

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, August 4, 2025 AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86538361196>

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

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

- 1.6:00PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:00 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meeting July 7, 2025, if available
3. 6:02 **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 **Chelsey Little, Sewer Commission**
 - FY26 Sewer Rate Hearing (Residential/Commercial, Industrial, Septage, RVs)
 - Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) for back-up sludge hauling and disposal
 - Execute MOU with Agresource, Inc for the processing and dewatering of municipal wastewater sludge
5. 6:25 **Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director**
 - Request permission for public demonstration for Annual Rag Shag Parade on October 31, 2025, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Parade will start at 2nd Street parking lot proceeding South down Avenue A to Peskeompskut Park. Turners Falls Band will be leading the way.
 - Authorize Event Application to show a movie in conjunction with Annual Rag Shag Parade on Friday, 10/31/25 from 5:30 – 6:30pm at Peskeompskut Park
6. 6:30 **Bryan Camden, Airport Manager / Airport Commission Quarterly Check-in**
 - Request to increase Airport Fuel Revolving account from \$200,000 to \$300,000 at Fall Special Town Meeting
 - Airport Solar Development status and next steps
 - FY26 State Grant Requests: Pickup truck w/plow, backup generator for pioneer aviation, roof solar for maintenance hangar
 - FY26 Capital projects status
 - FY27 budget planning

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7. 7:00

Chris Williams, Police Chief

- FY26 Memorandum of Agreement for School Resource Officer with Gill-Montague Regional School District .
- FY26 Regional Dog Shelter Services Agreement with Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$880)
- FY26 Regional Animal Control Services Agreement with Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$16,505)

8. 7:15

Personnel Board

Police Department:

- Appoint Felix Morales to part-time Police Officer (patrol) at \$30.00/hour effective August 4, 2025

Selectboard:

- Appoint Fern Smith to Executive Assistant to Selectboard, Grade E, Step 7 at \$61,443.00/annually, effective September 2, 2025

Department of Public Works:

- Appoint Steven Gochinski from DPW Truck Driver/Laborer to Grounds Maintenance, Grade H, Step 4 at \$24.04/hour effective August 4, 2025

Montague Cultural Council:

- Appoint Maggie Martin to Montague Cultural Council for a 3-year term, effective 8/5, 2025. Term ends 6/30/2028
- Appoint Kate Martineau to Montague Cultural Council for a 3-year term, effective 8/5/2025. Term ends 6/30/2028
- Appoint Julie Kumble to Montague Cultural Council for a 2-year term effective 8/5/2025. Term ends 6/30/2027
- Appoint Ben Letcher to Montague Cultural Council for a 1-year term, effective 8/5, 2025. Term ends 6/3/2026

9. 7:30

Town Administrator's Business

- Authorize GZA Environmental to produce as-built survey and final recording document for Burn Dump closure- Request to authorize up to \$4,500 from unexpected engineering
- Opportunity for free technical assistance: Rural Infrastructure Strengths Evaluation (RISE) offered by RCAP Solutions via a USDA grant
- 10/1/2025 Health Insurance rate Increase updates
- Selectboard Strategic Planning Workshop
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirements

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: August 18, 2025 at 6:30pm via Zoom