

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 Larochelle 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 4th**, 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

**ELECTION WARRANT
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 21, 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 elections and Town affairs to meet in their respective polling places appointed and designated as follows:

Precinct No. 1, the Montague Center Precinct, the Montague Center Fire Station, 28 Old Sunderland Road, Montague Center; Precinct No. 2, the Millers Falls Precinct, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 3, the upper hill section of Turners Falls, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 4, the second level of Turners Falls, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 5, downtown section of Turners Falls, the Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 6, the South End and Montague City Precinct, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls on **TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2024**, from 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. to bring their votes on one ballot to the Election Officers for:

One Selectboard Member, for three years
One Moderator, for three years
One Assessor, for three years
One Board of Health Member, for three years
Three Public Library Trustees, for three years
One Public Library Trustee, for two years
One Housing Authority Member, for five years
One Parks & Recreation Commissioner, for three years
One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Non-Veteran), for three years
One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Veteran), for three years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 1, for three years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 1, for two years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 2, for three years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for three years
Three Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for two years
Four Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for one year
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 4, for three years
Two Town Meeting Members, Precinct 4, for two years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 4, for one year
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 5, for three years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 5, for two years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 5, for one year
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 6, for three years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 6, for two years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 6, for one year

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk seven days before said election. Given under our hands this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Richard J. Kuklewicz

Matthew R. Lord

Christopher M. Boutwell

Franklin, ss Montague, MA, _____, 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