

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, November 4, 2019**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell and Michael Nelson, Town Administrator Steven Ellis, and Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz.

Call to Order: Vice-Chair announces that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV.

Approve Selectboard Minutes of October 28, 2019

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Selectboard Minutes of October 28, 2019. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - 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

FY2020 Tax Classification Hearing

To Determine the allocation of the FY2020 Tax levy for all classes of property

- Tonelli gives presentation on her handouts and discussion is held.
- The Board would like to see more shift differential choices; Tonelli agrees to prepare a document showing more shift differential choices and come back in 5 minutes.

Anticipated Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30a, §21(a)(2) to conduct negotiations with Town Administrator, Steven Ellis, votes may be taken

Boutwell makes the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:31 PM in accordance with G.L. c. 30a, §21(a)(2) to conduct negotiations with Town Administrator, Steven Ellis, votes may be taken. We will return to open session following the Executive Session. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to go back to open session at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

FY2020 Tax Classification Hearing continued

To Determine the allocation of the FY2020 Tax levy for all classes of property

- *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the CIP Shift of 1.30 with a Residential Factor of 0.8478, which translates to a Residential Rate of \$17.57 and a Commercial and Industrial Rate of \$26.94 per thousand. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye*
- *Nelson makes the motion for the Town to adopt an Open Space Discount, a Residential Exemption, and a Small Commercial Exemption Policy. Boutwell seconded, unanimously unapproved. Nelson - Nay, Boutwell - Nay*

Personnel Board

Execute 3 Year Contract and Appoint Steven Ellis, Town Administrator, effective November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022 pending outcome of contract negotiations

Boutwell makes the motion to affirm the vote that was taken in Executive Session, awarding the 3 Year Contract appointing Steven Ellis, Town Administrator, effective November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye

Town Administrator's Business

Change order for Shea Theater Coated Roof Repair, R & H Roofing, LLP, \$2,130.00

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Change order for the Shea Theater Coated Roof Repair, R & H Roofing, LLP, \$2,130.00. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye

Update on Millers Falls Sewer Repair Project

We are anticipating a new round of bids next Tuesday. We are working with the engineers, who are rebidding this at no cost to the Town. We may be in a position to award a contract on the 18th, possibly not until the 25th.

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- **Notice of HEALing Communities Study**
We are included in the HEALing Communities Study by the Boston Medical Center, which specifically implements proven approaches to avoid opioid-related overdoses and deaths.
- **Report from Regional Water & Sewer Summit**
Montague was invited to make a presentation at the Regional Water & Sewer Summit event last Friday. Our legislative delegation is trying to bring together municipalities, water districts, etc., to have very clear conversations outlining the scope of the challenges facing water pollution control and water departments relative to their built infrastructure.
- **Update of WPCF Superintendent Hiring Process**
We received a total of six applications. We are currently interviewing two candidates this week. We hope to have a couple of strong candidates by the end of this month.
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hours posting**
None

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson – Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

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