

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Monday March 13, 2023

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81756905501>

Meeting ID: Dial into meeting: 817 5690 5501 +1 646 558 8656

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
2. 6:00 Approve Selectboard Minutes from March 6, 2023
3. 6:00 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. 6:02 Sewer Commissioner, Chelsey Little
 - Discharge Permit Report Monthly Summary
 - Execute EPA Permit Signatory Request, Tim Little
 - Execute MOU with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) Outside Sludge
 - Consider rescinding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Screw Pump Project- Total to date (\$800,000 - \$26,500 encumbered for engineering = \$773,500) update
 - Authorization to apply for USDA Forest Service Grant: Wood Innovations Projects-CWF Boiler Replacement Project
 - TPO Magazine Article Interview Update
 - Registration for Assembly: WPCF Second Annual Earth Day Celebration, Friday April 22, 2023 1:00-2:00PM
5. 6:30 Senator Comerford
 - Discuss legislative priorities and requests for 2023
6. 7:00 Rachele Ackerman, Associate Director, Musica Franklin
 - Request for Entertainment License at Unity Park, May 20, 2023, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
7. 7:05 FCRHRA-Brian McHugh
 - Authorize Payment #7 to Berkshire Design Group, in the amount of \$2,926.00 for professional landscape architectural, civil engineering and land surveying services for the **FY21 MONT CDBG** Avenue A Streetscape Phase III Continuation Project.
8. 7:10 Town Clerk Office and Staff Transition
 - Plan for Physical Space
 - Discuss Town Clerk Hiring Process
 - Staffing Plan and Related Budget Impact/Request
9. 7:20 Personnel Board
 - Proposed Final Collection System Lead Operator Position Description
 - Update on Heavy Equipment Lead Operator Position Description

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Personnel Board Continued:

Signing of Integrated Collective Bargaining Agreements:

- New England Police Benevolent Association Local 183 Patrol and Detectives
- New England Police Benevolent Association Local 184 Sergeants
- United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Local 274
- National Association of Government Employees Local R1-325

Reminder: Employment Contract Renewals

- Steven Ellis, Town Administrator
- Chris Bonnett, Police Lieutenant
- Chesley Little, CWF Superintendent

10. 7:40 Review of Capitol Requests and ARPA Commitments
- Capital Project Cost Updates
 - Rescind library main branch feasibility planning appropriation \$32,250 (Otherwise appropriated at March STM)
 - Montague Center Park Cost Estimate
 - 11th Street Bridge Repairs
11. 7:55 FY24 Budget Review, Steve Ellis
- Review of Departmental Budget Requests
 - Review Finance Committee Recommendations Relative to Allocation of Overlay Surplus and Unused Free Cash
12. 8:10 FirstLight Power FERC Relicensing Settlement agreement
- Update on Settlement Process outcomes and Timeline
 - Review of Currently Proposed Recreation, and Flows and Fish Passage Agreements
 - Discussion of Process if No Settlement is Reached
13. 8:25 Assistant Town Administrator, Walter Ramsey
- Consider Next Steps in Trinity Health New England Conveyance of the "Farren Care Center Property"
14. 8:35 Town Administrator Report
- Congressionally Directed Spending Award for Avenue A Streetscape Improvements
 - Topics not anticipated within the 48 hour posting

OTHER:

Next Meeting: Selectboard, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM