

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD

MEETING VIA ZOOM

Monday, July 21, 2025

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82484982338>

Meeting ID: 824 8498 2338 Passcode: 272830 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. 6:00PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Minutes: Selectboard July 7, 2025
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 **Use of Public Property Requests**
 - RiverCulture request for permission for a bike parade related to Fairy Day, Saturday, 8-16-2025. The route is on Avenue A from 62 Avenue A to Peskeompskut Park from 2-2:15pm. Rain date is 8-17-2025
 - Allison Cooke of Montague Elks Lodge Requests use of Public Property for 5K race and 1.4-mile fun run to benefit Montague Elks #2521, on September 13, 2025, from 9:am to 1:00pm, rain or shine.
5. 6:10 **Personnel Board**
DPW
 - Appoint Jason Kingsbury to DPW Grounds Maintenance Lead effective 7/21/2025, Grade F, Step 2 at \$26.70 per hour**POLICE**
 - Accept resignation of Jacob Lapean as Detective and appoint him as Patrolman, Grade P, Step 8 @ \$33.16 per hour. Formerly Detective, Grade D, Step 8 @ \$35.97 per hour
 - Authorize Cell Phone Stipend for Brian Pfister of the Police Department at current rate of \$5.77 per week**LIBRARIES**
 - Accept Resignation of Joshua Lively from Library Building Steering Committee
 - Appoint Sue Richardson as Substitute Library Assistant for the Montague Public Libraries, filling as necessary for library staff who have called out, \$15.00/hour, effective 7/22/2025
 - Appoint Elaine Moe as Substitute Library Assistant for the Montague Public Libraries, filling as necessary for library staff who have called out, \$15.00/hour, effective 7/22/2025
 - Appoint Amy Love as Substitute Library Assistant for the Montague Public Libraries, filling as necessary for library staff who have called out, \$15.00/hour, effective 7/22/2025

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- Appoint Kimber Gray as Community Relations Coordinator for the Montague Public Libraries, 13.5 hours/week, \$25.01/hour effective 7/22/2025
- Appoint Lisa Davol to Library Building Steering Committee
- Authorize Cell Phone Stipend for Caitlin Kelley of the Montague Public Libraries at current rate of \$5.77 per week

6: 6:30 **Liquor Licensing Hearing, El Nopalito Restaurant, 196 Turners Falls Rd, Montague**

- Alteration to the on premise All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License (Restaurant). The proposed 281 square foot patio area will be located on the south side of the building with a seating capacity of up to 32 patrons. The floor plan is available in the Selectboard's Office.

7. 6:40 **Informational Presentation and Discussion on Montague's potential participation in Climate Leader Communities Program (With Montague Energy Committee)**

8. 7:00 **Cable Television License Renewal Public Hearing (With Cable Advisory Committee)**

- Held in accordance with 207 CMR 3.05 to review the terms of a proposed cable television renewal license agreement with Comcast of Massachusetts/Virginia Inc.

9. 7:15 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**

- Authorize agreement with Weston & Sampson for First Street Remediation oversight services. Contract value is \$49,980 to be funded by Chapter 40R Zoning Incentive Payment.
- Authorize contract with All Star Abatement, Inc. For hazardous material abatement services at Strathmore Footbridge. Contract value is \$38,000.00 to be funded by Town Meeting appropriation.
- Approve letter of thanks to Rep. Natalie Blais and Rep. Susannah Whipps for \$50k earmark to Gill-Montague Council on Aging
- Request authorization to apply for MassDEP State Revolving Fund loan program for Collections System Rehab – Phase 2
- Request authorization to apply for Municipal Decarbonization Planning Assistance Grant from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER)
- Announce selection of intersections at Main & School Street in Montague Center for rectangular rapid flashing beacons provided by MassDOT
- Parking lot re-paving updates: Third Street, Fourth Street, Hillcrest School, Town Hall
- Downtown District Coordinator update
- Other Updates

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10. 7:30

Town Administrator's Business

- Vote on plan to transition non-union employees to new FY26 wage and classification plan
- Authorize Letter of request to Franklin County Technical School to continue the tree nursery and arboriculture training program
- Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements

Next Meeting:

- Selectboard, Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:30PM, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA and via ZOOM