

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

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

**Approve Minutes of February 11 and 25, 2019 if available**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2019. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2019. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**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

**Chris Williams, Police Chief**

**Request Civil Service List for 1 Reserve Officer**

*Nelson makes the motion to request a Civil Service List for 1 Reserve Officer. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Bruce Hunter, FCRHRDA**

**Authorization to Disburse No. 7, Invoice #021990191, Strathmore Mill Demolition Design Project, Contractor: Tighe & Bond, \$8,650**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the authorization to Disburse No. 7, Invoice #021990191, Strathmore Mill Demolition Design Project, Contractor: Tighe & Bond, \$8,650. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Ryan Graham, CDM Smith**

**Turners Falls Main Drain & Siphon Cleaning Project**

Cancelled - To be discussed at a future date

**Deb Bourbeau, Town Clerk**

**Changing Polling Locations, Precinct 3 and Precinct 4**

Bourbeau expresses concerns about voting at Hillcrest:

- It is very disruptive; it is inconvenient to have voting while school is open.
- The school is put at risk as the doors remain unlocked all day long.
- Parking is an issue.
- Extra staff is required during arrival and dismissal to monitor the children.

Discussion:

- Bourbeau is highly interested in using the Great Falls Hall across the street; she has filled out all the required paper work and is awaiting word from DCR.
- Kuklewicz suggests combining Precincts 3, 4, and 5 at one location.
- Bourbeau states that each precinct needs their own workers and ballot boxes. She will look at the numbers.
- At Nelson's request, Bourbeau clarifies where each precinct votes: Precinct 1 votes at the fire department, Precinct 2 vote at Highland School Apartments, Precinct 3 and 4 vote at Hillcrest, Precinct 5 votes at the Senior Center, and Precinct 6 votes at the police station.

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- One suggestion is that Precincts 5 and 6 could be done at the Senior Center.
- Next year when we do the Federal Census, we may be able to shrink our precincts.
- Ellis and Bourbeau request the Board's blessing to write in the lease that Hillcrest would be an emergency poll station; the Board agrees to hold off on a vote.

**Kim Kosloski**

**Use of Public Property: 33 E. Main Street, Millers Falls, intermittently between 3/6/19 - 3/13/19 between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; filming of a mini documentary (inside & outside of Whistle Stop Café)**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for the Use of Public Property by Kim Kosloski at 33 E. Main Street, Millers Falls from 3/6/19 - 3/13/19 to take place during the daylight hours of those dates, for the purpose of filming a mini documentary; the Police Chief has signed off on it and we have insurance. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Administrator Business**

**FY20 - 22 Municipal Solid Waste Contract**

- Ellis: We're in the final year with Republic Services. They have made some changes in their management team, and their performance is now more in line with what we expect. We have asked them for a preliminary proposal. The cost per ton to dispose of trash will be increasing, which will have a \$23,000 impact on our budget. Franklin County Solid Waste Management District confirmed that the pick-up contract is a good contract.
- The Board would like Ellis to get a formal contract proposal in the next few weeks.

**MMA Legislative Breakfast Meetings**

Ellis presents a registration form that lists the dates and locations of the upcoming spring legislative meetings.

**Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting**

**Legislative Tour**

Ellis reports he went on a tour of Ludlow Mills and heard their presentations. He and Ramsey will be reaching out to WMASS and re-engaging Congressman McGovern's office to talk about how we might be able to garner additional external input and insight into the approaches to stacking capital.

**Anticipated Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (U.E.), votes may be taken**

Kuklewicz states that having this discussion in open meeting would be detrimental to the Town's position.

*Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (U.E.), at 7:36 PM; votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls**

*Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

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**Documents and Exhibits:**

- Minutes of 2/25/19
- Authorization to Disburse No. 7, Invoice #021990191, Strathmore Mill Demolition Design Project, Contractor: Tighe & Bond, \$8,650
- Request to Change Polling Locations, Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 by Deb Bourbeau, Town Clerk
- Request from Kim Kosloski to use Public Property: 33 E. Main Street, Millers Falls, intermittently between 3/6/19 – 3/13/19 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Filming of a mini documentary (inside & outside of Whistle Stop Café)