

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, April 22, 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 Selectboard Minutes of April 8, 2019

Postponed until next week

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

Tom Bergeron reminded people that there is no dumping of brush and stumps in the leaf pile.

Personnel Board

- **Appoint Bryan Reardon, DPW Truck Driver/Laborer, Grade B, Step 1, effective 4/23/19**
Nelson makes the motion to appoint Bryan Reardon as a DPW Truck Driver/Laborer, Grade B, Step 1, effective April 23, 2019. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Employee Credit Card Request, Roberta Potter - \$5,000**
Nelson makes the motion to issue a credit card to Roberta Potter - \$5,000. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Carolyn Olsen, Town Accountant

Execute FY2020 IT Consulting Contract with Moody Consulting, \$36,000

Nelson makes the motion to approve the FY2020 IT Consulting Contract with Moody Consulting for \$36,000. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Eric Grab, Millers Falls Art Collaborative

Use of Public Property: Art Festival, Downtown Millers Falls - 28 Bridge St., April 27, 2019, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property on April 27, 2019, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for an Art Festival in Downtown Millers Falls; the Police Chief signed off on it; this is contingent on the insurance policy listing the Town as additional insured. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Roark Herron, Food Justice Bike Ride

Use of Public Property: Charity Bike Ride, Montague Streets, June 30, 2019, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for the Use of Public Property on June 30, 2019 from approximately 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM for approximately 40 people for a Charity Bike Ride that will take place on a variety of roads in the Town of Montague as attached; the Police Chief has signed off on it, and there is proper insurance. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Kelly Lehtomaki, Newt Guilbault Little League

Use of Public Property: Opening Day Parade for Newt Guilbault Little League; TFHS (Turnpike Road to Montague Street) to Newt Guilbault fields, April 28, 2019, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property on April 28, 2019 from approximately 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM for approximately 100 people for the Annual Opening Day Parade for the Newt Guilbault Little League, starting at TFHS, turning left onto Turnpike Road, right onto Montague Street and the Newt Guilbault fields; the Police Chief has signed off on it and the Executive Assistant will follow-up on insurance coverage. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA

Change Order: Amendment to GZA GeoEnvironmental Contract, Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project, Addendum #1, \$8,870.00

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Change Order: Amendment to GZA GeoEnvironmental Contract in the amount of \$8,870.00 for the Phase One Project, Addendum #1, of the Rutter's Park Improvements. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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School District Regionalization Planning Committee

Consider whether to establish a planning committee to explore further regionalization of the GMRSD to include member towns of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District

Kuklewicz: This is to consider the formation of a planning committee. There is no commitment to regionalize with the towns in the Pioneer regional district (inc., Leyden, Bernardston, Northfield, and Warwick).

- Populations are trending downward, costs are rising, and so the districts have all have to pare back on some of the services that they offer.
- This is a way to look at what it might mean if we were to try to establish a 6- or 7-town district.
- The State has set up a system in which the regional planning committee can be established by (1) going to the Board of Selectmen or (2) going to the School Committee.
- The Town Moderator appoints three numbers, one of which must be a School Committee representative.
- A power point presentation shows advantages for cost savings or improvement of programs.
- This would increase the pool of students so that programs that may not have been cut but are struggling would potentially have complete classrooms.
- There is a formula that allows the group to get grant money from the State.
- We are looking at fall or beginning of next year before the group gets going.
- We need to look long term at the district.
- The Gill Selectboard voted in the affirmative in creating a planning committee.
- Ellis feels that the civic leaders believe it would be irresponsible not to explore an option that might potentially lead to some modest cost savings and enhancements to the education that we can provide the students throughout the region.
- There is no commitment to extra regionalization, but there is a commitment to study whether it is in the best interest of our community and our children.

Nelson makes the motion to establish a planning committee to explore further the regionalization of the Gill-Montague Regional School District. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

DPW Building Committee

Presentation on Building Updates

- Neil Joyce from Construction Monitoring Services hands out a tentative schedule.
- Gregg Yankanko from Helene-Karl Architects gives a presentation on the lot and the design of the building. The plans will be presented to the ZBA on the 1st; no issues are anticipated.
- With regard to the budget, alternates (as desirable features) are given to improve chances of getting the project done within the original budget. The building budget is \$8.6 million or under.
- We are in a good window for bidding.

Execute Contract with Caracas Construction for Montague Avenue A ADA Sidewalk Improvements Project, \$67,000 (\$45,000 MoD Grant, \$22,000 Chapter 90 funding)

Nelson makes the motion to execute the Contract with Caracas Construction for Montague Avenue A ADA Sidewalk Improvements Project, \$67,000 (\$45,000 MoD Grant, \$22,000 Chapter 90 funding). Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

David Detmold, Tree Committee Execute 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation

- Nelson reads aloud the Arbor Day Proclamation.
- *Nelson makes the motion to endorse and execute the 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Town Administrator's Business

Covered in regular agenda items

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Topics not anticipated in 48-hour posting

None

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Documents & Exhibits:

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