4. Main Generator and Transfer Switch Replacement (Funded by Enterprise Fund for \$310,544, and State of MA for \$100,000)
5. Operations Building Fuel Oil Boiler and Appurtenances Conversion/Replacement (Funded by ARPA for \$112,000)
6. G St and J St Pump Station Generator Replacements (Funded by Enterprise Fund for \$95,000)
7. Biosolids Management Composting/Dryer Study (Funded by RST Development Grant for \$150,000)
8. Local Limits Study for Industrial Pretreatment Management (Funded by Enterprise Fund for \$60,000)
9. Septage Receiving Station Upgrades (Funded by ARPA for \$264,000)
10. Operations Building HVAC Stabilization Repairs (Funded by Enterprise Fund's main operating budget)
11. Bike Path Sign at Intersection of Rail Trail and Facility Driveway (Funded by Enterprise Fund for \$3,000)
12. Hydroelectric Power Feasibility Study (Dept of Energy and Resources Grant for \$6,000)
13. Pending: Montague Center Pump Station Rehabilitation (pending Town Meeting Approval at ATM)

Montague Permitted Discharge Summary March 2024

Parameter	Permit Required Limitation	Result
Flow	1.83 MGD (Average Monthly)	0.866
BOD mg/L	30 mg/L (Average Monthly Max)	5.3
BOD % Removal	>/= 85.0% (Average Monthly)	97.1%
TSS mg/L	30 mg/L (Average Monthly Max)	5.9
TSS % Removal	>/= 85.0% (Average Monthly)	97.5%
pH Low	6.0 SU (Daily)	6.94
pH High	8.3 SU (Daily)	7.68
Total Nitrogen	153 lbs/day (Average Monthly Max)	16.5

MGD=Millions of Gallons per Day (standard water/wastewater flow measurement)

BOD=Biochemical Oxygen Demand

TSS= Total Suspended Solids

pH= potential hydrogen (acid/base scale)

SU= Standard Units

mg/L= milligram per liter

MPN= Most Probable Number

lbs=unit of measure for loading calculations

*Note: Summary subject to change pending final data review and submittal to EPA/DEP



Montague Clean Water Facility

March 7 at 10:19 AM · 🌐

📌 **Public Notice: 03/07/2024 Blending Event at the wastewater treatment facility (CWF001). Duration of 1 hours 20 minutes beginning at 02:20AM with released quantity estimated volume of 12,000 gallons. Water body affected: Connecticut River.**

🚫 **Avoid contact with these waterbodies for 48 hours after the discharge ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. The discharge consists of rainwater and partially treated sewage.**

From: [SAMI](#)
Subject: CSO Public Advisory - Notice Aviso de aviso público de CSO
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 10:49:26 AM

Permittee: The Town of Montague, MA NPDES # MA0100137

Location: **CWF001**

For a map of the location visit <https://www.montague-ma.gov>

Time of discharge: **03/07/2024 02:20 AM**

Estimated volume: **53,667 Gallons**

End of discharge: **03/07/2024 03:35 AM**

The estimated volume is calculated by taking the total overflow volume for the last 3 years and dividing by the total number of overflow event for the last 3 years.

The discharge has stopped at this time.

Affected Waterbodies: **Connecticut River**

Avoid contact with these waterbodies for 48 hours after the discharge ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. The discharge consists of rainwater and untreated sewage and waste.

Affected communities: **Montague, Turners Falls, and Greenfield Massachusetts**

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Titular del permiso: The Town of Montague, MA NPDES # MA0100137

Ubicación: **CWF001**

Para obtener un mapa de la ubicación visite <https://www.montague-ma.gov>

Hora descarga: **03/07/2024 02:20 AM**

El volumen estimado: **53,667 Gallons**

Fin de la descarga: **03/07/2024 03:35 AM**

El volumen estimado se calcula tomando el volumen total de desbordamiento de los últimos 3 años y dividiéndolo por el número total de eventos de desbordamiento de los últimos 3 años.

La descarga se ha detenido en este momento.

Cuerpos de agua afectados: **Connecticut River**

Evite el contacto con estos cuerpos de agua durante 48 horas después de que cese la descarga debido al aumento de los riesgos para la salud de las bacterias y otros contaminantes. La descarga consiste en agua de lluvia y aguas residuales y desechos sin tratar.

Comunidades afectadas: **Montague, Turners Falls, and Greenfield Massachusetts**

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From: [SAMI](#)
Subject: CSO Public Advisory - Notice Aviso de aviso público de CSO
Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024 2:49:28 AM

Permittee: The Town of Montague, MA NPDES # MA0100137

Location: **Outfall01**

For a map of the location visit <https://www.montague-ma.gov>

Time of discharge: **03/23/2024 06:25 PM**

Estimated volume: **8,201 Gallons**

End of discharge: **03/23/2024 07:45 PM**

The estimated volume is calculated by taking the total overflow volume for the last 3 years and dividing by the total number of overflow event for the last 3 years.

The discharge has stopped at this time.

Affected Waterbodies: **Connecticut River**

Avoid contact with these waterbodies for 48 hours after the discharge ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. The discharge consists of rainwater and untreated sewage and waste.

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Titular del permiso: The Town of Montague, MA NPDES # MA0100137

Ubicación: **Outfall01**

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Hora descarga: **03/23/2024 06:25 PM**

El volumen estimado: **8,201 Gallons**

Fin de la descarga: **03/23/2024 07:45 PM**

El volumen estimado se calcula tomando el volumen total de desbordamiento de los últimos 3 años y dividiéndolo por el número total de eventos de desbordamiento de los últimos 3 años.

La descarga se ha detenido en este momento.

Cuerpos de agua afectados: **Connecticut River**

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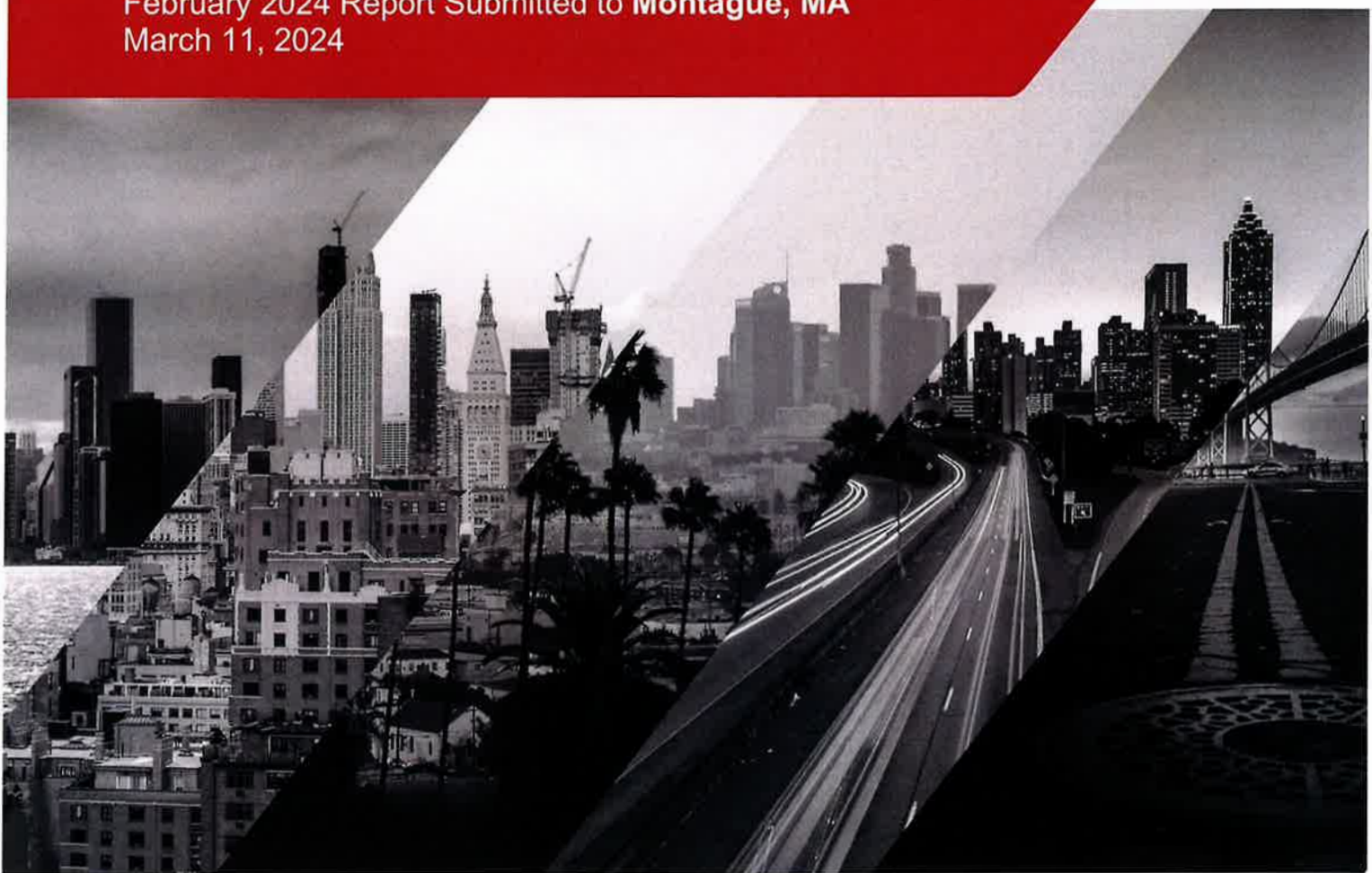


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February 2024 Report Submitted to **Montague, MA**
March 11, 2024



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Huntsville, AL 35806

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March 11, 2024

Tom Bergeron,
DPW Superintendent
1 Avenue A
Turners Falls MA 01376

SUBJECT: Montague, MA

Dear Mr. Bergeron,

ADS is pleased to submit the report for the Montague, MA completed on behalf of Montague, MA. The metering was conducted at five (5) locations. The study was conducted during the period of Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024.

The report contains depth, velocity, and quantity hydrographs as well as daily long tables for the metering period. An Excel file containing depth, quantity, and velocity entities for the monitoring location in 5-minute format was provided previously.

In addition, we would be happy to further explain any details about the report that may seem unclear. Should you have any questions or comments, you may contact the Project Manager, Scott Neesen at 603.484.0186.

It has been our pleasure to be of service to you in the performance of this project. Thank you for choosing ADS products and services to meet your flow monitoring needs.

