

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
via ZOOM
Monday, May 9, 2022

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectboard members Rich Kuklewicz, Chris Boutwell, and Matt Lord; Town Administrator Steve Ellis; Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz; Director of Public Health Dan Wasiuk; Board of Health Members Melanie Zamojski and Michael Nelson; Town Clerk Deb Bourbeau; Council on Aging Director Roberta Potter; Parks and Recreation Director Jon Dobosz; FCRHRA Community Development Director Brian McHugh; Airport Manager Bryan Camden; and Town Planner Walter Ramsey.

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

Approve minutes of May 2, 2022

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - 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

In response to a concern expressed by Jeff Singleton, Bourbeau states that the Board of Health has cards with the Pooper Scooper Law with the potential candidate's name on them. She advised them that they cannot promote her until after the election is over, which was verified by Campaign Finance.

COVID Updates

Review of COVID case counts and trends

Wasiuk reviews the updated COVID case counts and percentages of vaccinated individuals.

Dan Wasiuk, Director, Board of Health Consider Opt Out of Spraying Conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

- Wasiuk summarizes an alternative Mosquito Control Plan, which involves three educational/outreach activities, a certified vote, a public meeting, and public comment on the application.
- In response to a question by Kuklewicz, Wasiuk states that last year's measures involved education/outreach and water management (reducing the amount of standing water).
- The BOH intends to identify certain methods to employ in order to comply with the requirements of the SRMCB. Among those identified are distributing brochures and handouts, implementing door-to-door canvassing to talk to property owners about removing standing water, doing in-person and virtual presentations as well as holding local events focused on mosquito-control measures, and having the Public Health Nurse design a website on this topic.
- With regard to the audience, emphasis will be placed on residents. However, teacher/students and recreation camps for children, municipal staff, other landowners, and State and Federal land managers will also be looked at.
- Lord and Boutwell express their approval of the BOH's plan and openness to recommendations.
- Ariel Elan comments that the State does not spray unless there is some evidence that a mosquito-borne illness exists.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to opt out of the State Mosquito Spraying Program as discussed. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Request Approval for BOH to participate in DPWH Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the BOH's participation in the DPWH Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Jon Dobosz, Director, Parks and Recreation

Execute Festivals Program Grant of \$1,500 (FY22-FE-FE2-20714 from the Mass Cultural Council

Boutwell makes the motion to execute the Festivals Program Grant of \$1,500 (FY22-FE-FE2-20714 from the Mass Cultural Council); and authorize the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Dedication of the Unity Park Ballfields to Mr. George F. Bush of Turners Falls, Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Noon

There will be an event on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at noon in which the Unity Park Ballfields will be dedicated to Mr. George F. Bush of Turners Falls. The public is welcome.

Personnel Board

Appoint Easton McKay Smith, Substitute Library Assistant, Non-Union, effective 5/10/2022

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Easton McKay Smith as Substitute Library Assistant, Non-Union, effective 5/10/2022. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Appoint Laurie Swartwout, Substitute Library Assistant, NON-Union, effective 5/10/2022

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Laurie Swartwout as Substitute Library Assistant, NON-Union, effective 5/10/2022. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Event Applications:

Use of Peskeompskut Park, Sue Corey, Montague Community Band, Open Rehearsals: June 6 & 13, Concerts: June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, Raindate: August 1; 6:15 - 8:45 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request for the use of Peskeompskut Park by Sue Corey for the Montague Community Band, Open Rehearsals: June 6 & 13, Concerts: June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, Raindate: August 1; 6:15 - 8:45 PM. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Use of Montague Center Common, Montague Center Fire Department, Memorial Day Service, May 29, 2022, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Montague Center Common by Montague Center Fire Department for the Memorial Day Service, May 29, 2022, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Brian McHugh, FCRHRA

Approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,700 for the Avenue A Streetscape Improvement Project funded by the Town's FY20 Community Development Block Grant

Boutwell makes the motion to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,700 for the Avenue A Streetscape Improvement Project funded by the Town's FY20 Community Development Block Grant. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

5th Street Canal District Gateway Project updates and contract amendments

- **Engineering Services Contract Amendment with McMahon Associates in the amount of \$100,000 to restore previously cut construction oversight hours, address unanticipated engineering requirements driven by FERC requirements. Current contract fee prior to amendment: \$360,000**

