

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday, January 27, 2025 AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824815799>

Meeting ID: 848 2481 5799 Passcode: 774436 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. 6:30PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meeting January 13, 2025, if available
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 **Pole Location Hearing**
 - Eversource and Verizon New England, Inc. are requesting to install one (1) jointly owned midspan pole (Pole #189/16M) to be located approximately one hundred thirty-four (134) feet southeasterly from exiting pole #189/16, To provide new riser service at 390 Millers Falls Road.
 - Eversource and Verizon New England Inc. are requesting permission to install 180/5MNew 40 CL2 midspan pole for a new service at 2 Foster Road
5. 6:40 **Brian McHugh, FCRHRA**
 - Preview of FY24-25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
 - Designation of Christopher Nolan-Zeller as Environmental Certifying Officer
6. 6:55 **Ted Harvey, FRCOG Senior Economic Development Planner**
 - Review of 1/14/25 Downtown Partnership Business Meeting
 - Request for \$4,000 funds for shared downtown Business Coordinator Pilot. Potential funding source: Community Development Discretionary Account
7. 7:05 **Winter Special Town Meeting**
 - To review, make recommendations, approve, and execute February 12, 2025 Special Town Meeting warrant, attached hereto, votes may be taken
8. 7:10 **Personnel Board**
 - Place Sgt. Jacob Dlugosz on 111F status effective January 1, 2025
 - Appoint Elizabeth Walber to RiverCulture Steering Committee, for a 3-year term effective January 28, 2025
 - Establish Carnegie Library Building Steering Committee
 - Appoint Members to the Library Building Steering Committee as follows: Dorinda Bell-Upp, Ariel Elan, David Dempsey, Lydia Ievins, Caitlin Kelley, Josh Lively, Christopher Nolan-Zeller, Patricia Perham, William Quale

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- 9: 7:20 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
- Authorize Montague Public Library to apply for LifePath's Age and Dementia-Friendly Community Grant
 - Authorize grant agreement in the amount of \$100,000 with Mass Libraries Board of Library Commissioners for Planning and Design for Carnegie Library
 - Review Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) 2025 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) requests
 - Other Project Updates
10. 7:30 **Town Administrator's Business**
- Approve 2025 Annual Class II License for Gregory Precourt, Montague Garage Inc.
 - Correspondence and discussion relating to the 2024 HERO Act local options for additional benefits to disabled veterans
 - FY26 Budget notes and next steps
 - MMA Meeting News/ Governor's Announcements re FY26 Budget
 - Topics not anticipated within 48 hours of posting
11. 7:45 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.

Next Meeting:

- Selectboard, Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:30 PM, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and via ZOOM.