Sincerely,

ADS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Melissa Hygom
Senior Hydraulic Data Analyst, Congers, NY

Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024



Montague, MA

Prepared For:

Tom Bergeron,
DPW Superintendent
1 Avenue A
Turners Falls MA 01376

Prepared By:



ADS, LLC
340 The Bridge Street, Suite 204
Huntsville, AL 35806

7th L CSO

Site Commentary

SITE INFORMATION

Pipe	Round (14.25 in H)
Silt	0.00 (in)

OBSERVATIONS

Average flow depth, velocity, and quantity data observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024**, along with observed minimum and maximum data, are provided in the following table.

ZERO (0) OVERFLOWS RECORDED IN THE FEBRUARY REPORTING MONTH.

Observed Flow Conditions		
Item	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)
Average	1.64	1.62
Minimum	0.93	0.36
Maximum	6.96	10.10
Min Time	02/05/2024 4:35:00 AM	02/13/2024 3:55:00 AM
Max Time	02/28/2024 9:00:00 PM	02/28/2024 9:05:00 PM

Based upon the quality and consistency of the observed flow depth and velocity data, the Continuity equation was used to calculate flow rate and quantities during the monitoring period.

Values in the Observed Flow Conditions are based on the five minute average.

Values in the graphical reports are based on the fifteen minutes average.

Values in the tabular report are based on the five minute average.

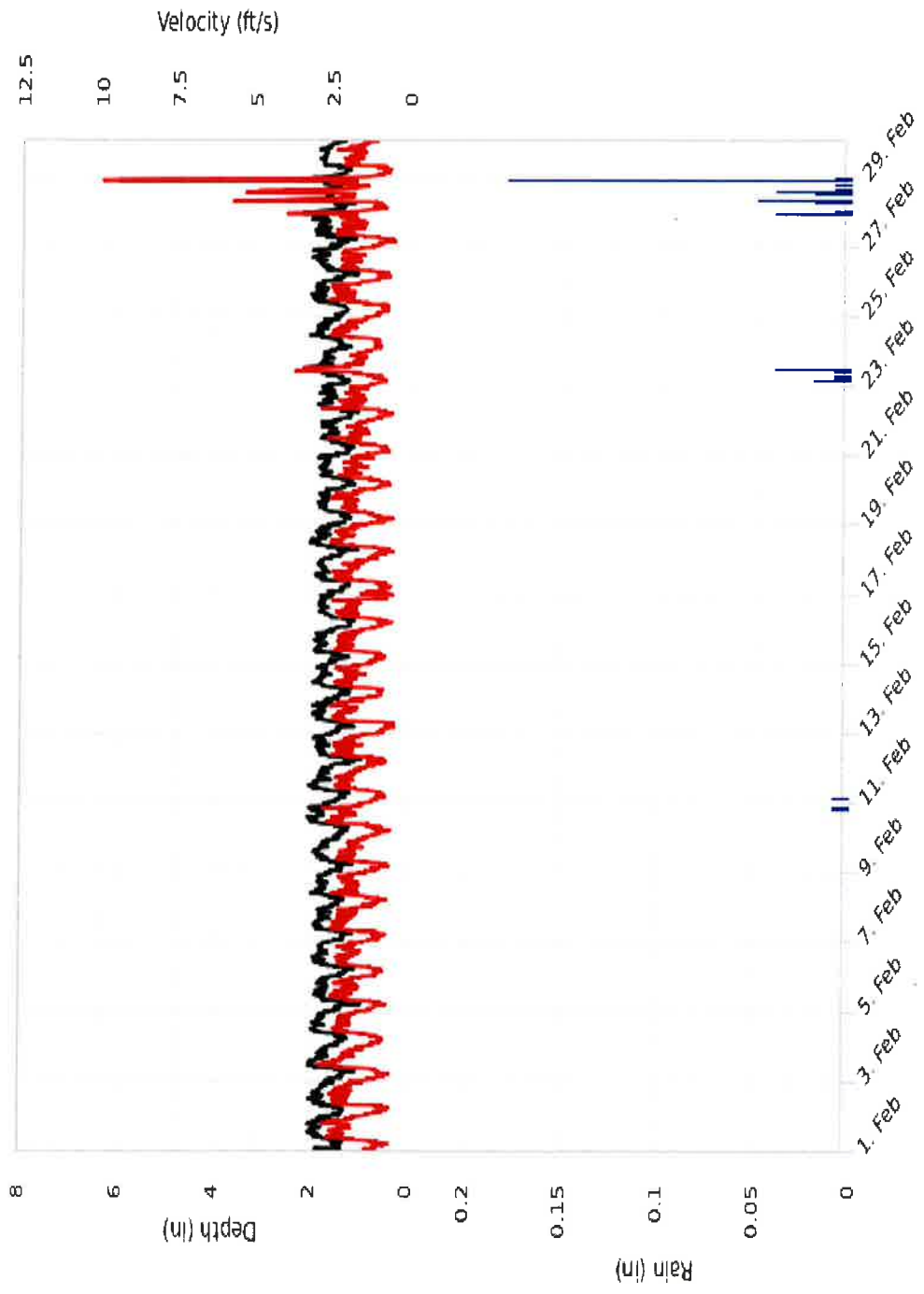
DATA UPTIME

Data uptime observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024** is provided in the following table:

Percent Uptime	
DFINAL (in)	100
VFINAL (ft/s)	100

Hydrograph Report

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Flow Monitor
7th_L_CSO

Pipe Height
14.25
in

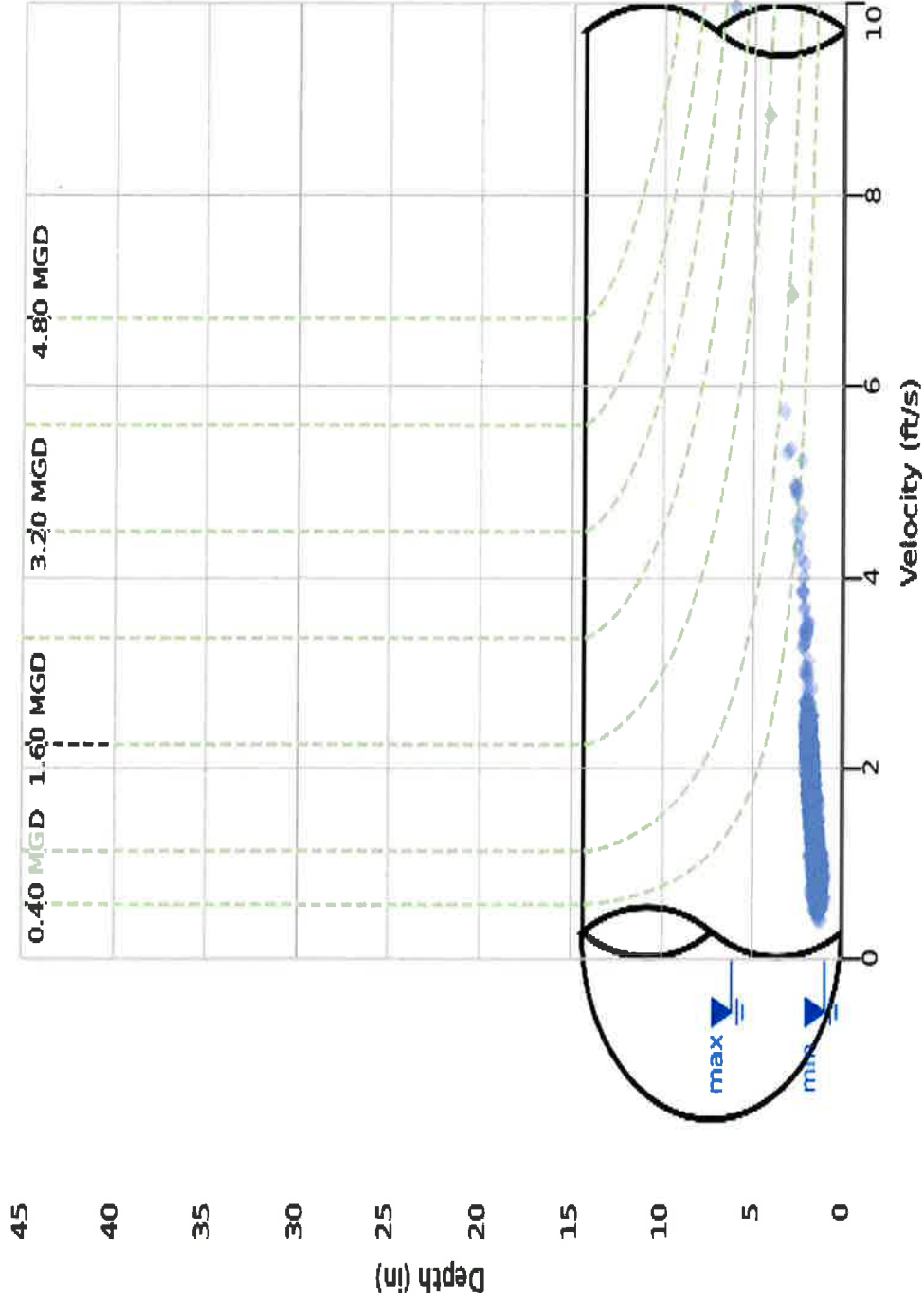
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To
02/29/2024

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— DFINAL
— Rain
— VFINAL



Scattergraph Report

7th_L_CSO



Flow Monitor
7th_L_CSO

Pipe Height
14.25
in

Report Period
02/01/2024
To
02/29/2024

Legend
 ○ DFINAL - VFINAL
 - Iso-Qth
 - Min-Max Depth
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Daily Tabular Report

02/01/2024 00:00 - 02/29/2024 23:59
 7th_L_CSOPipe: Round (14.25 in H), Silt0.00 in