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Engineering Services Contract Amendment with McMahon Associates in the amount of \$100,000 to restore previously cut construction oversight hours, address unanticipated engineering requirements driven by FERC requirements; Current contract fee prior to amendment: \$360,000; and to authorize the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

- **Change Order #1 with David G. Roach & Sons Inc., in the amount of approximately \$13,125.00 to monitor canal wall during construction with "Tilmeters." Current Contract Fee prior to amendment: \$2,338,664.50.**

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Change Order #1 with David G. Roach & Sons Inc., in the amount of approximately \$13,125.00 to monitor canal wall during construction with "Tilmeters"; Current Contract Fee prior to amendment: \$2,338,664.50; and to authorize the Chair to sign the document. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

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Bryan Camden, Airport Manager

Execute Airport Grant Assurances

- ASMP-2022-0B5-36 "Pioneer Aviation Planning Focus Study" \$38,400.00
- ASMP-2022-0B5-37 "Solar Canopy Overages" \$28,000.00 (Multi Year Offering)
- ASMP-2022-0B5-38 "Obstruction Beacon Refurbishment" \$6,940.00
- ASMP-2022-0B5-39 "Purchase John Deere 331G" \$33,000.00 (Multi Year Offering)
- ASMP-2022-0B5-40 "Building Safety Upgrades and Repairs" \$22,950.00

Boutwell makes the motion to execute the five Airport Grant Assurances listed as ASMP-2022-0B5-36, ASMP-2022-0B5-37, ASMP-2022-0B5-38, ASMP-2022-0B5-39, and ASMP-2022-0B5-40 as presented; and authorize the Chair to sign them. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Town Meeting Updates/Follow Up

- The entire slate passed with only a modest amendment to one of the items.
- Ellis thanks the Selectboard, the Finance Committee, the Capital Improvements Committee, and involved Town Meeting members for their work.
- Kuklewicz brings up some new positions (WWTP Lab Technician, an Administrative Assistant, Police Sergeant, and Assistant Town Administrator).
- Ellis suggests having more discussion on the final development of job descriptions as well as the hiring process at a future meeting. The Selectboard agrees.
- In response to a question by Singleton, Elan recommends more focused facilitation at Selectboard meetings when discussing findings of advisory groups.
- In response to a question by Singleton, Ellis states that the AG's Office will let us know if there is an issue with passing the bylaw.

Town Administrator's Business

Overview of Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Loan Program

- We received word that Montague is confirmed as being on the Intended Use Plan for DEP. We need to complete the final application.
- Ellis shares that he attended a session focused on how communities can leverage the State Revolving Fund for clean water.
- The Bipartison Infrastructure Law has specifically identified CSOs as one of their priority concerns to be remedied.
- The Bipartison Infrastructure Law requires that communities considered Tier 3 be given the potential for 49% loan forgiveness.
- Ellis emphasizes the grant timelines for developing proposals; they look at these as two-year cycles.
- We are trying to work proactively to find better funding sources for Montague for some of these historic problems that we've carried.

Legislative News

- Representative Blais's office sent word that they were successful in getting into the House budget a \$50,000 set-aside to contribute to the repair of municipal roofs in Montague.
- Senator Comerford's office is going to try to find support to help offset the cost of the water pollution control generator.
- Ellis states he had an opportunity to testify on behalf of the governor's forward initiative, his economic development bill.

Opioid Settlement Update

The final settlement figures are in. A substantial amount of money will be paid out between 2022 and 2038 by the distributors and manufacturers. Montague will receive \$61,272 over that period of time. In 2023 we will get \$3,600.

Public Notification of RNF Submittal Acutator Hydraulic Leak, 1 Gatehouse Avenue, Turners Falls

Tighe and Bond is in the process of submitting an immediate response action plan to Mass DEP, outlining necessary action to mitigate the release and to repair the leaking hydraulic line at 1 Gatehouse Avenue, Turners Falls.

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Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting

None

Execute Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining (NAGE, UE and NEPBA), Votes may be taken

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's position.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to enter Execute Session under G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining (NAGE, UE and NEPBA), Votes may be take. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Other

- Selectboard Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls
- Selectboard Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 via ZOOM