

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, March 3, 2025

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481596207>

Meeting ID: 814 8159 6207 Password: 271492 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

This meeting/hearing of the Selectboard will be held in person at the location provided on this notice.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:00PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meeting February 24, 2025 if available
3. 6:00 **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. 6:02 **Zak's Auto, 221 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls, MA**
 - Request to add 5 cars (10 in total) to Class II License
5. 6:05 **Brick House Community Resource Center, LLC**
 - Request Use of Public Property for 5K Fun Run and Walk on May 17, 2025, from Bike Path through the Patch from 7:00am to 1:00pm.
6. 6:10 **Personnel Board**
 - Assessor Office Transition Plan
 - Director of Assessing Hiring Committee
 - Establish Director of Assessing Hiring Committee and appoint Ann Cenzano, Board of Assessors; Walter Ramsey, Town Administrator; Chris Boutwell, Selectboard Representative; Eileen Seymour, Town Treasurer; Angelica Desroches, Town Accountant; Ella Ingraham, Town Resident Representative
 - Town Clerk Hiring Committee
 - Establish Town Clerk Hiring Committee and appoint Tina Sulda, Interim Town Clerk; Chris Nolan-Zeller, Assistant Town Administrator; Matt Lord, Selectboard Representative; Deb Bourbeau Former Town Clerk; Ariel Elan, Town Resident Representative
 - Appoint Elena Pepe-Salutric to Cataloger/Library Technician, Grade B, Step 8 @ 23.27/hr effective 3/19/2025
7. 6:20 **Maureen Pollock, Planning Director**
 - Request Authorization to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Total Project Cost: \$32,300
 - Request Authorization to allocate required local cash match (15% of total project cost = \$4,845) and in-kind services made up of Planning Department staff time (10% of total project cost = \$3,230)

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8. 6:30 **Natalie Blais, State Representative and Jo Comerford, State Senator**
- Discussion of Town Legislative Priorities
9. 7:00 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- Execute Certification for Closeout of Mitigation Grant PDMC 19-03 from MEMA
 - Other project updates
10. 7:10 **Town Administrator's Business**
- FY26 Budget Updates
 - Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirements
11. 7:10 **Executive Session With Board of Assessors**
- Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation with FirstLight Power, Inc. if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.
12. 7:30 Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, 16 and 20 Canal Road in Turners Falls, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.
13. 8:00 Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1) discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Next Meetings:

Selectboard: March 10, 2025, at 6:00pm VIA ZOOM

March 12 CIC/FC/SB Capital Requests

March 19 SB/FC Reconciliation meeting