Date	DFINAL (in)					VFINAL (ft/s)					Rain (in)
	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Total
02/01/2024	06:40	1.18	17:45	2.07	1.71	04:10	0.49	18:05	2.74	1.76	-
02/02/2024	04:05	1.24	11:10	2.03	1.66	04:55	0.47	14:35	2.67	1.65	-
02/03/2024	06:15	1.04	10:10	2.06	1.64	04:10	0.42	11:00	3.02	1.60	-
02/04/2024	04:25	1.18	11:25	2.00	1.65	05:30	0.68	12:45	2.40	1.62	-
02/05/2024	04:35	0.93	11:10	1.91	1.61	04:30	0.58	09:50	2.64	1.66	-
02/06/2024	04:45	1.05	13:00	1.95	1.62	03:05	0.64	13:00	2.55	1.62	-
02/07/2024	05:05	1.10	11:30	1.94	1.62	04:35	0.63	09:10	2.52	1.69	-
02/08/2024	04:40	1.28	09:15	2.02	1.65	04:40	0.61	09:10	2.61	1.59	-
02/09/2024	05:15	1.08	13:40	1.96	1.61	03:50	0.52	08:20	2.38	1.51	-
02/10/2024	07:00	1.14	11:25	2.09	1.65	04:55	0.47	19:30	2.85	1.61	0.02
02/11/2024	06:15	1.17	11:35	2.05	1.66	06:45	0.57	11:35	2.43	1.56	0.01
02/12/2024	05:05	0.94	20:00	1.97	1.62	04:30	0.61	16:25	3.24	1.58	-
02/13/2024	03:45	1.09	18:35	2.01	1.65	03:55	0.36	18:30	2.69	1.61	-
02/14/2024	06:00	1.14	10:30	1.98	1.63	05:55	0.67	10:25	2.43	1.60	-
02/15/2024	03:55	1.21	20:20	1.96	1.68	04:30	0.68	20:40	2.60	1.60	-
02/16/2024	05:15	1.09	11:10	1.88	1.58	22:55	0.39	11:15	2.55	1.42	-
02/17/2024	06:20	1.21	12:45	1.96	1.63	04:45	0.48	14:35	2.51	1.53	-
02/18/2024	06:00	1.03	10:55	2.09	1.65	04:45	0.46	10:40	2.74	1.65	-
02/19/2024	04:00	1.19	14:40	1.93	1.60	04:00	0.44	17:55	3.09	1.56	-
02/20/2024	02:30	1.11	21:40	1.93	1.58	03:00	0.53	09:40	2.32	1.50	-
02/21/2024	04:50	1.11	11:15	1.87	1.52	02:25	0.53	10:55	3.28	1.46	-
02/22/2024	05:05	1.04	10:30	1.96	1.56	04:30	0.49	07:45	3.70	1.49	-
02/23/2024	02:55	1.23	11:40	2.18	1.69	02:30	0.70	09:15	3.93	1.68	0.17
02/24/2024	02:05	1.21	10:10	2.12	1.64	02:45	0.87	10:05	2.69	1.62	-
02/25/2024	03:55	1.29	14:40	2.10	1.68	04:30	0.59	10:15	2.68	1.64	-
02/26/2024	04:45	1.01	15:45	2.07	1.65	04:45	0.60	18:20	2.51	1.57	-
02/27/2024	04:50	1.07	22:35	2.28	1.72	02:40	0.45	21:55	4.27	1.70	0.09
02/28/2024	05:25	1.12	21:00	6.96	1.87	02:20	0.71	21:05	10.10	2.52	0.54
02/29/2024	04:05	1.23	18:05	1.93	1.63	04:00	0.56	11:55	2.79	1.49	-

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	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)	Rain (in)
Total			0.83
Average	1.64	1.62	

Ave A CSO

Site Commentary

SITE INFORMATION

Pipe	Round (21 in H)
Silt	0.00 (in)

OBSERVATIONS

Average flow depth, velocity, and quantity data observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024**, along with observed minimum and maximum data, are provided in the following table.

ZERO (0) OVERFLOWS RECORDED IN THE FEBRUARY REPORTING MONTH.

Observed Flow Conditions	
Item	DFINAL (in)
Average	3.59
Minimum	1.73
Maximum	16.69
Min Time	02/20/2024 1:45:00 AM
Max Time	02/28/2024 4:00:00 AM

Based upon the quality and consistency of the observed flow depth and velocity data, the Continuity equation was used to calculate flow rate and quantities during the monitoring period.

Values in the Observed Flow Conditions are based on the five minute average.

Values in the graphical reports are based on the fifteen minutes average.

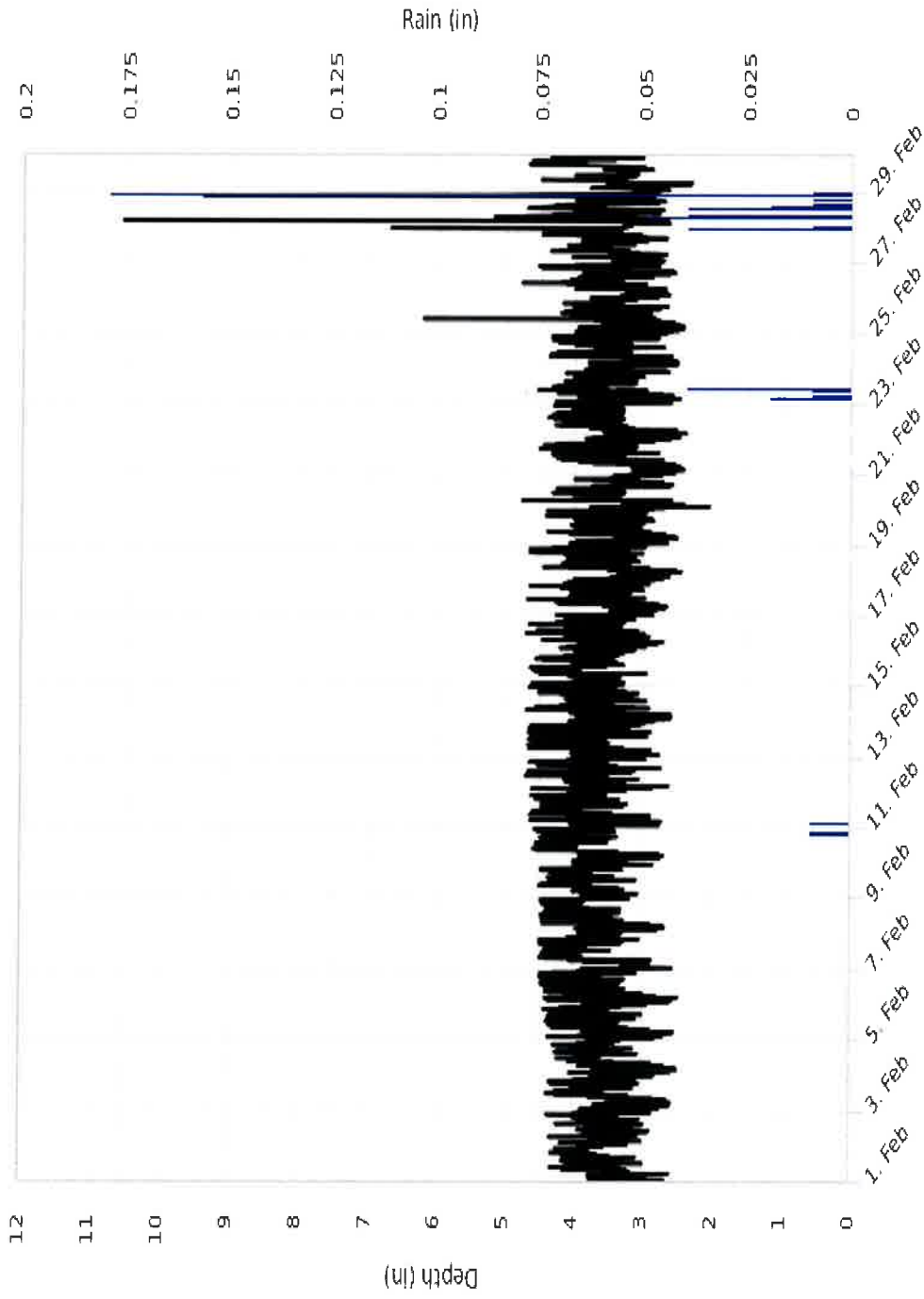
Values in the tabular report are based on the five minute average.

DATA UPTIME

Data uptime observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024** is provided in the following table:

Percent Uptime	
DFINAL (in)	
	99.928

Hydrograph Report Ave_A_CSO



Flow Monitor
Ave_A_CSO

Pipe Height
21.00
in

Report Period
02/01/2024
To
02/29/2024

Legend
— DFINAL
— Rain
— VFINAL



Daily Tabular Report

02/01/2024 00:00 - 02/29/2024 23:59
 Ave_A_CSOPipe: Round (21 in H), Silt0.00 in

Date	Time	DFINAL (in)				Rain (in)
		Min	Time	Max	Avg	Total
02/01/2024	03:50	2.47	18:15	4.47	3.60	-
02/02/2024	03:35	2.51	22:30	4.43	3.52	-
02/03/2024	03:35	2.47	07:35	4.44	3.47	-
02/04/2024	05:30	2.40	01:25	4.47	3.46	-
02/05/2024	04:40	2.43	12:20	4.46	3.64	-
02/06/2024	02:40	2.37	08:50	4.54	3.74	-
02/07/2024	04:25	2.43	17:45	4.54	3.80	-
02/08/2024	04:15	2.46	00:05	4.52	3.80	-
02/09/2024	04:15	2.50	23:45	4.60	3.77	-
02/10/2024	02:20	2.49	01:45	4.63	3.86	0.02
02/11/2024	01:30	2.48	02:35	4.71	3.81	0.01
02/12/2024	03:10	2.48	07:10	4.76	3.72	-
02/13/2024	03:55	2.45	03:45	4.75	3.90	-
02/14/2024	05:50	2.44	04:55	4.82	3.65	-
02/15/2024	01:20	2.51	09:30	4.77	3.83	-
02/16/2024	03:25	2.46	23:25	4.82	3.63	-
02/17/2024	06:15	2.45	15:00	4.88	3.47	-
02/18/2024	03:15	2.42	22:50	4.74	3.47	-
02/19/2024	04:55	2.46	07:15	4.88	3.42	-
02/20/2024	01:45	1.73	06:10	4.98	3.30	-
02/21/2024	04:40	2.38	17:10	4.78	3.34	-
02/22/2024	02:55	2.29	22:50	4.47	3.51	-
02/23/2024	03:20	2.40	08:55	6.53	3.51	0.17
02/24/2024	00:45	2.42	15:45	6.43	3.40	-
02/25/2024	05:25	2.32	00:35	6.71	3.34	-
02/26/2024	02:10	2.44	05:30	6.31	3.42	-
02/27/2024	02:30	2.55	22:45	12.90	3.58	0.09
02/28/2024	03:30	2.44	04:00	16.69	3.77	0.54
02/29/2024	23:45	1.89	23:30	5.06	3.43	-

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	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)	Rain (in)
Total			0.83
Average	3.59		

CSO_ChlorineChamber

Site Commentary

SITE INFORMATION

Pipe	Elliptical (24.38 in H x 24.62 in W)
Silt	0.00 (in)

OBSERVATIONS

Average flow depth, velocity, and quantity data observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024**, along with observed minimum and maximum data, are provided in the following table.

ZERO (0) DISCHARGES RECORDED DURING THE FEBRUARY REPORT MONTH.

