

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, July 8, 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 June 17 and 24, 2019**

- *Nelson makes the motion to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2019. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2019 as corrected. 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

**Mark D. Johnson, Marks Auto, 484 Federal Street, Montague, MA**

**Used Car Dealers License, Class II**

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize a Used Car Dealers License, Class II to Mark's Auto, 484 Federal Street in Montague Center for 20 vehicles in front, 15 vehicles in back behind the building, with a note that buses or former vehicles used for storage are included in that total count, as are any other vehicles left on the property long-term by other parties; as well as the Turners Falls Water Department having the right to annual announced inspections. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA**

**Authorize to Disburse No. 2, Invoice #I190690-IN and #I190726-IN, FY 2018 CDBG, Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project, M E O'Brien and Sons, Inc., \$33,319.98**

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize Disbursement No. 2, Invoice #I190690-IN and #I190726-IN, FY 2018 CDBG, to M E O'Brien and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$33,319.98 in regards to Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Walter Ramsey, Town Planner**

- **Execute letter re: Twinning Program with Trinidad and Tobago**  
*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign off on the letter to the Consulate of Trinidad and Tobago regarding twinning the Village of Turners Falls with their community. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Execute contract for Strathmore Complex Abatement Project Procurement and Oversight, \$58,000**  
*Nelson makes the motion to execute the contract with Tighe and Bond in the amount of \$58,000 for the Strathmore Complex Abatement Project Procurement and Oversight. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Montague Tree Advisory Committee, David Detmold**

- **Execute DCR Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grant, \$2,000**  
*Nelson makes the motion to execute the DCR Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grant in the amount of \$2,000 and authorize the Chair to sign off on all the contract forms. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Tree Belt Planting in Montague Center and Millers Falls**
  - There is concern that Montague Center residents parking on the tree belts will endanger the new trees that have been planted. Detmold suggests roping off the tree belt.
  - Kuklewicz suggests that the DPW Superintendent and the Police Chief be consulted regarding parking spaces in Montague Center.
  - Some of the tree belts in Millers Falls have been paved over; Detmold wonders whether the Selectboard would approve the Town Planner working with the committee to look at long-term use of the old tree belts.
  - Ramsey suggests bringing this up at the community meetings for the community strategic plans for Millers Falls.
- **Discussion of a proposed Public Tree Bylaw**  
Detmold presents a document in draft form of the proposed Public Tree Bylaw. The Committee would like to hold hearings in each of the five villages and aim to bring the bylaw in finished form to the Spring Town Meeting.

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**Town Administrator's Business**

- **Approve Change Order #2, for Colle Opera Building Repair, Renaissance Builders, \$2,662.00 for required performance of certain work on weekend**  
*Nelson makes the motion to approve the Change Order #2, for Colle Opera Building Repair, Renaissance Builders, \$2,662.00 for required performance of certain work on weekend. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting**
  - **Old Home Days Parade**  
The Selectboard members are invited to walk in the Montague Old Home Days Parade on August 17.
  - **Route 63 and 47 Intersection**  
Nelson reports that there was another incident on Route 63 and 47 intersection. Ellis and Ramsey spoke to colleagues at the FRCOG and Nelson spoke with Representative Blais. There will be more information regarding this topic at the next meeting.

**Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss potential litigation concerning FirstLight, votes may be taken**

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open session may be detrimental to the public's position.
- *Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss potential litigation concerning FirstLight, votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**OTHER:**

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting will be held on **MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019** at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA