

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, October 21, 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 October 7, 2019

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Selectboard Minutes of October 7, 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

Jon Dobosz, Parks and Recreation Director

- **Use of Public Property: Annual Sawmill River 10K Run, Montague Center Village Common and Streets/Roads, January 1, 2010, 7:00 AM to 2:00 pm**
Nelson makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property: Annual Sawmill River 10K Run, Montague Center Village Common and Streets/Roads, January 1, 2010, 7:00 AM to 2:00 pm. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Invite to Montague Center Park Master Plan Information Session, 10/23/19 at 7:00 PM, Montague Center Volunteer Fire Dept.**
Ellis makes the announcement, inviting the public to the Montague Center Park Master Plan Information Session, 10/23/19 at 7:00 PM, Montague Center Volunteer Fire Dept.

Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent

Request to increase winter snow plow rate from \$30 to \$40 per hour and also include summer emergency call ins

Nelson makes the motion to increase the Highway Superintendent's winter snow plow rate from \$30 to \$35 per hour. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

This rate does not include call-ins as that is part of his regular job; comp time will continue to be accrued for emergency call ins.

Linda Hickman, Library Director

Request to purchase new signs for the front of the Montague Center Library/former Town Hall building using privately donated funds

Nelson makes the motion to endorse the recommendation of the Historic Commission to purchase new signs for the front of the Montague Center Library/former Town Hall building using privately donated funds, and to authorize the Library Director to move forward with making the changes as submitted. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Chris Williams, Police Chief

- **Request to place Leon Laster on 111F IOD effective 10/13/19**
Nelson makes the motion to approve the request to place Leon Laster on 111F IOD effective 10/13/19. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Execute MOA By and Between FRCOG and FC Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee and Users of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System**
Nelson makes the motion to execute the MOA By and Between FRCOG and FC Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee and Users of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System as has been presented. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Debriefing of "Barbes in the Woods" event held on August 17, 2019 at 27 Center Street, Montague Center

- Chief Williams reports that there were no accidents during the "Barbes in the Woods" event, and there was only one noise complaint.
- Chief Hanson reports that everything went smoothly regarding public safety.
- Kathy Lynch feels that everything was amazing. There was good collaboration with the Old Home Days people. It was a very inspiring event.
- Ellis suggests that next time we should know precisely where the parking is.
- Kuklewicz feels that Center Street was very congested, and that in the future we should try to get people to use more off-site parking.
- Ann Fisk feels that there should be a better contingency plan for weather. However, all in all it was a very positive event.
- Deb Radway states it was a great event, but suggests a no parking plan which would incorporate Center Street from the corner of the church to where it dips down.
- The president of the Board of the Shea states they are very supportive of these types of events and praise the visionary programming of Dean and Kathy and others that make these events happen.
- Ellis suggests identifying "sonic hot spots" in order to keep the sound from beaming to certain locations.
- Kathy publicly thanks Paul Bloomberg and Mark Gerard for the amount of uncompensated work they did to help with the event.

Brian McHugh, FCRHRA

- **Authorization to Disburse No. 4, Invoice #191306-IN, Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project to M E O'Brien and Sons, Inc., \$39,527.00**
Nelson makes the motion to authorize Disbursement No. 4, Invoice #191306-IN, Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project to M E O'Brien and Sons, Inc., \$39,527.00. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Change Order #3, Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project, Aqua-Turf Irrigation, LLC, \$4,500.00**
Nelson makes the motion to authorize Change Order #3, Rutter's Park Improvements - Phase One Project, Aqua-Turf Irrigation, LLC, \$4,500.00. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Award Contract to World Energy Services for lighting-related energy efficiency improvements at Police Station, Sheffield School and Parks and Recreation Field House, \$52,394.78 to be funded from a Green Communities Grant

Nelson makes the motion to award the Contract to World Energy Services for lighting-related energy efficiency improvements at Police Station, Sheffield School and Parks and Recreation Field House, \$52,394.78 to be funded from a Green Communities Grant. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

David Detmold and other Precinct 5 Town Meeting Members

Request Discussion on compromise redesign plan for the renovations of Spinner Park

- Ramsey gives some background information on the compromise redesign plan.
- Edite Cunha shares her disappointments; the public didn't get a chance to meet with the relevant people until September; the meeting was discouraging in that the public was told it was too late to make any changes; she feels that the changes that are being made to the park are deeply invasive and interfere with the intimacy of the park; the public feels disappointed in this process and urges the Selectboard to look at it again.
- Jean Hebden feels that leaflets should have been passed out as a lot of people don't have internet. She also expresses that elderly and poor people use that park, and if it's opened up it wouldn't be the same. Ninety people have signed a petition who don't feel the design is a good design.
- John Hanold states that the compromise does not discourage the original proposal, but has the advantage of keeping the park intimate.
- Nelson asks if it's possible to add extra benches in the middle so that people can have conversations with each other.
- Suzanne LoManto responds that there have been discussions about bringing in pieces of movable furniture, corner benches, and large planters. In addition, she feels that moving the sculpture forward does not show the best angles as the sculpture should be seen primarily from the front.
- Ariel Elan expresses that she is moved by the thoughtfulness of the alternative proposal. She feels that the process should not be considered a failure. Lastly, she feels that when people who experience limitations find something that is very important to them, that needs to be elevated to a very high level of respect and response.
- Brian McHugh clarifies that this project was funded for Town-wide benefit, not just a particular area. Also, the grant was not awarded until September, and the conversations started happening after that. He expresses concern about the area behind the statue where a bench will be placed. Lastly, he feels that if this design goes through, we need to give the other people in town the opportunity to comment on it.
- Ellis feels that the idea was presented to as broad a spectrum of people as possible without any bias. Several hundred people thought that the statue should be in the back of the park. He worries that any time a grant-based project is changed, there is an introduction of new risk and uncertainty. He was not comfortable undoing the public process and could not recommend to the Selectboard to reinitiate that process at this point.
- Boutwell does not know why some of these issues were not brought up a while ago.
- Kuklewicz feels that the design was thoughtful, that many people were invested in the process, and now there is a group of people who don't like it. He thinks that the statue placement is a red herring and feels that where it is going to be placed shows prominence to the statue.

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- The Selectboard supports the design as it currently is.

Town Administrator's Business

- **Execute 2 year contract with Crocker Communications Inc. for VOIP telecommunications and MBI Internet access services. Total value \$8,251.68**
Nelson makes the motion to execute the 2 year contract with Crocker Communications Inc. for VOIP telecommunications and MBI Internet access services, and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Total value \$8,251.68. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Amend contract with Steve Smithers for restoration of Town Hall Awning (up to \$6,000 additional)**
Nelson makes the motion to authorize the amendment of the contract with Steve Smithers for restoration of Town Hall Awning (up to \$6,000 additional). Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Execute DEP Recycling Dividend Program grant contract \$8,400**
Nelson makes the motion to execute the DEP Recycling Dividend Program grant contract for \$8,400, and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Share Findings of Cable Advisory Committee Evaluation of MCCI**
Ellis reports that the CAC looked at six dimensions of quality of performance, and in no area was MCCI found substantially lacking. Some opportunities to enhance performance were identified, most notably in relation to outreach and engagement. Overall the CAC feels that the operation is sound.
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting/Fund Support**
The Nancy Galkowski Legacy Fund is funding our ability to send Walter Ramsey to some more intensive procurement training.

Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; Town Administrator, Steve Ellis; votes may be taken

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's position.
- *Nelson makes the motion at 8:51 PM to enter into Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; Town Administrator, Steve Ellis; votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Documents and Exhibits:

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