

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, March 31, 2025 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 March 24, 2025
3. 6:30 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. 6:32 **Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture Program Director**
 - RiverCulture seeks permission for the Montague Center May Day event, Sunday May 4, 2025, in partnership with community representative Will Quale. Activities include a short parade from the post office, and entertainment on the Montague Center Common.
 - RiverCulture seeks permission for Northeast Unity Car Show including street closure on First Street and permission to use public parking lots around Town Hall and First Street, on Sunday September 21, 2025, from 10am-4pm
 - RiverCulture gives an update of Montague Wheat Paste Mural Project; three winners announced.
5. 6:37 **Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Children's Librarian**
 - Montague Public Libraries requests an Entertainment License for the Montague Community Fair at Unity Park being held on 9/27/2025 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
 - Montague Public Library, Summer Reading Program, request use of Peskeompskut for a dog event being held on July 19, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
6. 6:42 **Phillip Malone Jr, New Guilbault Community Baseball**
 - Use of Public Property: New Guilbault Baseball League Opening Day Parade April 27, 2025(Rain Date 5/4/2025), 9am-12:00pm, beginning at TFHS down Turnpike Road right onto Montague St., right on Crocker Avenue. Approximately 130 people in attendance and 5 vehicles expected to participate.
7. 6:46 **Ann Fisk, Use of Montague Center Town Common**
 - Montague Center Fire Fighters Assoc., Memorial Day Service, May 25, 2025, 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM
 - 1st Congregational Church of Montague, Road Race, August 16, 2025, 6:30 AM to Noon

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8. 6:50 **William McKerchie, The Upper Bend, 112 Avenue A, Turners Falls**
- Request to place 7 tables with chairs in front of 112 Avenue A,
9. 6:55 **Emily Innes, Innes Associates Ltd.**
- Montague City Zoning Studies – Selectboard Update #1
10. 7:15 **Maureen Pollock, Planning Director**
- Authorization to extend (and sign) contract to complete MVP 2.0 Pilot Grant until June 30, 2026
11. 7:20 **Vote recommendations for FY26 Budget and May 7 Annual Town Meeting warrant**
- A. Special Articles**
- Implement collective bargaining agreements with United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America and the National Association of Government Employees- \$125,154
 - Appropriate \$200,000 to Reserves from Free Cash
 - \$100,000 to Town Capital Stabilization
 - \$50,000 to GMRSD Capital Stabilization
 - \$50,000 to OPEB Trust Fund
12. 7:35 **Personnel Board**
- Appoint Oliver Beane, Interim Director of Assessing, Grade G1, Step 1, \$67,277 (old rate: Grade B, Step 1, \$22.37/hr.) effective 3/17/25
 - Appoint Karen Tonelli, - Board of Assessors Consultant, \$45.06/hour up to 10 hours per week through June 30, 2025.
13. 7:45 Review compliance of “Violation of Nuisance Dog” Order issued November 7, 2023 to Kim James-Caron, 20 N Street, Turners Falls
14. 7:55 **Assistant Town Administrator’s Business**
- Execution of payment requisition to Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Resources for Asset Management Grant. Requisition value is \$74,077 for Wastewater Asset Vulnerability Inventory
 - Authorization to apply for Green Communities competitive grant for weatherization and insulation improvements at Unity Park Fieldhouse
 - Other Updates
15. 8:05 **Town Administrator’s Business**
- First Street housing development updates and request to extend Habitat for Humanity Purchase and Sale Agreement through June 30, 2026
 - Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements

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16. 8:15 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 Meeting:

- Selectboard, Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:30PM, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and via ZOOM.