

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, July 8, 2024 AGENDA

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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 Meeting June 24, 2024 if available
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. 6:35 **Jon Dobosz, Parks and Recreation Director**
 - Execute construction contract with Mountainview Landscapes and Lawncare, Inc. For the Montague Center Playground Reconstruction Project. Contract sum of \$265,150.00 to be funded by PARC grant and Town Special Article appropriation.
5. 6:40 **Brian McHugh, Director of Community Development – Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority**
 - Authorize Payment in the amount of \$51,850 to Clayton D. Davenport Trucking for work complete to date on the Hillcrest Neighborhood Playground Project
 - Two Change Orders for Hillcrest Neighborhood Park: CO#1 – No Cost Change Order – for additional excavation and sidewalk pavement area – offset by removing playground installation credit. CO#2 – Removal and Installation of new catch basin
 - Hillcrest Neighborhood Playground : Next steps and project management discussion
6. 6:50 **Ted Harvey, Franklin Regional Council of Governments**
 - Announce Broadband Equity Access & Development Challenge (internet census)

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7. 6:55

Personnel Board

- Appoint Abigail Moore as Extra Clerical/Election Worker for the Town Clerk's Office. 15-25 hours per week (as determined by election schedule), \$17.75/hour with start date of August 19, 2024 to approximately January 31, 2025.
- Appoint Andrew Skiff as Laborer/Operator for CWF, Grade B, Step 4, \$21.37/hour effective July 9, 2024
- Change Status for Adam Kleeburg from CWF Lead Operator (Grade E, Step 4 \$27.06/hour) to CWF Wastewater Technician, Grade D, Step 6 at \$26.35/hour effective July 9, 2024
- Promote Samuel Stevens from CWF Wastewater Technician (Grade D, Step 3, \$24.45/hour) to CWF Lead Operator, Grade E, Step 3 at \$26.41/hour effective July 9, 2024
- Parental Leave Request: Stephen Orloske is requesting to take 8 weeks of unpaid parental leave from 8/5 thru 9/27, 2024. Stephen would be responsible for paying his health insurance while he is on leave.
- Cell Phone Stipend, Chris Nolan-Zeller, \$5.77/week
- Execute Employment Contract with Samuel Urkiel, Department of Public Works Superintendent Grade H Step 6 (\$96,751). Contract through June 30, 2027.

8. 7:15

Follow-up Discussion on Cannabis Odor Complaints Flower Power Growers, Inc. - 180 Industrial Boulevard

- Review of complaints and response
- Protocols and expectations moving forward

9. 7:20

Town Administrators Business

- Strategy to Comply with Cannabis Control Commission equity requirement
- Updates on new Casella Trash Collection Contract effective 7/1/2024
- Planning for Strathmore Brownfields Grant Award Event 7/18 10AM at Great Falls Discovery Center. Next steps in project.
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hours of posting

Next Meeting:

- Selectboard, Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM, via ZOOM