

**MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**VIA ZOOM**

**Monday, April 29, 2024**

**AGENDA**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662250694>

**Meeting ID: 816 6225 0694 Passcode: 377779 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. 6:30PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 **Approve Minutes:**
  - Selectboard 04/22/2024 meeting
3. 6:32 **Public Comment Period:** Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
4. 6:34 **Tom Bergeron, Millers Falls Collection System Inflow Reduction**
  - Review of Actions Taken and Resulting Impact on Inflow to Sanitary Sewer System
5. 6:40 **Personnel Board:**
  - Review and amend DPW Superintendent job description
6. 6:50 **Carolyn Olsen, Town Account**

Amend Financial Management Policies to adjust Town Capital Outlay Threshold from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
7. 6:55 **Eileen Seymour, Treasurer/Collector**
  - Reserve Fund Transfer Request: \$5,915.00 to be transferred from the Reserve Fund Account to the Treasurer Capital Outlay Account for new copier/printer/scanner for Tax Collectors Office.
8. 7:00 **Susanne LoManto, Assistant Town Planner/RiverCulture**

RiverCulture seeks group permits for summer programming (May – September)

  - Use of Peskeompskut Park: May 18, 25; June 1, 2, 21; July 14, 19; August 2, 9, 10, 15, 17, 22
  - Use of Public Property: Porta Potty and Signs at Peskeompskut Park, May – September; Montague Marching Band Parade, Avenue A/Third Street, May 3; Downtown Businesses Sidewalk Sales, May – September
  - Entertainment License:
    - Events at Peskeompskut Park (dates listed above)
    - Second Street (lot behind Pioneer Brewery) June 29, July 27, August 24
    - 66 Avenue A, July 5 (rain date: July 7)
9. 7:10 **Ann Fisk, Montague Center Fire Department**
  - Request use of public property on Montague Center Common May 26, 2024 for short service to honor American Veterans from 9:00am – 12:00 and clean up at

12:45pm

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10. 7:15 **Thomas Memorial Golf, 29 Country Club Road, Turners Falls**
- Request 2024 Common Victualler License (previous license did not transfer)
  - Request 2024 Entertainment License (previous license did not transfer)
11. 7:20 **Alyssa Larose, Housing Development Director- Rural Development Inc.**
- Request for Town support for the Rural Homes 10 Unity Street Affordable Homeownership Project
12. 7:30 **Ted Harvey, FRCOG, Montague Digital Equity Plan**
- Receive report of plan findings and recommended implementation strategies
13. 7:50 Execute May 21, 2024 Town Election Warrant, attached hereto
14. 7:55 **Assistant Town Administrators Business**
- Authorize Full Notice to Proceed to ACE Solar for the purchase and installation of a 71.54 kW DC Photovoltaic System on the Town Hall Annex. Purchase price \$192,930.52 to be funded from existing ARPA appropriation.
  - Request technical support from FRCOG Brownfields Assessment Program: First Street Municipal Parking Lot, 38 Avenue A, Former Farren Property
  - Avenue A Streetscape Continuation Project: Discuss Bid Results and rebidding strategy
  - Award Gill-Montague Senior Center Siding Replacement Project to Laroche Construction. \$37,000. Up to \$17,000 from Community Development Discretionary Unallocated (current balance \$62,086)
15. 8:10 **Town Administrators Business**
- Consider Proposed Host Community Agreement with 253 Organic, LLC for a Marijuana Treatment Center to be co-located with the existing Marijuana Cultivator, Product Manufacturer and Retail Establishment.
  - Consider Legal Services Agreement with August & Epstein Associates for the Purpose of the Comcast Cable Relicensing Process
  - Update on Closing and Gift Agreement Relative to Farren Care Center Property
  - Request Authorization to Spend Up to \$9,000 for Fencing to Further Secure the Strathmore Mill Site (Sources to Include Community Development Discretionary Funds and Unsafe Buildings and Property Discretionary Funds)
  - Execute Clean Water Trust Planning Project Completion Certificate for Project CWA-22-04
  - MassDEP FirstLight Water Quality Certification Public Involvement Timeline
  - Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting
16. 8:30 Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Union, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

**Next Meeting:**

- **Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Rd. Pre-meeting social hour and information session: 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM, Meeting: 9:00 AM

- **Selectboard, Monday, May 6, 2024** at 6:30 PM, In Person at 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, and via ZOOM