

Montague SELECTBOARD MEETING

Town Hall

1 Avenue A

Turners Falls, MA 01376

Monday, July 26, 2021

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectpersons Rich Kuklewicz, Chris Boutwell, and Michael Nelson, Town Administrator Steve Ellis, Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz, Police Chief Chris Williams, and Town Planner Walter Ramsey.

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

Approve Minutes:

- **Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Meeting: June 28, 2021**
Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Joint Selectboard and Board of Health Meeting: June 28, 2021. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **Selectboard Meeting: July 12, 2021**
Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Selectboard Meeting: July 12, 2021. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

J. Boody thanks the Board for having a hybrid meeting.

Pole Location Hearing

Eversource is requesting installation of one new pole, for a riser and recloser, to support solar site interconnection. Pole is to be located on western side of Sandy Ln., 16' from the street centerline, approximately 600 ft. south of intersection with Turnpike Road

Boutwell makes the motion to suspend the hearing and resume at 6:35 on August 9, 2021. Seconded by Kuklewicz, approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye (Nelson was having technical issues)

Ratify Vote:

- **Declaration of Emergency, July 18, 2021 at 4:45 AM**
Boutwell makes the motion to ratify the decision for the Declaration of Emergency, July 18, 2021 at 4:45 AM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- **End of Declaration of Emergency, July 22, 2021 at 11:15 AM**
Boutwell makes the motion to ratify the decision for the End of Declaration of Emergency, July 22, 2021 at 11:15 AM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye
- Kuklewicz thanks all the first responders for their hard work.

Entertainment License

Lake Pleasant Village Association, Rutter's Park, 9/18/21 (rain date 9/19/21) 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Entertainment License, Lake Pleasant Village Association, Rutter's Park, 9/18/21 (rain date 9/19/21) 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Use of Public Property:

Turners Falls Softball Team, Helmet Drive, Avenue A/Third Street and Avenue A/Seventh Street, 7/29/21, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property: Turners Falls Softball Team, Helmet Drive, Avenue A/Third Street and Avenue A/Seventh Street, 7/29/21, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Use of Public Property and Tables and Chairs Permit

Chris Menegoni, 109 Avenue A, Daily 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property and Tables and Chairs Permit, 109 Avenue A, Daily 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

License for Extended Use of Public Property for Outdoor Retail and Dining

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 151 Third Street, 7/27/21 to 11/30/21

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the License for Extended Use of Public Property for Outdoor Retail and Dining

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 151 Third Street, 7/27/21 to 11/30/21. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Pioneer Valley Brewery

- **1 Day Beer & Wine License @ 147 Second St., 8/20/21, 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the 1 Day Beer & Wine License @ 147 Second St., 8/20/21, 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM; a duty officer will be present as outlined by Chief Williams. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

- **Extend Entertainment License to 147 Second St., 8/20/21, 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

Boutwell makes the motion to extend the Entertainment License to 147 Second St., 8/20/21, 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

1 Day Beer & Wine License, 27 Center Street, Montague, 8/21/21, 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM

- **Pioneer Valley Brewery, 151 Third Street, Turners Falls**
- **Progression Brewing Company, 9 Pearl Street, Northampton**
- **Building & Brewing, 320 Riverside Drive, Florence**

Boutwell makes the motion to approve all three licenses for the Barbes in the Woods event for Pioneer Valley Brewery, 151 Third Street, Turners Falls; Progression Brewing Company, 9 Pearl Street, Northampton; and Building & Brewing, 320 Riverside Drive, Florence. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Entertainment License

Montague Village Store, 60 Main Street, Montague, Music and Outdoor Movie, Thursdays, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Entertainment License, Montague Village Store, 60 Main Street, Montague, Music and Outdoor Movie, Thursdays, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Personnel Board

Accept resignation of Deb Henson from the Conservation Commission

Boutwell makes the motion to accept the resignation of Deb Henson from the Conservation Commission, with regret. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Appoint Tobias Carter (currently alternate) to Conservation Commission term expiring 6/30/2022

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request to appoint Tobias Carter (currently alternate) to Conservation Commission term expiring 6/30/2022. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Accept resignation of Moon Morgan from the Montague Economics & Industrial Corp.

Boutwell makes the motion to accept the resignation of Moon Morgan from the Montague Economics & Industrial Corp, with regret. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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- **Vacancies:**
 - **Conservation Commission: Associate Member**
 - **MEDIC: Member with experience in real estate, at large member**

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Authorize Mass Humanities FY21 Expanded Massachusetts Stories Grant Application: Peskeompskut Self-Guided Audio Tour

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Mass Humanities FY21 Expanded Massachusetts Stories Grant Application: Peskeompskut Self-Guided Audio Tour. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Authorize Real Estate Tech Assistance FY22 Grant Application - Strathmore Mill Structural Assessment and Property Reuse Assessment

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Town Planner to pursue the Real Estate Tech Assistance FY22 Grant Application - Strathmore Mill Structural Assessment and Property Reuse Assessment, and allow the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Execute Confirmatory Order of Taking for 5th Street Canal District Gateway Enhancement Project, project updates

Boutwell makes the motion for the Board to sign and execute the Confirmatory Order of Taking for 5th Street Canal District Gateway Enhancement Project, project updates, and allow the chair to sign the document. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Execute FY21 Green Communities Grant Agreement: \$64,728 for energy efficiency projects at WPCF, Millers Falls Library, and public parking lots

Boutwell makes the motion to execute the FY21 Green Communities Grant Agreement: \$64,728 for energy efficiency projects at WPCF, Millers Falls Library, and public parking lots, and allow the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Shared Streets Grant: Authorize procurement services contract with FRCOG, up to \$1,600 and engineering services contract with Stantec, up to \$10,000

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize procurement services contract with FRCOG, up to \$1,600 and engineering services contract with Stantec, up to \$10,000. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Discussion of ARPA Spending Priorities

Postponed

Town Administrator's Report

COVID Case Count Update

There have been no additional cases over the last two weeks.

Update on Mosquito Control Program

- The Town's plan as submitted by the Health Director was approved for 2021.
- Wasiuk will give more detail regarding the plan at the next meeting.
- Ellis states that the District may not be accepting members for this year.
- We may hear of additional, more specific standards and higher criteria over the next few months.
- Bogusz will send a note to Anne Stuart and Wasiuk to request information on current year control measures.

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Council on Aging Roof Project Change Order and Next Steps

- The project required some of the siding to be peeled back; these will have to be replaced.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to grant the Town Administrator the authority to approve a responsible Change Order up to \$5,000 for the Council on Aging Roof Project as may be presented to him by the Project Manager. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye.*

Declare Surplus Property: Town Hall Vehicle Steel Shed

Boutwell makes the motion to declare the Town Hall Vehicle Steel Shed as Surplus Property. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Update on Advocacy for increased reimbursement for State-owned land

There have been concerns about the equity of the State-owned land Pilot Repayment Program, especially for communities in the western part of the State. The State Auditor's Office had a meeting last Friday to discuss this issue. She and Senator Hinds have sponsored a bill to change and better fund the formula.

Spanish version of Police Advisory Final Reports posted to Town's website

Ellis thanks Bogusz for working with a local translator, Jimena De Pareja, who assisted the Town with translating the Police Advisory final reports to Spanish. The data is now available on the website.

Topics not anticipated in 48 hours posting

None

OTHER

NIGHT SKATE - The Unity Skatepark will be illuminated by light towers until 10:00 PM on Saturday, JULY 31

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