

**SELECTBOARD AND BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, July 13, 2020**

Remote Zoom Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Rich Kuklewicz and Chris Boutwell, Town Administrator Steven Ellis, Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz, Board of Health Chair Al Cummings, Director of Public Health Daniel Wasiuk, Director of Parks and Recreation Jon Dobosz, Airport Director Bryan Camden, FCRHRA Director of Community Development Brian McHugh, Police Chief Chris Williams, and Brick House Director Kwamane Harris.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://vimeo.com/438195146>

Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken.

Board of Health Chair opens the meeting, roll call taken.

Approve Minutes:

- **Joint Selectboard, Board of Health, and Finance Committee: 06/15/20**
 - *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Minutes of June 15, 2020 as corrected. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
 - *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Minutes of June 15, 2020 as corrected. Seconded by Cummings, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Cummings - Aye*
- **Joint Selectboard and Board of Health: 6/22/20 and 6/29/20**
 - *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Minutes of June 22 and June 29, 2020. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
 - *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Minutes of June 22 and June 29, 2020. Seconded by Cummings, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Cummings - 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

COVID-19 Updates and Action Items

Review of any Updated State Guidance or Orders

- We are continuing in the Phase 3, Step 1 process.
- Outdoor recreation reopening has been allowed since July 6. Restrictions and checklists apply.
- Large-capacity events are not allowed until Phase 4.
- The Montague case level is at 29.
- We need to be continuing with Zoom meetings.
- Town Hall protocols have been followed.
- Senator Cummerford's office has shared that the Governor signed an act relative to voting options in response to COVID-19. Ellis reviews the letter.

Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director

Summer Program Update

Programs this summer include four playgroups, Grab 'n' Go Crafts, a baseball clinic, a soccer clinic, and Esports with Mission Control. All COVID-19 protocols and guidelines will be followed.

Personnel Board

Appoint Max Pellerin, Airport Commission, 3 years, expires 6/30/2023

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Max Pellerin, Airport Commission, 3 years, expires 6/30/2023. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Brian McHugh, FCRHRA

Authorization to Disburse No. 7, Payment Requisition #7, Rutter's - Phase One, Aqua-Turf Irrigation, LLC, \$4,662.66

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Introduction to new Executive Director of the Brick House, Kwamane Harris

- Ellis introduces Kwamane Harris, the new Executive Director of the Brick House.
- Harris gives some background on himself:
 - worked in youth development and with families for 13-14 years
 - worked with United Nations
 - has a degree in Criminal Justice
 - pursuing his MBA
 - worked with Chief of Police in Minnesota
 - has experience with the community being an advocate for change with regard to policing
- The Brickhouse programs include virtual youth programs, youth internships, leadership and social skills, and food distribution. The Brickhouse is also current looking at other ways to help meet the needs of the community.
- Singleton offers to give Harris a historical tour of Montague once things calm down.

Request to transfer \$2,200 from 225-5-184-5200-000 Community Development Discretionary Unallocated to 225-5-184-5240-000 CD Shea Theater

Boutwell makes the motion to transfer \$2,200 from 225-5-184-5200-000 Community Development Discretionary Unallocated to 225-5-184-5240-000 CD Shea Theater. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Petition to rename Turners Falls Received

- Montague Historical Commission Chair calls the meeting to order.
- Ellis states that Legal Counsel determined that there has not been any legislative enactment that created or named the villages of Montague (the names were not established in a formal process).
- Counsel recommends that any name change be approved by the State Legislature. Special legislation can be done with the approval of Town Meeting.
- Elan states that Turners Falls is an established legal entity at the federal level; and that in the State, Turners Falls is an established name through Common Law in Custom.
- Singleton reports that the Historical Commission had a discussion about the name change. They were divided.
- Singleton feels strongly that no process should be undertaken until after the police issue is taken care of.
- Denise Milkey feels that the decision should include the voters and not be made just by a committee.
- Rich Widmer supports renaming Turners Falls, but is concerned about the pain it would cause and to whom. He also believes that this is not a good time given the police issues.
- Widmer proposes that a Town-wide committee be created that could begin a deliberate, multi-year, open, carefully managed process to address this issue.
- David Brule states that the Montague Historical Commission can help mediate or form a corps of people that could move this issue forward.
- The Selectboard asks the Historical Commission to research this issue and start the process.

Gregory makes the motion to adjourn the meeting of the Montague Historical Commission at 7:36 PM. Seconded by Clawson, unanimously approved. Gregory - Aye, Clawson - Aye, Singleton - Aye, Brule - Aye

Discuss Appointments to Police Advisory Review Groups and any business related thereto

- There is a form on the website listing the criteria for the members of the group.
- Several people have filled out the form indicating their interest in being in one of the groups.
- Elliot Ezcurra asks that the forms be put up as Word documents; Bogusz will take care of that.
- Ellis reiterates the following:
 - The goal is to create two advisory groups - one focused on police community engagement, one focused on questions of equity and use of force in policing.
 - Applicants will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Selectboard.

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- Each group would have six members and one Selectboard member.
- Nineteen people had expressed interest; 15 submitted formal letters of interest.
- Deborah Frenkel states that some people did not get the email, so requests that it be sent out again.
- All the advisory group meetings will be subject to open meeting law. Minutes will be taken. The public can observe through a Zoom format.
- Ellis clarifies Paula Green's role as a resource who assists members of the community in having conversations.
- Ezcurra suggests that the lack of interest in the second round may be due to the two very specific topics that the groups will be focusing on.
- Frenkel suggests flexibility with the size of the groups.
- Elan states that she sees these groups as being "receiving baskets for input from the community," not as a place where "different ideologies or perspectives are battling it out."
- The deadline for applications has been extended to July 20. The screening group will review the information next week on the 22nd (tentatively).

Town Administrator's Report

- **COA Chimney Project Update**
This is an under \$10,000 project. We solicited bids from two different firms, but one of them backed out. Scott Allen Masonry can begin this project in early August.
- **Execute COA Chimney Reconstruction Project with Scott Allen Masonry, Inc. \$9,300**
Boutwell makes the motion to award the COA Chimney Reconstruction Project contract to Scott Allen Masonry, Inc. \$9,300. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting/Site Visit to DPW Facility**
The Selectboard and the DPW Committee are invited to a site visit at the DPW project site on Tuesday at 5:00 PM, followed by a posted audio conference call at 6:00 PM where the Publics Works Building Committee will answer questions.

Upcoming Meetings:

Selectboard Meeting, **MONDAY, July 20, 2020, 6:30 PM** via Zoom

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the Board of Health Meeting at 8:09 PM. Seconded by Cummings, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Cummings - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the Selectboard of Meeting at 8:09 PM. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

- Joint Selectboard, Board of Health and Finance Committee Minutes: 6/15/20
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- Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director, Summer Program Update
- Appointment Form: Max Pellerin, Airport Commission, 3 years, expires 6/30/2023
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