

**JOINT SELECTBOARD and BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING NOTICE**

**Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by:**  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92901390561>

**Meeting ID: 929 0139 0561    Password: 912629**

**Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 301 715 8592**

**Monday, October 5, 2020**

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

**Meeting Being Taped**

**Votes May Be Taken**

1. 6:30 PM    Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30        Board of Health Chair opens the meeting, roll call taken
3. 6:31        Approve Minutes:
  - Joint Selectboard and Board of Health, September 28, 2020
4. 6:32        Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
5. 6:35        Chris Williams, Police Chief
  - Request to transfer \$15,000 in \$111F payroll expenses charged to the police budget to the 111F Insurance Reimbursement account, as authorized by Article #8 of the March 7, 2017 Special Town Meeting
6. 6:40        Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent
  - Update on Millers Falls Road Embankment Repair
7. 6:45        COVID-19 Updates and Action Items
  - Consideration of current liquor license extended outdoor dining policies
  - Review of Phase III Step II Guidance for Lower Risk Communities
  - Review of any Updated State Guidance or Orders
8. 7:00        Deb Bourbeau, Town Clerk
  - Execute the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant, \$5,000
  - November 3, 2020 State Election Warrant – To approve and execute attached
9. 7:10        Personnel Board
  - Appoint Kate Dempsey Martineau, Branch Library Assistant, NAGE Grade A, Step 2, 16 hrs/wk, \$15.26/hour, effective 10/6/20
  - Appoint Meghan Doyle, Children’s Program Assistant, NAGE Grade B, Step 2, 12 hrs/wk, \$17.99/hour, effective 10/7/20
  - Request to increase Library substitute pay rate from \$13.00/hr. to \$14.00/hr.
  - Appoint Ashley Janes, Library Substitute, \$14.00/hr, as needed, effective 10/6/20

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Personnel Board - continued

- Appoint Taelour Cornett, Library Substitute, \$14.00/hr, as needed, effective 10/6/20
- Resignation of Joanna Mae Boody from Police Advisory Review Board – Community Engagement Group
- Recommendation of appointment of Colin Mitchell to Police Advisory Review Board – Community Engagement Group

10. 7:20

Brian McHugh, Director of Community Development, FCRHRA

- Approve payment of \$33,000 to Franklin County CDC for reimbursement of FY19 CDBG microenterprise loans advanced and administrative fees
- Spinner Park Update

11. 7:30

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

- Authorize submission of “Subdivision Approval Not Required” Survey of Land for 500 Avenue A to the Planning Board for endorsement along with the recording of said plan. Total lot area to be 0.86 acres
- Authorize the release of a Request for Proposals for disposition of property at 500 Avenue A: Former DPW Garage. Discuss proposed minimum sale price \$50,000

12. 7:40

Town Administrator’s Report

- Consider Addendum to Lease Agreement with Kearsarge Montague BD LLC Related to Additional Burn Dump Cap Construction
- South Street Bridge Replacement Update
- Fire District Migration to Shelburne Dispatch
- Update on Town Meeting Logistics
- Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Special Town Meeting, **Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 6:30 PM**, Montague DPW Garage, 128 Turners Falls Road, Turners Falls
- Selectboard Meeting, **MONDAY, October 19, 2020, 6:30 PM** via Zoom

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE ELECTION

**Franklin, SS.**

To the Constables of the Town of Montague:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at: Precinct No. 1, the Montague Center Precinct, the Montague Center Fire Station, 28 Old Sunderland Road, Montague Center; Precinct No. 2, the Millers Falls Precinct, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 3, the upper hill section of Turners Falls, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 4, the second level of Turners Falls, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 5, downtown section of Turners Falls, the Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 6, the South End and Montague City Precinct, the Franklin County Technical School Gym, 82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020**, from 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.....FOR THESE UNITED STATES  
SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....SECOND DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR.....EIGHTH DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN & WORCESTER DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....FIRST FRANKLIN DISTRICT  
REGISTER OF PROBATE.....FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....FRANKLIN COUNTY

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems — systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server — with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system,

except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or \$10,000 per violation.

**A YES VOTE** would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

**YES**   
**NO**

## **QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as "ranked-choice voting," in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter's next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates' support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected.

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central

tabulation facility. At the facility, voters' rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount.

The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.

**A YES VOTE** would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest votes until one candidate has received a majority.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing voting and how votes are counted.

YES   
NO

**QUESTION 3**

**THIS QUESTION IS NON BINDING**

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would require Massachusetts to achieve 100% renewable energy use within the next two decades, starting immediately and making significant progress within the first five years while protecting impacted workers and business?

YES   
NO

**QUESTION 4**

**THIS QUESTION IS NON BINDING**

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of changes to the applicable House of Representative rules to make the results of all the votes in that body's Legislative committees publicly available on the Legislature's website?

YES   
NO

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Richard J. Kuklewicz (Chair)  
Michael M. Nelson  
Christopher M. Boutwell  
Selectboard of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA, October \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the inhabitants of the Town of Montague, by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.  
Constable Signature (Month and Day)