

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
VIA ZOOM
Monday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectboard members Rich Kuklewicz, Chris Boutwell, and Matt Lord; Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz; Assistant Town Administrator Walter Ramsey; Clean Water Facility Superintendent Chelsey Little; and DPW Foreman Will Stratford.

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

Approve minutes of October 24, 2022 (if available)

Minutes not available

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

Walter Ramsey, Assistant Town Administrator and Will Stratford, DPW Foreman

Emergency sewer line repair at Montague City Road

Briefing of situation

- Ramsey explains that last week, the DPW discovered a collapsed sewer pipe on Montague City Road. The line is too deep for the DPW to be able to repair on their own. The pipe is clay and is considered very fragile so the recommendation is to repair the entire sewer line between the two manholes. The pipe would be replaced with an 8-inch plastic pipe.
- Ramsey states that there are three things for the Board to consider: (1) Does the Board wish to use ARPA funds to address the situation; (2) Is the Board prepared to execute an emergency procurement process; and (3) Do we want to include in the package the cleaning of some ancillary sewer lines as well as the headworks of the Clean Water Facility?
- The Town has solicited written quotes from three different construction firms and two written bids from two of them. The low bid came in at \$119,000 from Clayton D. Davenport Trucking. Warner Brothers submitted a bid for \$175,000.
- It is possible to do this work without engineering oversight given how simple and straightforward the project is.
- Special care should be taken when backfilling the pipe, and a CCTV inspection should be done of the pipe before we commission it.
- Ramsey is suggesting a generous budget be provided to clean the headworks of the facility while we have a crew mobilized. He recommends we budget for \$150,000 for the repair, plus up to \$10,000 for the emergency sewer line cleaning.

Discussion (not on agenda)

- In response to a question by Lord, Ramsey clarifies that the bids do not include the cleaning of the headworks.
- In response to a question by Kuklewicz, Little states it would be beneficial to ask for \$15,000 in order to prevent having it cleaned out twice.

Consider designation up to \$300,000 of ARPA funds for the purposes of replacing up to 340 feet of failed sewer line along Montague City Road

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize \$165,000 of ARPA funds for the sewer repair, cleaning, and contingency fee. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz

Emergency bidding process

In response to the issue, the Town has obtained an emergency bidding waiver from DCAMM the State agency responsible for bidding oversight.

Award Contract (not on agenda)

Boutwell makes the motion to award the contract for sewer line repair as described to Clayton D. Davenport in the amount of \$119,000, and authorize the Chair to sign it. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz

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Review and approve revised language related to the legislative petition for an on premise section 12, all alcohol license for El Nopalito Restaurant, located at 196 Turners Falls Road, Montague

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the revised language related to the legislative petition for an on premise section 12, all alcohol license for El Nopalito Restaurant, located at 196 Turners Falls Road, Montague. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn at 6:18 PM. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz