

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376

Monday, September 27, 2021

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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 Approve Minutes:
 - Selectboard Meeting September 20, 2021

3. 6:31 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

4. 6:33 Personnel Board
 - Appoint Jason Kingsbury, DPW Grounds, UE Grade C, Step 1, 40 hrs/wk. effective 10/12/21
 - Appoint Jake Whitney, Airport Grounds Maintenance, FCTS Co-op, \$15.50/hr., 30 hrs/wk.. temporary 12 months, effective 9/27/21
 - Appoint Aiden Baily, Airport Grounds Maintenance, FCTS Co-op, \$14.00/hr., 10 hrs/wk., temporary 18 months, effective 9/27/21
 - Appoint Eli Guerin, Airport Grounds Maintenance, FCTS Co-op, \$14.00/hr., 10 hrs/wk. temporary 18 months, effective 9/27/21

Status Change:

 - Samuel Stevens, Wastewater Tech, Grade D, Step 1 (previously WPCF Laborer, Grade B, Step 5), effective 9/27/21
 - Robert Bessette, DPW Truck Driver/Laborer, Grade C, Step 8 (previously Mechanic, Grade D, Step 4, effective 10/12/21
 - Luke Timberlake, Airport Operations Manager, Grade A, Step 8 (previously Grade A, Step 6 prior to obtaining his license)

5. 6:40 Montague Board of Health
 - Review of Montague COVID Case Counts and Trends
 - Receive Board of Health recommendation to reinstate mask mandate in town buildings.
 - Discuss any other needed response to COVID situation

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6. 6:55 Use of Public Property: Rag Shag Parade, October 31, 2021, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Aubuchon Parking Lot down Avenue A to Discovery Center, approx.. 100 people
7. 7:00 Event Application, Peskeompskut Park
 - Musica Franklin, Inc. Community Night, October 14, 2021, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, 30 – 50 people
 - Musica Franklin, Inc., Ongoing after school classes, if schools go remote, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 or dusk, 12 – 20 people
8. 7:10 Suzanne LoManto, Assistant Town Planner
Use of Public Property:
 - Spinner Park Rededication, October 2, 2021, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 - Spinner Park, Birds of Prey with Tom Ricardi, October 9, 2021, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Use of Public Property: FAB Fashion, 69 Second Street, Use of side walk and 3 parking spaces, with 3 small pop up tents being set up in front of/facing boutique October 9, 2021, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
9. 7:20 Walter Ramsey, Town Planner
 - Execute Grant Agreement with MA Division of Ecological Restoration in the amount of \$25,000 for engineering services in support of replacing a culvert on South Ferry Road
 - Amend Engineering services with McMahan Associates for construction admin, oversight and final engineering for Canal District Gateway project. Contract increase not to exceed \$127,400. To be funded by a MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
 - Overview of Turners Falls Rapid Recovery Plan Priority Actions (Preview of Public Presentation on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM
10. 7:35 Jeff Singleton, Franklin Regional Transit Authority Representative
 - FRTA's 9/23/21 Advisory Board Meeting Updates
11. 7:45 Execute Contract with Comm. Of Mass for the federal share of reimbursement under FEMA-4496-DR-MA associated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) program, \$19,641.61
12. 7:55 Special Town Meeting
 - Finalize Meeting logistics and Safety Protocols
 - Special Town Meeting Warrant – To make recommendations, approve and execute draft warrant, attached hereto
13. 8:15 Town Administrator's Report
 - Colle Lease Extension
 - Update on Mass. Office for Disabilities Grant Application
 - Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

Other:

- Anticipated Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 14, 2021**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$13,367.33, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying a prior year bill of the WPCF, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,367.33 for the purpose of paying a prior year bill of the WPCF, said sum to be raised from WPCF Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$29,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2022 Dispatch Budget, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2022 Dispatch Budget, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,300, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2022 Finance Committee budget to allow for clerical assistance to take minutes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2022 Finance Committee budget to allow for clerical assistance to take minutes, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repaying the Town for part of the \$39,800 supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Budget voted as Article 10 of the February 25, 2021 Special Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate \$12,000 for the purpose of repaying the Town for part of the \$39,800 supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Budget, said sum to be raised from Airport Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,719.12, or any other amount, which represents the net premium paid to the Town upon the sale of the Town's \$1,812,000 DPW Facility Bond Anticipation Note dated September 23, 2020, to pay costs of the DPW facility authorized by the vote of the Town passed March 29, 2018, and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project by such amount, as set forth in M.G.L. c. 44, §20 or any other applicable law, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,719.12 to pay the costs of the DPW facility authorized by the vote of the Town passed March 29, 2018, and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project by such amount, as set forth in M.G.L. c. 44, §20 or any other applicable law, said sum to be raised from Fund Balance Reserved for Excluded Debt.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing cable related equipment for MCTV, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of purchasing and installing cable related equipment for MCTV, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from PEG Access Funds.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$135,000 or any other amount for the purpose of implementing the Montague City Road Flooding Relief Project, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$135,000 for the purpose of implementing the Montague City Road Flooding Relief Project including, any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$200,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of completing the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of completing the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding evidence-based substance abuse prevention programming with a focus on families and children, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of funding evidence-based substance abuse prevention programming with a focus on serving families and children, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from the Cannabis Impact Fee Fund.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$114,382, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and setting up a robotic sewer camera, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$114,382 for the purpose of purchasing and setting up a robotic sewer camera, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$200,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of increasing the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised from WPCF Retained Earnings.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the following sums, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the special purpose funds set forth below, or pass any vote or votes in relating thereto.

Fund	Amount (\$)
Town Capital Stabilization Fund	250,000
OPEB Trust Fund	250,000
Total:	500,000

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of increasing the special purpose funds set forth below, with said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

Fund	Amount (\$)
Town Capital Stabilization Fund	250,000
OPEB Trust Fund	250,000
Total:	500,000

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused \$102,000 borrowing authority as voted pursuant to Article #28 of the May 17, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated \$385,000 for the purpose of abating hazardous and asbestos containing materials within the Strathmore Mill Complex, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the unused \$102,000 borrowing authority as voted pursuant to Article #28 of the May 17, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.