

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD Meeting
1 Avenue A, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Turners Falls, MA and VIA ZOOM
Monday, March 6, 2023

AGENDA

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Meeting ID: 849 9221 1331 Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656

This meeting/hearing of the Selectboard will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.

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

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:00 PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken

Moment to acknowledge the passing of Paul Emery, long-serving member of the Board of Assessors and Town Meeting on February 13.

2. 6:04 Approve Selectboard Minutes from February 27, 2023

3. 6:05 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment

3A. 6:05 Suzanne LoManto, River Culture

- Execute Mass Cultural Council Recovery for Organizations Grant, \$6,850

4. 6:10 Alan Atwood, Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference, Road Coordinator

- Use of Public Property; Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference April 16 2023 7:30am-4:00pm. Lap will be using 1st, 3rd, and L street around Unity Park.

5. 6:20 Bryan Camden, Airport Manager

- Execute the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program joint award for the Montague Airport Commission and Franklin County Technical School totaling \$4,158,000 for the purpose of establishing an Aviation Maintenance Technician Chapter 74 training program.

6. 6:30 Montague Wood Bank

- Execute Grant agreement with the Alliance for Green Heat, Inc. in the amount of \$14,231 for the purpose of funding small equipment purchases for the Montague Wood Bank.

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7. 6:35 Personnel Board
- Mass in Motion Initiative
 - Establish Mass in Motion Working Group
 - Appoint Members to MiM Working Group;
 - Eileen Dowd, Eileen Mariani, Roy Rosenblatt, Anne Jemas (tentative), Maureen Pollock (Town Planner), Gina McNeely (Board of Health), Caitlin Kelley (Library Director), and Roberta Potter (COA Director)
 - Execute Agreement for Facilitation and Consulting Services with Colleen Doherty, \$3,730
 - Town Clerk Office Staffing
8. 6:45 FY24 Budget Development – Steve Ellis, Francia Wisnewski
- Update on Finance Committee Process
 - Review of Budget Calendar - Joint Meetings March 15 and 22
 - Discuss Selectboard Approach to Budget Reconciliation Meeting
9. 7:05 Walter Ramsey, Assistant Town Administrator
- Request to authorize the use of up to \$46,8000 from ARPA funds for land survey, landscape architecture, and civil engineering services associated with the Avenue A Streetscape Design Project (Between Third St and One Avenue A) and to authorize the execution of a professional services agreement with Berkshire Design Group in that amount. Said design funds will leverage a \$975,000 Congressional Directed Spending grant for construction.
 - Request to submit a congressionally directed spending grant application for Collection System Improvements
10. 7:20 Town Administrator Business
- Town Meeting Debrief – Discussion and Follow Ups
 - Legislative Updates: Possible extension of remote meeting accommodations (H57)
 - FERC Relicensing Settlement Agreement Updates
 - Fall Festival Updates
 - General Pierce Bridge Project Completion – Lighting Concerns
11. 7:35 Executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the possible purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property-First Light Power, votes may be taken

OTHER:

Next Meeting: Selectboard, Monday March 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM via ZOOM