Observed Flow Conditions			
Item	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)	QFINAL (MGD - Total MG)
Average	0.00	0.00	0.000
Minimum	0.00	0.00	0.000
Maximum	0.00	0.00	0.000
Min Time	02/29/2024 11:55:00 PM	02/29/2024 11:55:00 PM	02/29/2024 11:55:00 PM
Max Time	02/01/2024 12:00:00 AM	02/01/2024 12:00:00 AM	02/01/2024 12:00:00 AM

Based upon the quality and consistency of the observed flow depth and velocity data, the Continuity equation was used to calculate flow rate and quantities during the monitoring period.

Values in the Observed Flow Conditions are based on five minute average.

Values in the graphical reports are based on the fifteen minutes average.

Values in the tabular report are based on the five minute average.

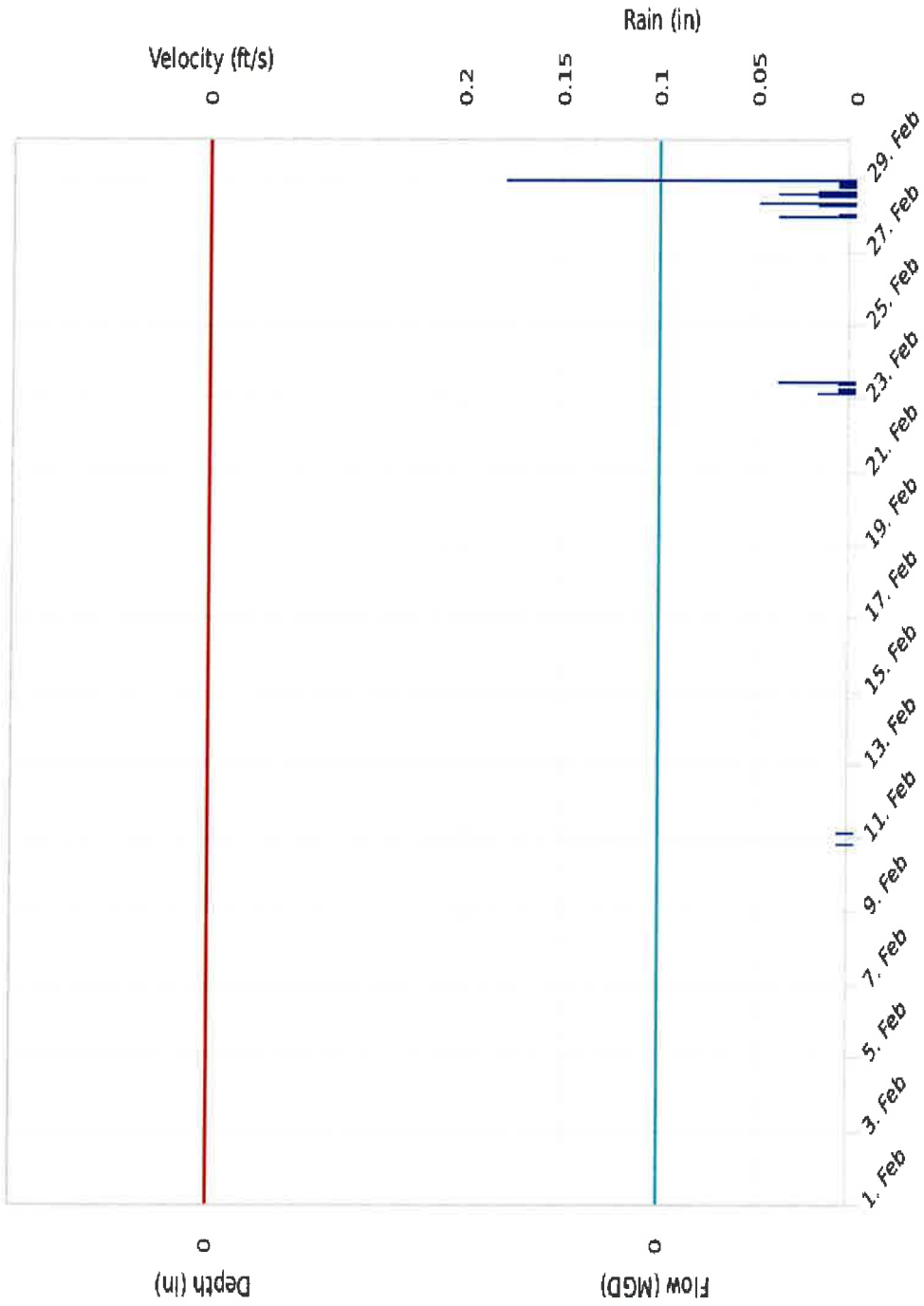
DATA UPTIME

Data uptime observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024** is provided in the following table:

Percent Uptime	
DFINAL (in)	99.892
VFINAL (ft/s)	99.892
QFINAL (MGD - Total MG)	99.892

Hydrograph Report

CSO_ChlorineChamber



Flow Monitor
CSO_ChlorineChamber

Pipe Height
24.38
in

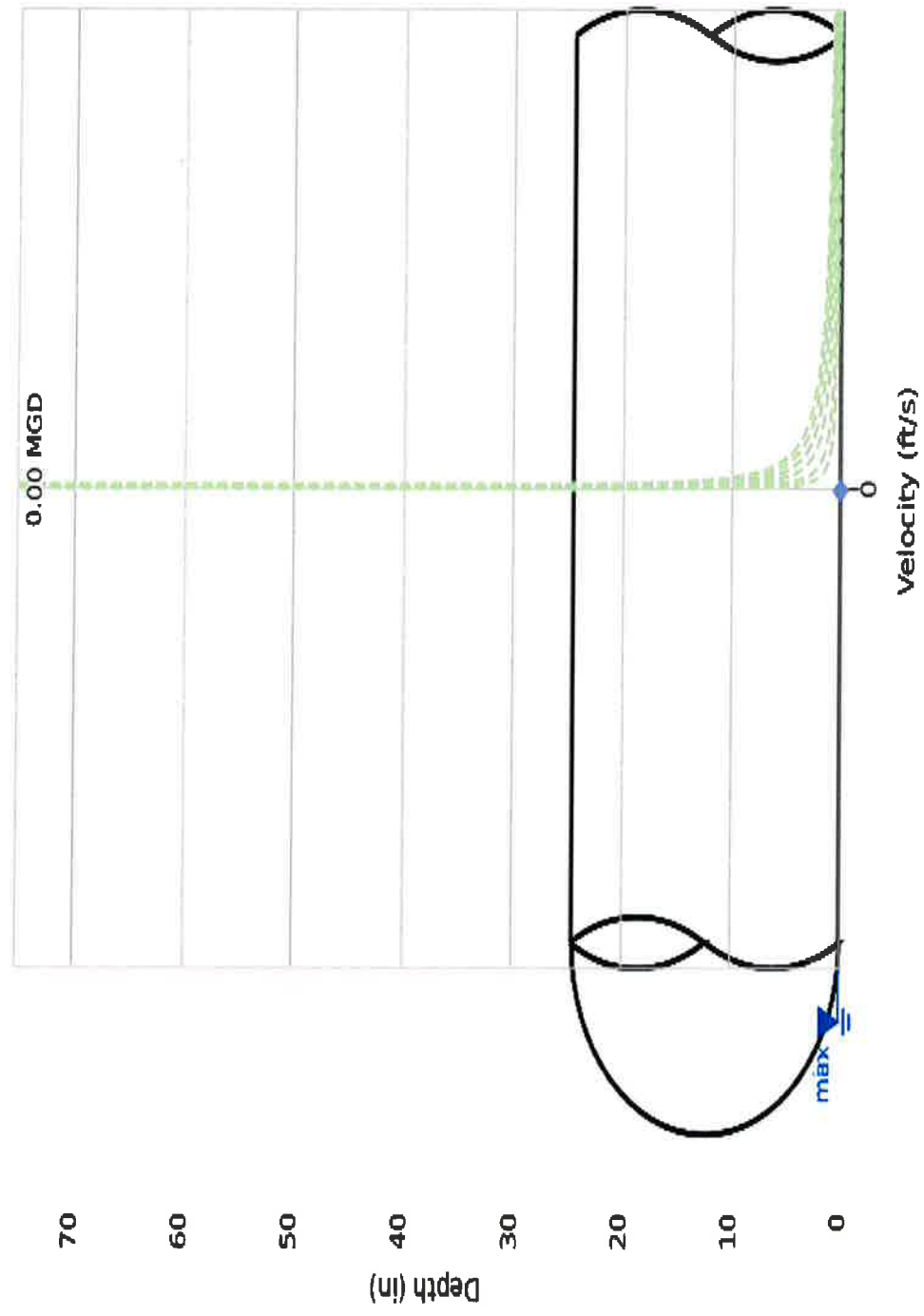
Report Period
02/01/2024
To
02/29/2024

Legend
DFINAL
Rain
VFINAL
QFINAL



Scattergraph Report

CSO_ChlorineChamber



Flow Monitor
 CSO_ChlorineChamber

Pipe Height
 24.38
 in

Report Period
 02/01/2024
 To
 02/29/2024

Legend
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 - Iso-Q™
 - Min-Max Depth



Daily Tabular Report

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CSO_ChlorineChamberPipe: Elliptical (24.38 in H x 24.62 in W), Silt0.00 in

Date	DFINAL (in)					VFINAL (ft/s)					QFINAL (MGD - Total MG)						Rain (in)
	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Total	Total
02/01/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/02/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/03/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/04/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/05/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/06/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/07/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/08/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/09/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/10/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.02
02/11/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.01
02/12/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/13/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/14/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/15/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/16/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/17/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/18/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/19/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/20/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/21/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/22/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/23/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.17
02/24/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/25/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/26/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
02/27/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.09
02/28/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.54
02/29/2024	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.00	00:00	0.00	0.00	00:00	0.000	00:00	0.000	0.000	0.000	-

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	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)	QFINAL (MGD - Total MG)	Rain (in)
Total			0.000	0.83
Average	0.00	0.00	0.000	

Greenfield CSO

Site Commentary

SITE INFORMATION

Pipe	Round (36 in H)
Silt	0.00 (in)

OBSERVATIONS

Average flow depth, velocity, and quantity data observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024**, along with observed minimum and maximum data, are provided in the following table.

ZERO (0) OVERFLOWS RECORDED IN THE FEBRUARY REPORTING MONTH.

Observed Flow Conditions		
Item	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)
Average	3.68	2.29
Minimum	2.38	0.76
Maximum	7.77	2.86
Min Time	02/27/2024 5:40:00 AM	02/28/2024 10:10:00 PM
Max Time	02/28/2024 8:00:00 AM	02/28/2024 7:30:00 AM

Based upon the quality and consistency of the observed flow depth and velocity data, the Continuity equation was used to calculate flow rate and quantities during the monitoring period.

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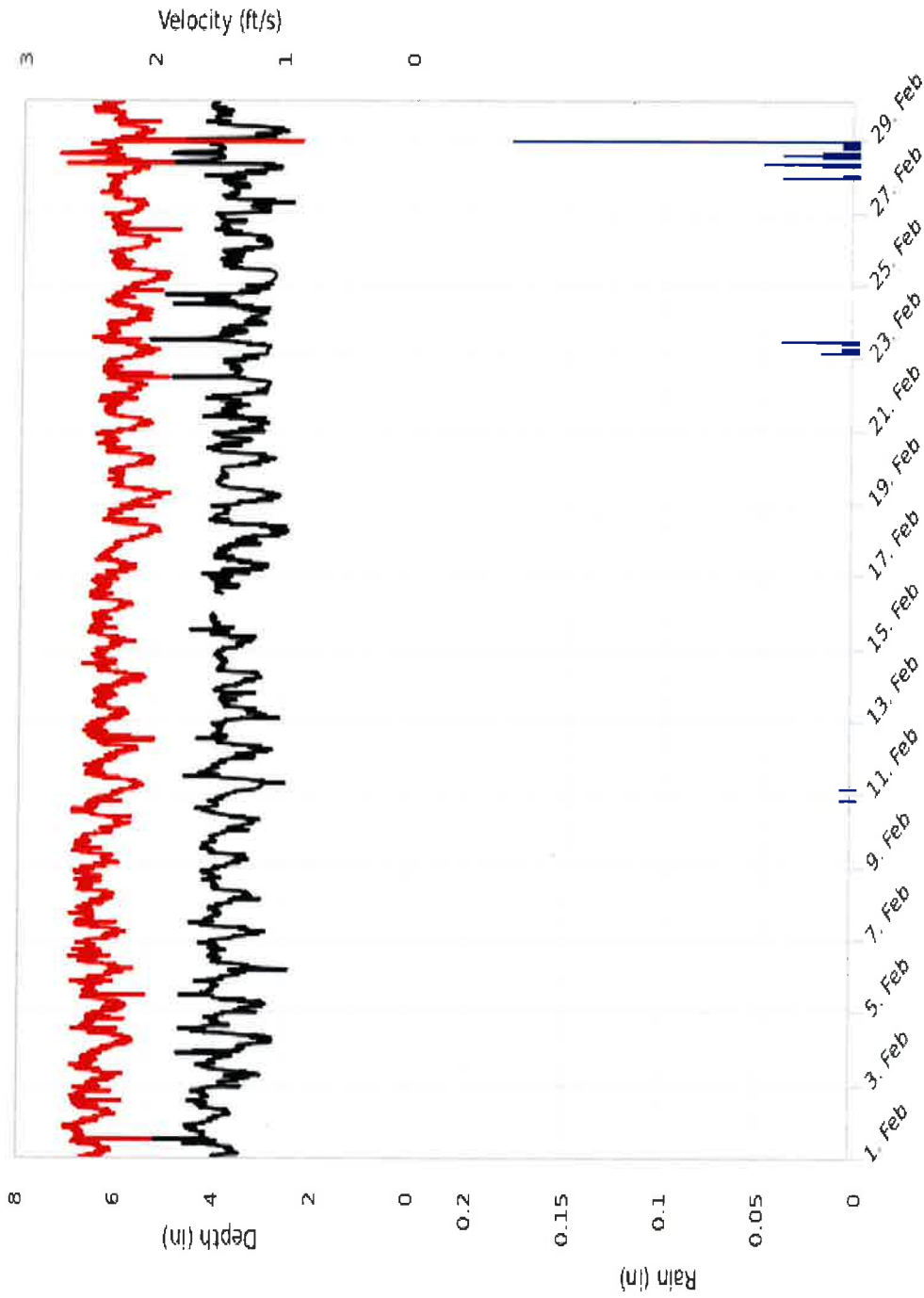
DATA UPTIME

Data uptime observed during **Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 29 February 2024** is provided in the following table:

Percent Uptime	
DFINAL (in)	97.917
VFINAL (ft/s)	100

Hydrograph Report

Greenfield_CS0



Flow Monitor
Greenfield_CS0

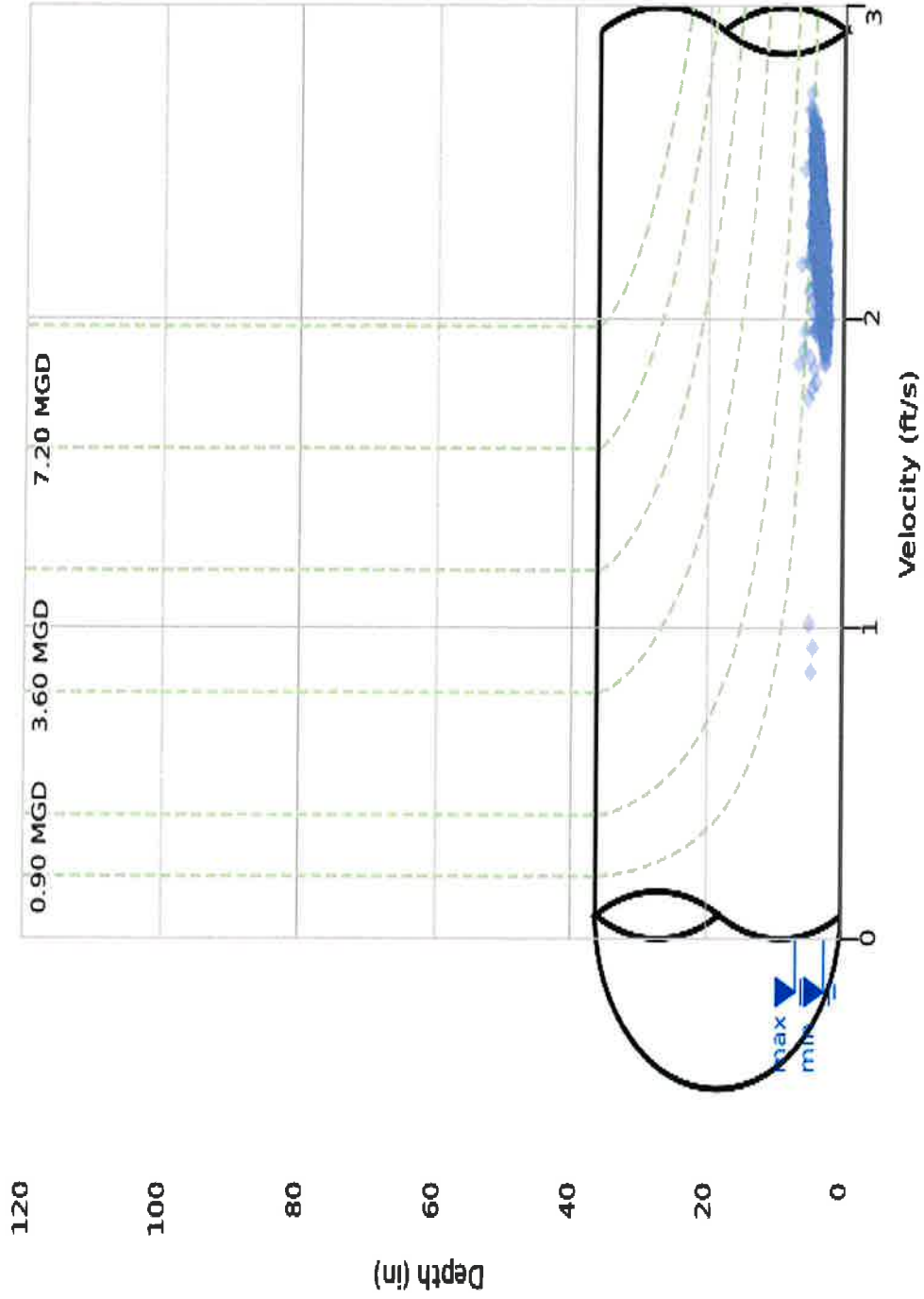
Pipe Height
36.00
in

Report Period
02/01/2024
To
02/29/2024

Legend
— Depth (in)
— Velocity (ft/s)
— Rain (in)



Scattergraph Report
Greenfield_CS0



Flow Monitor
Greenfield_CS0

Pipe Height
36.00
in

Report Period
02/01/2024
To
02/29/2024

Legend
 ○ DFINAL - VFINAL
 - - Iso-Q1*
 - - Min-Max Depth



Daily Tabular Report

02/01/2024 00:00 - 02/29/2024 23:59
 Greenfield_CSOPipe: Round (36 in H), Silt0.00 in

Date	DFINAL (in)					VFINAL (ft/s)					Rain (in)
	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Time	Min	Time	Max	Avg	Total
02/01/2024	02:15	3.38	12:05	7.46	4.09	12:05	1.10	20:10	2.68	2.46	-
02/02/2024	22:30	3.20	12:55	4.99	4.05	12:55	1.76	11:45	2.64	2.44	-
02/03/2024	04:20	3.01	21:00	4.77	3.76	07:00	2.17	12:25	2.62	2.40	-
02/04/2024	03:40	2.56	12:35	5.20	3.68	12:35	1.66	11:10	2.69	2.34	-
02/05/2024	03:25	2.69	10:50	4.88	3.78	10:45	1.77	20:10	2.63	2.37	-
02/06/2024	03:35	2.46	21:00	4.35	3.75	12:35	2.07	16:35	2.69	2.39	-
02/07/2024	03:05	2.79	10:45	5.74	3.80	10:45	1.72	16:35	2.64	2.41	-
02/08/2024	01:45	2.92	19:35	4.29	3.83	13:50	2.18	14:55	2.71	2.43	-
02/09/2024	23:25	2.99	11:05	4.39	3.86	11:05	2.18	20:40	2.66	2.42	-
02/10/2024	06:25	2.73	18:40	4.46	3.77	18:40	1.78	11:40	2.67	2.35	0.02
02/11/2024	06:00	2.43	11:25	5.36	3.63	04:55	2.01	12:05	2.53	2.29	0.01
02/12/2024	04:20	2.81	11:35	4.93	3.68	10:55	1.18	17:05	2.56	2.32	-
02/13/2024	01:15	2.48	19:45	4.05	3.58	04:15	2.13	18:20	2.49	2.31	-
02/14/2024	04:00	3.05	09:25	4.08	3.67	04:05	1.99	13:15	2.66	2.30	-
02/15/2024	06:50	3.16	11:45	4.55	3.78	12:40	1.90	10:00	2.52	2.34	-
02/16/2024	23:30	3.11	22:35	4.46	3.88	04:20	2.11	18:45	2.51	2.32	-
02/17/2024	03:50	2.75	00:40	4.31	3.59	04:15	2.08	09:45	2.47	2.26	-
02/18/2024	05:05	2.50	21:15	4.32	3.47	21:15	1.47	12:00	2.41	2.15	-
02/19/2024	00:50	2.55	13:30	4.05	3.56	05:30	1.83	20:25	2.43	2.15	-
02/20/2024	04:45	2.80	11:10	4.38	3.52	11:10	1.89	20:30	2.46	2.22	-
02/21/2024	07:10	2.92	20:25	4.44	3.57	19:30	1.65	18:15	2.53	2.23	-
02/22/2024	00:00	2.91	10:20	5.25	3.41	10:15	1.12	14:00	2.42	2.22	-
02/23/2024	06:55	2.92	11:25	6.10	3.46	11:25	1.51	09:40	2.52	2.21	0.17
02/24/2024	23:40	2.90	17:10	5.15	3.50	19:20	1.34	15:00	2.44	2.17	-
02/25/2024	05:35	2.82	15:40	4.00	3.38	05:55	1.85	20:45	2.38	2.14	-
02/26/2024	02:30	2.91	11:50	4.23	3.53	11:55	1.17	21:30	2.41	2.18	-
02/27/2024	05:40	2.38	23:00	4.37	3.50	04:55	2.03	12:10	2.46	2.23	0.09
02/28/2024	05:05	2.71	08:00	7.77	3.99	22:10	0.76	07:30	2.86	2.21	0.54
02/29/2024	04:25	2.53	10:35	4.46	3.65	10:35	1.66	20:20	2.52	2.23	-

