

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, September 23, 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.

Call to Order: Chair announces that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV (if applicable) and asks if anyone else is recording the meeting

Approve Selectboard Minutes of September 16, 2019

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Selectboard Minutes of September 16, 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

Lew Collins, Between the Uprights, 23 Avenue A, Turners Falls

- **Execute 2019 License to Use Real Property Café License, 23 - 29 Avenue A, Turners Falls**
- **Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property, and One day Special License; Great Falls Festival Celebration, October 19, 2019, 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM**
- *Kuklewicz makes the motion to grant the Special License to Between the Uprights for Saturday, October 19 to set up an outdoor area and serve alcohol as has been done in the past. Insurance is on file and Chief Williams has signed off on it. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Kuklewicz - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Abstain*

Lisa Davol, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Cider Days at Unity Park, November 2, 2019, 3:30 PM to 7:15 PM

1 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License

- Davol introduces Field Maloney, whose family started Cider Days 25 years ago.
- *Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for an All Alcoholic Beverage or Beer and Wine Permit for Saturday, November 2, 2019 to Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for a Cider Tasting at the Unity Park fields from approximately 3:30 PM until 7:15 PM. Insurance will be forthcoming, and we need a signature from the Chief. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Execute Assistant Business

• **Credit Card Request for Kevin Boissonnault, WPCF**

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Credit Card Request for Kevin Boissonnault, WPCF. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

• **FCSWMD MOU regarding Third Party Inspection of the Town's Municipal Transfer Station & Closed Landfill(s)**

Nelson makes the motion to approve the FCSWMD MOU regarding Third Party Inspection of the Town's Municipal Transfer Station & Closed Landfill(s). Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved. Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye, Boutwell - Abstain

Town Administrator's Business

• **Town Use of the Solstreet Advertising Kiosk on Avenue A**

- Laudable Productions has invited the Town to use free of charge the advertising kiosk that had been authorized for the Barbes in the Woods production.
- The kiosk will be placed in front of the Shea Theater.
- The kiosk has a bench, which would be beneficial for individuals waiting at a nearby FRTA bus stop.
- Anyone who would like to use it can submit an event to Suzanne LaMonto.
- We have liability insurance for the device.
- The DPW will be picking the device up in Easthampton. A local business will be responsible for the pick-up.

• **Authorize Engineering Assessment Study of 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge from Community Development Discretionary Unallocated Account**

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- **Advisory: Town Hall Annex Roof Project**

The Shea Theater Roof Project is almost complete. The R & H Roofing Company Team will be on-site tomorrow morning to sweep the roof. The building will be barricaded to prevent parking. Any person with limited mobility who might find themselves having to park across the street may call Town Hall to arrange for a member of our staff to assist them in gaining easy access to the building.

- **Update from FRTA Advisory Council Meeting**

- The design for the maintenance building will be undergoing value engineering as they received a lower budget from the Federal Government and State Government than they expected for the project.
- The Route 23 pilot doubled the routes to UMass, which would increase ridership by 1200. We will likely be extending that pilot into the next fiscal year.
- The DOT MOU was discussed at length. The FRTA Advisory Council intends to put this topic on a future agenda. They may convene a meeting with the State to discuss the performance benchmarks.
- The Town of Greenfield is willing to extend the original lease terms through June 2020.

- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting/Regional School Committee Study**

The deadline for the applications for the Regional School Study Committee has been extended to this Thursday, the 26th.

Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(6) to consider the lease of 382 Deerfield Street, Greenfield, MA; Votes may be taken

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in public would jeopardize the Town's position.
- *Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session in the Downstairs Meeting Room, under G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(6) to consider the lease of 382 Deerfield Street, Greenfield, MA; Votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

The regular meeting is called back at 7:52 PM after Executive Session.

Recommendation for award of 25 Sixth Street (St. Anne's Rectory) property RFP

- John Anctil discusses benefits to receiving the RFP award for the St. Anne's Rectory property, including improving the building's roof and sprinkler system, and creating a facility for film and television training as well as post production projects.
- Kuklewicz and Nelson express their belief that it is critical to stabilize the building.
- Boutwell points out that this project would put the property back on the tax rolls.
- Ellis acknowledges that this is not a perfect proposal from the standpoint of firm commitments for a specific business use, but it is a positive step for a property that will otherwise continue to deteriorate.
- Ramsey believes that of all the developers he has met with since 2012, Anctil is in the best position to redevelop the property due to his ownership of the Saint Anne's Church, which was part of the original combined lot that contained both buildings, which are interconnected and which shares some common utilities with the rectory.
- *Nelson makes the motion to award the RFP for 25th Sixth Street (St. Anne's Rectory) to John Anctil for the sum of \$25,000, and to authorize the Town Administrator and Town Planner to negotiate a land development agreement with Mr. Anctil that would establish the terms and conditions of eventual ownership. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Discussion of Montague Center Traffic Calming Measures

- **Broad Overview of Infrastructure Traffic Concerns in Montague Center Area**

- A Montague Center resident reads aloud a prepared statement that had been shared with the Board listing concerns about speeding vehicles damaging property or nearly hitting pedestrians and cyclists. A request was made for additional measures beyond the sidewalk renovation to slow down the traffic.
- Chief Williams shares his research of the Main Street area between West Pond to the train bridge by Swamp Road, which indicates that since 2015, approximately 25% of the total accidents in the Town of Montague have occurred in Montague Center.

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Discussion of Citizens Concerns and Town Proposed Solutions to Speeding on Main Street

- Ramsey reviews plans for Main Street and School Street, gives an update on Mass DOT's plans for Routes 47/63, reviews Complete Streets Policy adopted in December 2017, and lists different projects in the Complete Streets Plan for Montague Center 2019-2025.
- Bergeron and Ramsey review the Village Center Traffic Calming Plan.
- A resident in the audience expresses concern regarding parking during Old Home Days.
- Bergeron states that work will start tomorrow, in front of the post office.
- Kuklewicz suggests looking into CDBG funds to put up a sign that monitors drivers' speeds as they approach it.
- The Board and the audience express great appreciation for the all the work that Ramsey, Ellis, and Bergeron have put into the plan.

UPCOMING

- Mass. Office on Disability (MOD) and TF Fire Dept. will be hosting a meeting to bring together people with disabilities and local emergency preparedness professionals, September 25, 2019, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Turners Falls Fire Dept. 180 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, 01376
- Special Town Meeting, October 2, 2019, Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **MONDAY, September 30, 2019** at the Montague Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz – Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

- Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property, and One day Special License; Great Falls Festival Celebration, October 19, 2019, 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM
- 1 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License Application, Lisa Davol, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Cider Days at Unity Park, November 2, 2019 3:30 PM to 7:15 PM, 1 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License
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