

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, March 18, 2019**

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

Approve Regular Session and Executive Session Minutes of March 11, 2019

- Regular Session Minutes not yet available
- *Boutwell makes the motion to accept the list of Executive Session Minutes that were released by the Board last week. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. 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

Personnel Board with Chris Williams, Police Chief

Appoint Brent Griffin, Reserve Officer, effective 3/19/19

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Brent Griffin as a Reserve Police Officer, effective date of change 3/19/19, permanent position at a pay scale of \$17/hour. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director

Request use of Peskeompskut Park, "Movies in the Park," June 28, July 12, August 16, 2019 (rain date 8/23/19), 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request of Parks and Recreation for the dates as specified for the movie location at Peskeompskut Park. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Nelson - Abstain

Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA

- **Authorization to Disburse No. 1, Invoice #0770762, Rutter's Park - Phase One Improvements Project, Contractor: GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., \$5,307.00**
Nelson makes the motion to authorize to disburse No. 1, Invoice #0770762, Rutter's Park - Phase One Improvements Project, Contractor: GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., \$5,307.00
- **Vote to sign notice of Award, Rutter's Park - Phase One Improvements Project, to Aqua-Turf Irrigation, L.L.C., \$203,781.00**
Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the notice of Award for Rutter's Park to Aqua-Turf Irrigation in the amount of \$203,781.00. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Bob McDonald, WPCF Superintendent

Second Half FY2019 Sewer Abatements

- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 30 T Street Turners Falls, in the amount of \$254.69, original bill: \$367.89, new bill \$113.20 (8,000 gallons). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 28 Avenue C, Turners Falls in the amount of \$320.04, original bill: \$382.04, new bill \$62.00 (minimum bill). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

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- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for Laurel Lane, Turners Falls in the amount of \$26,347.29, original bill: \$33,620.39, new bill \$7,273.10 (14,000 gallon summer usage). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 144 Seventh Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$183.95 (13,000 gallon summer usage). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Second half FY2019 sewer bill for 3 Denton Street, Lake Pleasant – No vote, billing error*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 20 Marshall Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$155.64, original bill: \$339.59, new bill \$183.95 (13,000 gallon summer usage). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 30 Third Street, Turners Falls, in the amount of \$1,259.34, original bill: \$3,735.59, new bill \$2,476.25 (175,000 gallons summer usage). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 15 Central Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$466.94, original bill: \$1,188.59, new bill \$721.65 (51,000 gallons summer usage). Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 4 Emond Ave, Turners Falls, MA. Seconded by Boutwell, NOT approved. Nelson – Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Kuklewicz - Nay*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 8 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, MA. Seconded by Boutwell, NOT approved. Nelson – Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Kuklewicz - Nay*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half FY2019 sewer bill for 120 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls, MA abate in full \$7,343.84. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to abate the second half of FY2019 bill at 3 Coolidge Ave, Turners Falls. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Seconded by Boutwell, NOT approved. Nelson – Nay, Boutwell – Nay, Kuklewicz - Nay*

Ryan Graham, CDM Smith
Turners Falls Main Drain & Siphon Cleaning project
Will be discussed next week

Chris Mason, Montague Energy Committee
Voting on New Energy Efficiency Codes for the IECC (the International Energy Conservation Code)

Mason presents his reasons for wanting Montague to be more engaged in the New Energy Efficiency Codes:

- Voting would be done by government representatives (not builders, designers, architects, insurance agencies, building owners, etc.)
- Government representatives would be given the processes designed to provide the information they need to make those choices.
- There are several nonprofits willing to give feedback and input.

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- Montague Energy Committee is committed to gathering the information needed to give feedback.

Discussion:

- Kuklewicz states that he does not have the time to do the research and is not willing to vote on something that he does not understand.
- Ellis states that he met with the Building Inspector, the Health Director, and staff at the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility, all of whom expressed concern that they lacked the knowledge or would have the time available to sort through the arguments that might be presented.
- Ellis reports that David Jensen is willing to be an informant to the voting process, but he is also skeptical by some of the things proposed.
- Kuklewicz is uncomfortable with the idea of paying to vote.
- Kuklewicz states he is inclined to pass.
- Elan offers to speak to two builders and see if they're interested.
- The Board did not move forward with voting on New England Efficiency codes

Jeff Singleton

FRTA Updates and Quarterly Meeting Preview

Singleton runs through the agenda for the upcoming FRTA meeting and gave updates on the Personnel Policy, the Seatbelt Policy, the Maintenance Facility Project, the RTA Task Force and Discretionary Grant Award, and the Transit Advisory Committee.

Town Administrator Business

- **Review and execute agreement for MSW Collection and Disposal with Republic Services**
 - Ellis reviews the agreement with Republic Services.
 - *Nelson makes the motion to execute the agreement for MSW Collection and Disposal with Republic Services. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **State Short Term Rental Local option Tax and Regulations**

Ellis reports that on December 28, 2018 the State passed an act regulating and insuring Short Term Rentals.
- **Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting/Green New Deal Invitation**

Bogusz reads aloud an invitation from Senator Ed Markey to a Green New Deal Town Hall on Sunday, March 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Northampton High School.

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

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