02/01/2024 00:00 - 02/29/2024 23:59

	DFINAL (in)	VFINAL (ft/s)	Rain (in)
Total			0.83
Average	3.68	2.29	

RG1

Site Commentary

SITE INFORMATION

Values in the graphical reports are based on the fifteen minutes average.

Values in the tabular report are based on the five minute average.

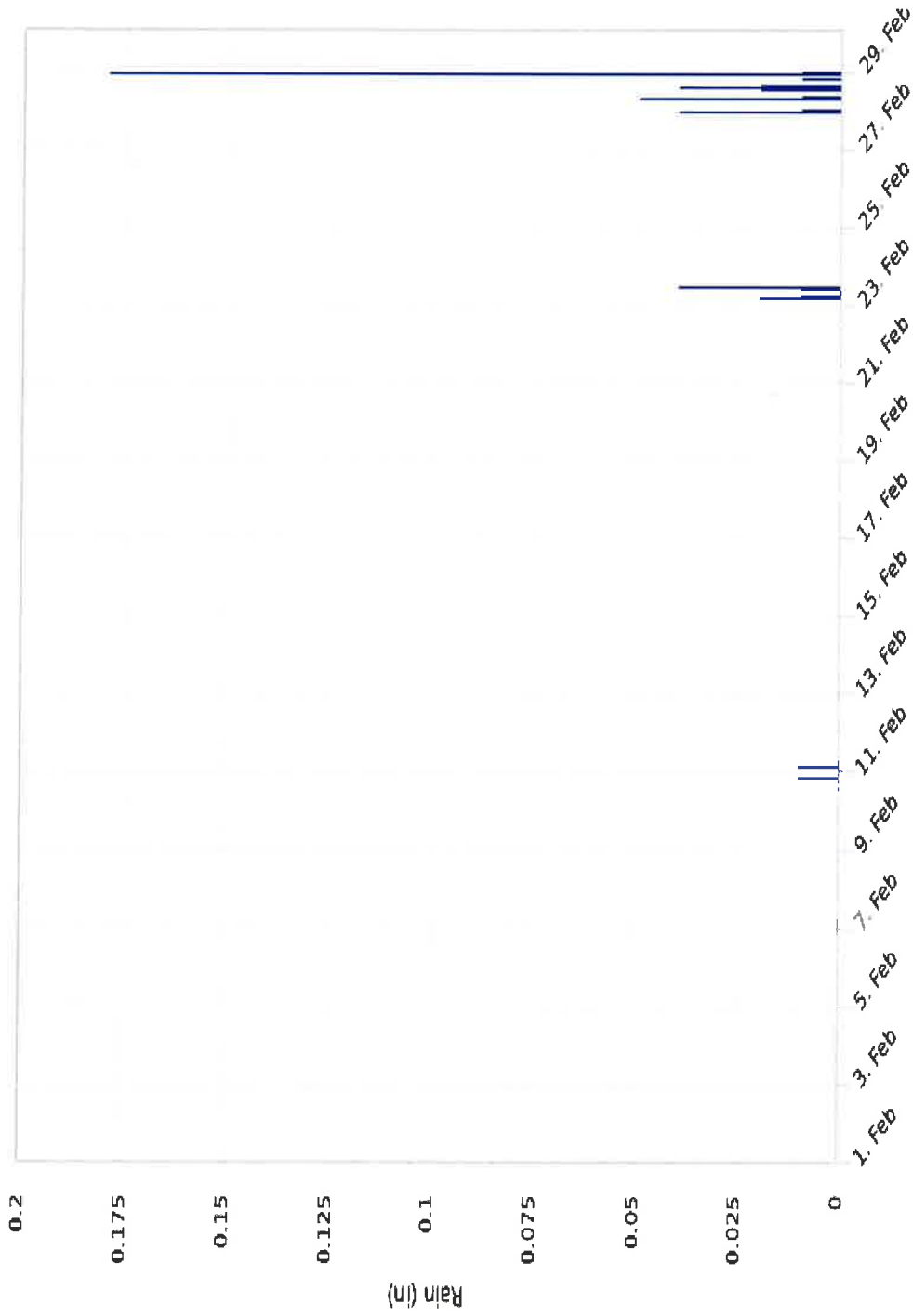
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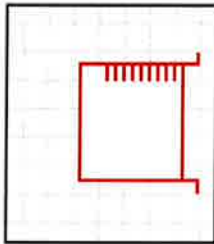
Percent Uptime	
RAINFINAL	100

Hydrograph Report

RG1



Rain Gauge
RG1



Report Period
02/01/2024
To
02/29/2024

Legend
 ——— FINAL
 ——— Rain
 ——— VFINAL



Daily Tabular Report

02/01/2024 00:00 - 02/29/2024 23:59
RG1RainGauge: Unknown (0 H x 0 W), Silt0.00

Date	Rain (in) Total
02/01/2024	-
02/02/2024	-
02/03/2024	-
02/04/2024	-
02/05/2024	-
02/06/2024	-
02/07/2024	-
02/08/2024	-
02/09/2024	-
02/10/2024	0.02
02/11/2024	0.01
02/12/2024	-
02/13/2024	-
02/14/2024	-
02/15/2024	-
02/16/2024	-
02/17/2024	-
02/18/2024	-
02/19/2024	-
02/20/2024	-
02/21/2024	-
02/22/2024	-
02/23/2024	0.17
02/24/2024	-
02/25/2024	-
02/26/2024	-
02/27/2024	0.09
02/28/2024	0.54
02/29/2024	-

02/01/2024 00:00 - 02/29/2024 23:59

	Rain (in)
Total	0.83



Board of Selectmen Town of Montague

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Turners Falls, MA 01376 FAX: (413) 863-3231

REGISTRATION FOR ASSEMBLY, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION, OR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY (Not for Peskeompskut Park or Montague Center Common)

All information must be complete. This form must be returned to the Board of Selectmen within a minimum of 10 days prior to the assembly.

Name of applicant: KYLE COGSWELL

Address of applicant: 21 NORMAN CIRCLE TURNERS FALLS MA

Phone # of applicant: 413 522 3150

Name of organization: NEWT GUILBAULT COMMUNITY BASEBALL

Name of legally responsible person: Kyle Cogswell

Location of assembly: 222 TURNPIKE RD. TFHS WALKING IN A PARADE TO N. G COMPLEX.

Date of assembly: 4/21/2024 RAIN DATE OF 4/28

Time of assembly: Begin: 11AM End: 12PM

Number of expected participants: 8 TEAMS OF APPROX. 12 PLAYERS. PARENTAL COACHES

If a procession/parade: w/ EACH TEAM.

Route: LEAVE TFHS head west on TURNPIKE RD. Right onto MONTAGUE ST. Arriving at air complex.

Number of people expected to participate: 100-110

Number of vehicles expected to participate: 4-6 VEHICLES

Subject of demonstration: KICK OFF TO THE SPRING BASEBALL SEASON.

Attach a copy of your insurance policy or liability binder indicating a minimum policy of \$1Million Individual/\$3Million Group.

Signatures:

Police Chief: [Signature] Date: _____

Comments/Conditions: _____

Board of Selectmen, Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Comments/Conditions: _____

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement.

PRODUCER: K&K INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
CONTACT NAME: Hollie Lamle
PHONE (A/C, No. Ext): 800-736-7358
INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE: INSURER A: New Hampshire Insurance Company, INSURER B: National Union Fire Ins Co of Pittsburgh

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES.

Table with columns: INSR LTR, TYPE OF INSURANCE, ADDL INSD, SUBR WVD, POLICY NUMBER, POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY), POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY), LIMITS. Includes Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, Umbrella Liab, Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability, and Participant Accident.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
ADDITIONAL INSURED: ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY WHO IS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING THE PREMISES, IS A SPONSOR OR CO-PROMOTER, BUT SOLELY WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE NAMED INSURED.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER: Evidence of Coverage
CANCELLATION: SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: Scott Pemberton

Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program
Chapter 3 Grant Management Forms
Budget and Program Revision Form

Community/Grantee: Town of Montague	Original Award: \$ 1,325,682
Program Name/Year: CDF-G-2022/2023-Montague Grant #: 00967	Revision #: BR #1 P-number (program revision) B-number (budget revision) Budget Revision #2 E-number (extensions)
Contract End Date: 06 / 30 / 25	Date Revision Submitted: 04/ 09 / 24

This request is for the following change(s). Grantee check all “Requested” that apply; DHCD will initial those that are approved in the approved column

Grantee Requested	An X in the left column indicates the item is included by the Grantee, an X in the right hand column indicates DHCD approval of the item when the form is signed.	DHCD Approved
x	Budget Amendment to add \$44,386 in Program Income to activity 6C Hillcrest Neighborhood Park Construction Project	
	Budget Revision for:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in administrative dollars • Transfer of funds from construction to non-construction or vice versa • Cumulative transfers among separately budgeted activities which exceed or are expected to exceed 10% of the approved grant award if the grant award exceeds \$100,000 	
	Program Extension (to increase period of availability of funds/period of performance) to / /	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This extension will extend period of performance beyond the end of the term of the current grant agreement 	
	Program Revision for:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision in scope or effectiveness of a project/program design or significant change in the accomplishment of the national objective or beneficiaries to be served. • Changes in key personnel • For non-construction projects, contracting out or subgranting or otherwise obtaining services of a third party to perform activities which are central to the purposes of the award if not specified in the application or grant award • Other, specify 	

This request is submitted and all relevant information specified on page 4 is provided in attachments. I understand that the revision or extension requested is not approved unless and until this form is countersigned as “approved” or “approved with revisions” by The CDBG Program Director and returned to me.

