

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING
1 Avenue A, Turners Falls and VIA ZOOM

Monday, April 3, 2023

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82458387608>

Meeting ID: 824 5838 7608 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. 6:30 PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:31 Approve Selectboard Minutes from March 27 2023
3. 6:33 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. 6:35 Liquor License Hearing (Continued from 3/27/23)
 - Shea Theater, Christopher Belmonte as manager has applied for a transfer of the All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License (Restaurant) from Hubie's Tavern, Inc. Dba Hubie's Tavern and Restaurant. The premise is located at 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA. This request represents: change of manager: from Joshua N. Goldman to Christopher Belmonte; change of location: from 66 Avenue A to 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA; change of license type: (from Restaurant to General On-Premises) and change of category: (from Wine & Malt to All Alcohol)
5. 6:40 Personnel Board, DPW Superintendent, Tom Bergeron
 - Appoint Richard Bernier, DPW Truck Driver/Laborer, UE Grade C, Step 2, Effective 4/10/2023
 - Appoint Chris Vecchio, DPW Mechanic, Smith Vocational Work Study, Effective 4/10/2023
 - Request for cell phone stipend for Roy Dennis, \$5.77/week, effective April 10, 2023
6. 6:50 Maggie Martin, The Brickhouse Community Resource Center, LLC
 - 5K Fun Run and Walk, June 17th, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Rail Trail, Unity Park and through "the Patch"
7. 6:55 Newt Guilbault Baseball League Opening Day Parade Kyle Cogswell
 - Use of Public Property: Newt Guilbault Baseball League Opening Day Parade, Sunday April 23, 2023 11:00AM-12:00PM, beginning at TFHS, taking a right on Montague Street, and ending at the baseball fields near Sheffield School. Approximately 140 people in attendance
8. 7:00 Brian Westbrook, RPM Festival
 - Requesting permission for a September 1-3, 2023, RPM Festival at the Millers Falls Rod and Gun Club, with music Friday 5-10PM, Saturday 1-8PM, and Sunday 1-8PM, two to four food vendors with R&G club selling alcohol, roughly 1000 people in attendance

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9. 7:10 Execute May 16, 2023 Town Election Warrant, attached hereto
10. 7:15 Personnel Board:
- Update on Health Director Hiring Process
 - Candaicy David H1B Visa Lottery Request Unsuccessful
 - Next Steps
 - Town Nurse Resignation Effective April 24
 - Appoint Qualifications Review Panel and Confirm Charge for the Town Clerk Vacancy
 - Steven Ellis, Raymond Godin, Deb Bourbeau, Mark Fairbrother, Carolyn Olsen, Elizabeth Irving
11. 7:25 Transportation Planning Organization Regional/State Priority Projects
- State TIP Priorities Updates
 - Regional TIP Priorities: Rt 63/No. Leverett Road Intersection Improvements (FY28 \$3,516,540)
 - Ferry Road Culvert Replacement Remains Under Consideration Pending Design Commitment
12. 7:35 Town Meeting
- Hear possible request from Town Moderator regarding Hybrid Town Meeting
 - Discuss survey data related to Town Meeting logistics
 - Discuss finalizing Annual Town Meeting warrant on April 10, 2023
13. 7:50 Executive Assistant Report
- Discuss upcoming Selectboard Zoom/Hybrid Meeting Schedule
 - ABCC Extension of Patio Service and Takeaway/Delivery of Alcohol by On-Premises Licensees
 - Discuss request for continuation of Patio/Outdoor Expansions
14. 8:00 Chelsey Little, Clean Water Facility Superintendent
- Used Generator Bid Results: Award contract to purchase 2019 MTU DS5450 unit from Power Gen Technologies for \$89,000. Next steps.
 - Discuss/Review Draft 2023 Massachusetts Permit to Discharge Pollutants to Surface Waters
 - Suction Lift Pump Station Bid Results: Consider award to lowest responsive and qualifying bidder. (Bids due 4/3 4PM).
 - Authorization to apply to MassEVIP Fleets Incentives Grant for planned EV van purchase.
15. 8:10 Town Administrator Report
- FirstLight Settlement Updates
 - Update on Colle-Shea Roof Bid Schedule
 - Update on Trash and Recycling Bid Schedule
 - Testimony to be Provided on New Cannabis Control Commission Business Regulations
 - Topics not anticipated within the 48hr posting
- 16.8:30 Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) to conduct contract renewal negotiations with Clean Water Facilities Superintendent, Chelsey Little; votes may be taken.
- 17.8:45 Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) to conduct contract renewal negotiations with Police Lieutenant, Chris Bonnett; votes may be taken.

OTHER: Next Meeting: Selectboard, Monday April 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

**ELECTION WARRANT
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 16, 2023**

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 elections and Town affairs to meet in their respective polling places appointed and designated as follows:

Precinct No. 1, the Montague Center Precinct, the Montague Center Fire Station, 28 Old Sunderland Road, Montague Center; Precinct No. 2, the Millers Falls Precinct, the Franklin County Technical School Gymnasium, 82 Industrial Blvd., Turners Falls; Precinct No. 3, the upper hill section of Turners Falls, the Franklin County Technical School Gymnasium, 82 Industrial Blvd., Turners Falls; Precinct No. 4, the second level of Turners Falls, the Franklin County Technical School Gymnasium, 82 Industrial Blvd., Turners Falls; Precinct No. 5, downtown section of Turners Falls, The Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, Turners Falls; Precinct No. 6, the South End and Montague City Precinct, the Franklin County Technical School Gymnasium, 82 Industrial Blvd., Turners Falls on **Tuesday, the Sixteenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three, from Seven A.M. to Seven P.M.** to bring their votes on one ballot to the Election Officers for:

One Selectman, for three years
One Assessor, for three years
One Board of Health Member, for three years
Three Public Library Trustees, for three years
One Public Library Trustee, for one-year to fill an unexpired term
One Montague Housing Authority, for five years
One Parks & Recreation Commissioner, for three years
One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Veteran), for three years
One Soldiers' Memorial Trustee (Non-Veteran), for three years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 1, for three years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 2, for three years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for three years
Three Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for two years
Two Town Meeting Members, Precinct 3, for one year
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 4, for three years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 4, for two years
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 5, for three years
One Town Meeting Member, Precinct 5, for one year
Seven Town Meeting Members, Precinct 6, for three years

One Gill-Montague Regional School District School Committee Member
Representing Gill, for three years
One Gill-Montague Regional School District School District Committee Member
Representing Gill, for 1 year
Two Gill-Montague Regional School District School Committee Members
Representing Montague, for three years
One Gill-Montague Regional School District School District Committee Member
Representing Montague, for two years
One Gill-Montague Regional School District School District Committee Member
Representing Montague, for one year to fill an unexpired term

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk seven days before said election.

Given under our hands this _____ Day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Richard J. Kuklewicz

Matthew Lord

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Franklin, ss Montague, MA, April _____, 2023

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the inhabitants of the Town of Montague, by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague