

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, February 4, 2019**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell and Rich Kuklewicz, and Town Administrator Steven Ellis. Kuklewicz makes introduction and announces meeting is being taped.

**Approve Minutes of January 28, 2019 if available**

Selectboard decided to wait until next week to approve the Minutes.

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment**

None

**Personnel Board with Chris Williams, Police Chief**

**Resignation of Justin Lawrence as Full Time Dispatcher and request to become Per-Diem Dispatcher effective 2/19/19**

*Boutwell makes the motion to accept the Resignation of Justin Lawrence as a Full Time Dispatcher. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to appoint Justin Lawrence as a Per-Diem Dispatcher effective 2/19/19 at a rate of \$19/hour. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Boutwell - Aye*

**Appoint Elizabeth Phillips, Full Time Dispatcher, effective 2/11/19, NAGE Grade B, Step 7**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to appoint Elizabeth Phillips as a Full Time 911 Dispatcher at 37.6 hours per week, NAGE bargaining unit, Grade B, Step 7; wage rate is \$19.06/hour, effective 2/11/19. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Boutwell - Aye*

**Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA**

**Authorization to Disburse No. 6, Invoice #011990077, Strathmore Mill Demolition Design Project, Contractor: Tighe & Bond, \$9,900.00**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize Disbursal #6, Invoice #011990077, Strathmore Mill Demolition Design Project to Tighe & Bond in the amount of \$9,900.00. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Bob McDonald, WPCF Superintendent**

**Update on Anaerobic Digester**

McDonald reports that Greenfield is moving forward with the Anaerobic Digester project. We will be involved, but exactly how involved is still undetermined.

**Update on Solar Project**

McDonald will be meeting with the engineering firm next Tuesday; they are going to start putting together their design for the Solar Array. McDonald states he still needs to determine if building the Solar Array without the Smart Incentives will still help us save money and not create more debt.

**Bryan Camden, Airport Manager**

**Execute Grant Assurances with Mass DOT Aeronautics Division**

**1) Project Name: Runway 16 Vegetation Removal, ASMP Project No. #2019-0B5-13, State Grant No. 190B5VEGREM01, \$18,700**

*Boutwell makes the motion to execute Grant Assurance for Project Name: Runway 16 Vegetation Removal, ASMP Project No. #2019-0B5-13, State Grant No. 190B5VEGREM01 in the amount of \$18,700. Kuklewicz seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**2) Project Name: Airport Pickup Truck with Plow, ASMP Project No. #2019-0B5-14, State Grant No. 190B5PUPTRK, \$39,704.00**

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**Review the Master Plan Update**

The Master Plan is in the process of being wrapped up. The Plan details what projects they should be tackling over the next 10-12 years. The final Master Plan will be posted on the website.

**Discuss Federal Funding for a solar development**

Camden states that funding may be available this year for the solar development project. They are waiting to hear back from the State. This project would cut down electrical consumption.

**Discuss new revenue for FY20**

Potential new revenue sources for FY20 include:

- 1) Some type of facility utilizing the property behind the vocational school (19-20 acres); according to Camden, a couple of parties are currently interested in doing something with it and an RFP will need to be published
- 2) The proposed cell tower location on airport-owned property on West Mineral Hill

**Special Town Meeting Warrant, 2/19/19 - To approve and execute draft warrant, attached hereto**

Kuklewicz reads aloud the Special Town Meeting Warrant

*Boutwell makes the motion for the Board to authorize Articles 1, 2, and 3 to be placed on the Special Town Meeting for the Town of Montague for February 19, 2019. Kuklewicz seconded, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Administrator Business**

**Discuss Selectboard response to FirstLight Hydro Generating Company FERC application to transfer license for the Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project to FirstLight Hydro LLC (to subdivide assets)**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to the Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 888 First Street, NE in Washington, DC. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Discuss Replacement of Town Hall Signage**

Discussion is postponed until next week so that Selectman Michael Nelson can be present.

**Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3), Steven Ellis**

Ellis states that as his spouse, Diane Ellis, is part of the Gill-Montague School District Administration Team, he is formally filing a Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest as required by G.L. c. 268A, §23(b)(3). The Disclosure will be filed with the Town Clerk.

**Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting**

• **Representative Blais's staff**

Ellis mentioned that today was the first day that Representative Natalie Blais's staff was present. They are going to be here on Mondays between 1:00 and 6:30 throughout February.

• **Update on Bridge over Canal**

The Selectboard asked Ellis to ask Tom Bergeron for an update on the bridge over the canal.

*Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

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