	Richard Kuklewicz, Selectboard Chair
Authorized Signature for Grantee:	Date 04 / 09 / 24 Print Name & Title:



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Name of applicant: Suzanne LoManto

Address of applicant: 1 Avenue A

Phone # of applicant: 413-863-3200 ext. 115

Name of organization: Riverculture

Name of legally responsible person: T.O.M.

Location of assembly: Third St. Alley between Ave A / Parking lot

Date of assembly: 4/21/24 (rain date 4/28)

Time of assembly: Begin: 2pm End: 4pm

Number of expected participants: 20

If a procession/parade: Close Alley between Ave. A and the

Route: municipal parking lot

Number of people expected to participate: to film a music video

Number of vehicles expected to participate: _____

Subject of demonstration: _____

Attach a copy of your insurance policy or liability binder indicating a minimum policy of \$1Million Individual/\$3Million Group.

Signatures:

Police Chief: _____ Christopher Williams _____ Date: 4-8-2024

Comments/Conditions: _____

Board of Selectmen, Chairman: _____ Richard Kuklewicz _____ Date: 4-8-2024

Comments/Conditions: _____

*email Carrie Ferguson
walking songs@yahoo.com*



Partial Third Street Alley Closure
Reserve one Parking Spot on Avenue A

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Rain date Sunday, April 28

Closure of the Third Street Alley between Avenue A and the municipal parking lot only.

2 hours between 2pm - 4pm

The partial alley closure is for the purpose of safely filming a video, a project supported by RiverCulture. Local musician Carrie Ferguson is the performer. She will be joined by a lighting and sound crew.

We will:

- Contact the DPW to deliver "street closed" barricades and cones.
- Contact the owner of Turners Falls Pizza House to notify him of the alley closure.
- Reserve a parking spot on Avenue A for the delivery car. Mark the spot with a sign/cone.

Thank you,



Suzanne LoManto
Director of RiverCulture



TOWN OF
MONTAGUE
MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN HALL
One Avenue A
Turners Falls, MA 01376

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING &
CONSERVATION
(413) 863-3200 ext. 112
Planner@montague-ma.gov

MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectboard
FROM: Maureen Pollock, Town Planner
Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent
RE: Bike Rack & Bike Repair Station Installations
DATE: April 8, 2024

Bike Racks: The Department of Planning and Conservation, working in partnership with the Montague DPW are working to install new bike racks in the villages centers.

10 bike racks totaling \$3,296.00 are being purchased with REDO (Regional Economic Development Organization) funds to be located in downtown Turners Falls. Montague DPW will install all bike racks. The Planning Department will like to explore bike rack needs and possible locations in Millers Falls, Montague City, Lake Pleasant, and Montague Center next.

Installation will start in downtown Turners Falls and coordinate with the sidewalk plans created by Berkshire Design and approved by the Select Board on (date). The bike rack make/model is: Dero Hoop Rack Heavy Duty. The locations of the bike racks were determined through outreach with building owners, tenants, and Town Staff. Town Planner Maureen Pollock, DPW Superintendent Tom Bergeron, and DPW Foreman Will Stratford met on site to discuss logistics and bike rack locations.

Bike Repair Station: The Department of Planning and Conservation, working in partnership with the Montague DPW, and the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) are proposing a new bike repair station at the Avenue A/ Third Street bus stop. The location of the unit was determined by the Planner, DPW, and FRTA.

ADA clearance is provided. FRTA will install the bike repair station and will assume ownership, liability, and maintenance obligations.

Attached is the initial email request from FRTA, dated February 16, 2024

Maureen Pollock

From: Michael Perreault <Michael@frta.org>
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 4:00 PM
To: Maureen Pollock
Cc: Assistant Town Administrator
Subject: Ave A & 3rd St Bike Repair Station

Hi Maureen,

We are looking to install a bike repair station at one of our bus stops located at Ave A & 3rd St. We have had one installed and in use at the transit center for a few years now and from an internal discussion it was suggested to install a similar one at Ave A & 3rd St. as it is one of our higher-use bus stops. The bike repair station we have is from Saris Infrastructure. Here is a link to their website: <https://saris.com/>, and a link to their installation instructions, which includes details for site layout: https://www.sarisinfrastructure.com/Uploads/PDF/BikeFixation-Manuals/Deluxe_Public_Work_Stand_Install_Guide_RevD.pdf. We would need to go on site to ensure that there is enough clearance to accommodate this, but wanted to reach out first to see if the Town had any objections to this idea. Thank you,

Michael Perreault, CCTM
Deputy Administrator
Franklin Regional Transit Authority
John W. Olver Transit Center
12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone: (413) 774-2262 Ext. 105
Fax: (413) 772-2202
Website: www.frta.org
Follow FRTA on Facebook!
Michael@frta.org

Name: Joshua Anderson

MONTAGUE APPOINTED OFFICIAL

NAME: Joshua Anderson

DATE: April 8, 2024

COMMITTEE: Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Services District

TERM: 1.25 years

TERM EXPIRATION: June 30, 2025

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF MONTAGUE **TERM STARTS:** 4/8/2024

Richard Kuklewicz

Christopher Boutwell

Matt Lord

Joshua Anderson personally appeared and made oath that he/she would faithfully and impartially perform his/her duty as a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's Services District according to the foregoing appointment.

Received _____ and entered in the records of the **Town of Montague.**

MONTAGUE TOWN CLERK

This is to acknowledge that I have received a copy of Chapter 30A, Sections 18 - 25, of the General Laws, the Open Meeting law.

APPOINTED OFFICIAL

***If you choose to resign from your appointed position during your term, you must notify the Town Clerk in writing before such action takes effect.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 4, 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, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 9:00 A.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 receive the reports of the Officers of the Town and any committees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, or other Town departments with the approval of the Selectboard, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	500	500	500

**SCHEDULE I
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
SELECTBOARD			
Chairman	2,355	2,640	2,640
Second/Third Members	2,140	2,400	2,400
BOARD OF ASSESSOR			
Chairman	1,765	1,980	1,980
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,800	1,800
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER	78,423*	82,394**	82,394
*Step 9			
**Step 10			
TREE WARDEN	1,575	1,764	1,764
BOARD OF HEALTH			
Chairman	1,765	1,980	1,980
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,800	1,800

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
ANNUAL STIPENDS			
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	625	625	625
BOARD OF REGISTRARS Town Clerk	900	900	900
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,765	6,444	6,444
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,575	1,764	1,764
BARN INSPECTOR	1,050	1,400	1,400

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
<u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u>			
IT COORDINATOR	2,100	2,352	2,352
POLICE IT ADMINISTRATOR	3,000	6,000	6,000
FOREST WARDEN	1,710	1,882	1,882
HEARING OFFICER	2,500	2,500	2,500
FARMERS MARKET MANAGER	4,000	4,000	4,000
<u>RATES PER INSPECTION</u>			
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
GAS INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
SEXTON/PER BURIAL		100.00	100.00
<u>HOURLY RATES</u>			
EXTRA CLERICAL	15.00-16.75	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
ELECTION WORKERS	15.00-17.75	15.00-19.75	15.00-19.75
SUMMER HIGHWAY	15.00-16.75	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	15.00-25.00	15.00-27.00	15.00-27.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	25.00-28.00	29.00-35.00	29.00-35.00
PART TIME DISPATCHERS	22.00-25.00	22.00-27.00	22.00-27.00
PARKS & RECREATION	15.00-21.50	15.00-24.25	15.00-24.25
AIRPORT INTERN	15.00-16.00	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
<u>SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS</u>			
<u>PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS</u>			
SECOND SHIFT		1.00	1.00
THIRD SHIFT		1.25	1.25
<u>PART TIME DISPATCHERS</u>			
SECOND SHIFT		0.75	0.75
THIRD SHIFT		1.00	1.00
<u>PART TIME CLERICAL/LIBRARIES</u>		0.75	0.75

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE (placed on NAGE Scale)

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2024</u>		<u>Range FY2025</u>	
		Start	End	Start	End
<u>SALARIED</u>					
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	100,946	124,233	103,470	127,339
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMIN	I	91,770	112,940	94,064	115,764
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
TOWN CLERK	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	91,770	112,940	94,064	115,764
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	83,428	102,672	85,514	105,239
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
CWF SUPERINTENDENT	H	83,428	102,672	85,514	105,239
<u>HOURLY</u>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	E	24.40	30.02	25.01	30.77
POLICE LIEUTENANT	G+8.5%	40.11	44.50	40.95	45.44
POLICE CUSTODIAN	A	16.35	20.12	16.76	20.62

(Selectboard 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 \$12,409,728, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sum to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, and for any other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.		BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD
				FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
113	TOWN MEETING	2,980	3,180	3,180
122	SELECTBOARD	330,581	326,230	326,230
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,000	600	600
132	RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	50,000
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	90,500	93,000	93,000
141	ASSESSORS	189,801	186,059	186,059
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	231,048	206,965	206,965
151	TOWN COUNSEL	80,000	87,475	87,475

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
155	80,500	92,252	92,252
159	85,907	93,499	93,499
161	243,041	237,224	237,224
175	134,429	140,788	140,788
176	700	700	700
190	155,932	140,050	140,050
197	5,000	5,200	5,200
	1,682,419	1,663,222	1,663,222
PUBLIC SAFETY			
211	1,970,054	2,067,608	2,067,608
211	68,100	60,000	60,000
212	395,588	410,768	410,768
241	148,621	155,082	155,082
244	7,182	7,182	7,182
291	6,265	6,944	6,944
292	23,112	23,658	23,658
294	1,710	1,882	1,882
299	30,285	30,474	30,474
	2,650,917	2,763,598	2,763,598
PUBLIC WORKS			
420	1,747,506	1,772,006	1,772,006
423	311,250	321,250	321,250
433	679,221	802,776	802,776
480	7,380	11,980	11,980
491	30,150	32,150	32,150
	2,815,507	2,940,162	2,940,162
HUMAN SERVICES			
511	175,444	168,004	168,004
541	58,593	59,272	59,272
543	76,500	77,897	77,897
	310,537	305,173	305,173

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	LIBRARIES	503,336	518,233
630	PARKS & RECREATION	160,703	164,826
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,600	1,600
	TOTAL CULTURE/RECREATION	666,139	685,159
DEBT SERVICE			
700	DEBT SERVICE	1,154,319	1,158,857
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	113,924	116,874
MISCELLANEOUS			
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,490,334	2,657,083
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	120,600	119,600
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	2,610,934	2,776,683
	TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	12,004,696	12,409,728

(Selectboard 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 \$3,119,324, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Clean Water Facility and associated pumping stations, said sum to be allocated in accordance with Schedule IV, CWF Budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Schedule IV
Clean Water Facility Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
CLEAN WATER FACILITY			
440	Wages & Expenses	2,015,729	2,116,590
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(Sewer Commission Request)

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(Department of Public Works Request)

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Total:	213,976

(Finance Committee Request)

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(Selectboard Request)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, Website, and Town Hall of the Town, at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this document with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk fourteen days before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Matthew Lord

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectboard, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA April ____, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 4, 2024**

MOTIONS

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to receive the reports of the Officers of the Town and any committees.

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard, or other Town departments with the approval of the Selectboard, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation.

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials.

SCHEDULE I Elected Officials

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
MODERATOR	500	500	500
SELECTBOARD			
Chairman	2,355	2,640	2,640
Second/Third Members	2,140	2,400	2,400
BOARD OF ASSESSOR			
Chairman	1,765	1,980	1,980
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,800	1,800
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER	78,423*	82,394**	82,394
*Step 9			
**Step 10			
TREE WARDEN	1,575	1,764	1,764
BOARD OF HEALTH			
Chairman	1,765	1,980	1,980
Second/Third Members	1,605	1,800	1,800

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials.

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
<u>ANNUAL STIPENDS</u>			
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	625	625	625
BOARD OF REGISTRARS Town Clerk	900	900	900
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	5,765	6,444	6,444
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,575	1,764	1,764
BARN INSPECTOR	1,050	1,400	1,400
IT COORDINATOR	2,100	2,352	2,352
POLICE IT ADMINISTRATOR	3,000	6,000	6,000
FOREST WARDEN	1,710	1,882	1,882
HEARING OFFICER	2,500	2,500	2,500
FARMERS MARKET MANAGER	4,000	4,000	4,000
<u>RATES PER INSPECTION</u>			
ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
GAS INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	35.00	45.00	45.00
SEXTON/PER BURIAL		100.00	100.00
<u>HOURLY RATES</u>			
EXTRA CLERICAL	<u>Ranges/hr.</u> 15.00-16.75	<u>Ranges/hr.</u> 15.00-18.75	<u>Ranges/hr.</u> 15.00-18.75
ELECTION WORKERS	15.00-17.75	15.00-19.75	15.00-19.75
SUMMER HIGHWAY	15.00-16.75	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75
SNOW PLOW DRIVERS	15.00-25.00	15.00-27.00	15.00-27.00
PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS	25.00-28.00	29.00-35.00	29.00-35.00
PART TIME DISPATCHERS	22.00-25.00	22.00-27.00	22.00-27.00
PARKS & RECREATION	15.00-21.50	15.00-24.25	15.00-24.25
AIRPORT INTERN	15.00-16.00	15.00-18.75	15.00-18.75

**SCHEDULE II
Appointed Officials**

	<u>FY24 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY25 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY25 RECOMMEND</u>
SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS			
<u>PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS</u>			
SECOND SHIFT		1.00	1.00
THIRD SHIFT		1.25	1.25
<u>PART TIME DISPATCHERS</u>			
SECOND SHIFT		0.75	0.75
THIRD SHIFT		1.00	1.00
<u>PART TIME CLERICAL/LIBRARIES</u>		0.75	0.75

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE (placed on NAGE Scale)

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range FY2024</u>		<u>Range FY2025</u>	
		Start	End	Start	End
<u>SALARIED</u>					
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	J	100,946	124,233	103,470	127,339
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMIN	I	91,770	112,940	94,064	115,764
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
TOWN CLERK	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
CHIEF OF POLICE	I	91,770	112,940	94,064	115,764
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	H	83,428	102,672	85,514	105,239
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	G	65,636	80,384	67,277	82,394
CWF SUPERINTENDENT	H	83,428	102,672	85,514	105,239
<u>HOURLY</u>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	E	24.40	30.02	25.01	30.77
POLICE LIEUTENANT	G+8.5%	40.11	44.50	40.95	45.44
POLICE CUSTODIAN	A	16.35	20.12	16.76	20.62

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,409,728 for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sum to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, and for any other necessary charges, with \$487.42 to be raised from Fund Balance Reserved for Excluded Debt and \$12,409,240.58 to be raised from Taxation.

**Schedule III
Town Operating Budget**

DEPT NO.	BUDGET FY24	REQUEST FY25	SELECTBOARD FIN COMM RECOMMEND FY25
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
113	2,980	3,180	3,180
122	330,581	326,230	326,230
131	2,000	600	600
132	50,000	50,000	50,000
135	90,500	93,000	93,000
141	189,801	186,059	186,059
145	231,048	206,965	206,965
151	80,000	87,475	87,475
155	80,500	92,252	92,252
159	85,907	93,499	93,499
161	243,041	237,224	237,224
175	134,429	140,788	140,788
176	700	700	700
190	155,932	140,050	140,050
197	5,000	5,200	5,200
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVT	1,663,222	1,663,222
PUBLIC SAFETY			
211	1,970,054	2,067,608	2,067,608
211	68,100	60,000	60,000
212	395,588	410,768	410,768
241	148,621	155,082	155,082
244	7,182	7,182	7,182
291	6,265	6,944	6,944
292	23,112	23,658	23,658
294	1,710	1,882	1,882
299	30,285	30,474	30,474
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,763,598	2,763,598
PUBLIC WORKS			
420	1,747,506	1,772,006	1,772,006
423	311,250	321,250	321,250
433	679,221	802,776	802,776
480	7,380	11,980	11,980
491	30,150	32,150	32,150
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,940,162	2,940,162

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HUMAN SERVICES			
511	175,444	168,004	168,004
541	58,593	59,272	59,272
543	76,500	77,897	77,897
	310,537	305,173	305,173
CULTURE & RECREATION			
610	503,336	518,233	518,233
630	160,703	164,826	164,826
691	500	500	500
693	1,600	1,600	1,600
	666,139	685,159	685,159
DEBT SERVICE			
700	1,154,319	1,158,857	1,158,857
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
840	113,924	116,874	116,874
MISCELLANEOUS			
910	2,490,334	2,657,083	2,657,083
946	120,600	119,600	119,600
	2,610,934	2,776,683	2,776,683
	12,004,696	12,409,728	12,409,728

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Montague Grant Strategy FY25

Relating to development, planning, and facilities

		Project Cost	grant max	Due Date	
One Stop- Rural Development Fund	Unity Street Affordable Homeownership	175,000	500,000	5-Jun	town can oly choose one RDF application
One Stop- Rural Development Fund	Ave A Traffic Signal Replacement	500,000	500,000	5-Jun	
One Stop- Brownfields Redevelopment Fund	First Street Cleanup for Housing Project	TBD		5-Jun	
One Stop- Community Planning	40R Zoning Support for Farren Property	40,000		5-Jun	
Mass Housing Partership Small Town	Farren Property Pre-Development work	40,000		rolling/automatic	
Municipal ADA	Accessible Bottle Fill stations at Town Hall?	30,000	250,000	1-May	town can only choose on ADA application
Municipal ADA	update Municipal ADA Transition Plan				
Community Compact	Paper Streets Research Project	TBD		August	
DER Culvert Replacement Grant				12-Apr	not ready for FY25
MassDOT Small Bridge Program	Swamp Rd- Goddard Brook	500,000+	500,000	30-Jun	Town will be ready to apply for FY26
Complete Streets	Traffic Calming in Montague Center, Millers Falls, Unity Park?		500,000	May 1, Oct 1	Town will need to conduct design prior to application
MVP Action Grant	Stormwater Outlet Assessment and Prioritization Plan	150,000		24-Apr	
Green Communities	still need to identify projects	537,000	200,000	May 1, Oct 1	
Mass Broadband Implementation	TBD				
Clean Water Trust Asset Managment Grant	TBD			August	

Applications Pending

FY24 EPA Brownfields	4,920,400	5M
EPA Community Change?		10M
CDBG	950,000	



April 4, 2024

Honorable Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 2485-063
Turners Falls Project No. 1889-081
Request for Extension of Time on Comment Period

Dear Acting Secretary Reese,

On February 22, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission filed its Ready for Environmental Analysis (REA) notice for the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 1889 and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project No. 2485. The REA initiated a 60-day period soliciting motions to intervene and comment on the License Applications for the two facilities. On March 22, 2024, FirstLight filed several new documents, including a proposal for mitigating and monitoring streambank erosion and a new Supplemental BSTEM report. Revised Invasive Species Management Plans were also filed, along with several lengthy documents that lie outside of FRCOG's subject review area.

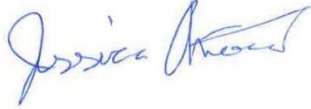
The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) serves as the Regional Planning Agency for the 26 municipalities in Franklin County, Massachusetts, and we have been preparing our Motion to Intervene and comment letter, while coordinating with member towns. Now we have also been reviewing the new material.

As we have been working with our Towns, it has come to our attention that few or none of the Historical Commissions within the Project Area previously were aware of or received copies of the Historical Properties Management Plans (HPMP) for each project. The HPMPs were filed with the Amended Final License Applications in 2020 as non-public documents. Historical Commission members have been working with FirstLight to obtain copies, meet as a public body, and prepare comments. Local government boards in Massachusetts are subject to Open Meeting Law requirements, and the municipal Historical Commissions have been seeking guidance from the Massachusetts Historical Commission about reviewing non-public documents in this public format.

FRCOG is requesting a 30-day extension of the comment period to allow adequate time for review and comment on the new material, and to give Towns sufficient time to review the HPMPs and prepare and review comments. The Towns of Montague, Northfield, and Gill have told us they would appreciate an extra 30 days of preparation time. FRCOG and our Towns do not anticipate needing extra time to file Motions to Intervene.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, you can reach me by email at jatwood@frcog.org or by phone at 413-774-3167 x.123.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Atwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'A'.

Jessica Atwood
Director of Planning