

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. Present were Selectboard members Rich Kuklewicz, Chris Boutwell, Matt Lord; Assistant Town Administrator Walter Ramsey; Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz; CWF Superintendent Chelsey Little; Town Accountant Carolyn Olsen; DPW Superintendent Tom Bergeron; Police Chief Chris Williams; and Director of Public Health Ryan Paxton.

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

Approve Minutes of February 5, 2024

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2024 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

None

Sewer Commission Meeting

CWF Superintendent Chelsey Little

Execute Contract with Quantified Ventures, LLC for completing sewer rate analysis, not to exceed \$10,000

Boutwell makes the motion to execute the Contract with Quantified Ventures, LLC for completing sewer rate analysis, not to exceed \$10,000; and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Tax share discussion on special article request for Millers Falls/Erving overage of \$94,667.83

- Little and Olsen have been discussing the best way to address the overage charge in the budget.
- Little has a Special Article for FY25 Annual Town Meeting when we would get the bill from Erving.
- Little has to do an I/I calculation; the Town's tax base pays for some I/I that the Enterprise Fund has to pay for and treat.
- It might make the most sense to have the overage difference put into the Enterprise Fund operating budget.
- In response to a question by Lord, Olsen states that there is no intra-town contract between the CWF and the rest of the Town as to how to determine the calculation of how much the taxpayers pay towards the treatment plant's budget.
- The Board decides that putting the overage difference in the operating budget is the way to go.

Summary of January Discharge Permit Report

- Everything is in the green.
- Our new NPDES Permit went into effect on January 1, 2024. We are limited to 153 lbs/day of nitrogen. We were at 91.6 for the month, but typically we are at 5.

Summary of January Blending Events

- We have a wet weather chlorine contact tank, which helps to divert some of the high flows that come into the plant. It settles out any solids, floatables, trash debris, etc. so that we can disinfect some of the pathogens.
- On January 10 we discharged about 94,000 gallons.
- In response to a question by Lord, Little explains that our NPDES permit requires a 24-hour reporting of the event to them. Then we have to do a report of discharge within five days, then a monthly report of discharge, then an annual report of all the discharges that occur throughout the previous calendar year.

DPW Superintendent Tom Bergeron

Summary of January CSO Events

There was one overflow reporting on Avenue A during the month of January.

Update on DPW NetDMR registration

Bergeron states that they need to do a NetDMR report on the 15th stating what is happening with our lines and send it to the DEP and the EPA.

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Action Plan for I/I Source Investigation in Millers Falls

- Kyle Bessette found that the main pipe is still flowing badly. The second one has died down.
- They tried to get a smoke machine from a colleague, but were told it is not available until April 1st. Bergeron is looking into purchasing one.
- Green Mountain has a lateral camera that can do the service, but they don't know what the cost would be until they get here. Bergeron is looking at the smoke machine first.
- Bergeron has contacted the State for permission to dig in the road or the side of the road. They have not responded.
- Bergeron states that the goal is to find the source. Wherever it is, the property owner will have to deal with it.
- Little states that it is illegal to attach any drainage into a line. She wonders if the source is at 12 Federal, which is owned by the bank, and if it would make sense to send the bank a letter. Bergeron states it is not coming from that house.

Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent

Capital request to replace 2002 Dump Truck with a new 10 Wheel Dump Truck

Boutwell makes the motion to forward the Capital request to replace 2002 Dump Truck with a new 10 Wheel Dump Truck to CIC for recommendation and to the Finance Committee for their review. Seconded by Lord, approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord -Nay, Kuklewicz - Aye

Kuklewicz asks Bergeron to work hard on his equipment list and give the Board really good, honest assessments of the grades of the equipment. This would make it less surprising when there is a need for a replacement.

Liquor License Hearing - Thomas Memorial Golf

TMGC LLC dba Thomas Memorial, Kyle Snow as Manager has applied for a transfer of the On Premises, Section 12 Annual All alcohol Liquor License from Thomas Memorial Golf &Country Club, INC.

- Kuklewicz reads aloud the hearing notice.
- In response to a question by Singleton, Bogusz states that Thomas's current license is a restaurant license. They are not a restaurant, so the type was changed to General On Premise.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request for the Transfer of License as discussed. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Chris Williams, Police Chief

Promote Justin Moody to the Rank of Sergeant, Grade S, Step 3, effective 2/11/24

Boutwell makes the motion to promote Justin Moody to the rank of Sergeant, Grade S, Step 3, effective Sunday, February 11, 2024. Seconded by Lord, approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord -Nay, Kuklewicz - Aye

Roger Dumaine, Trout Stock Driver

Trout Stock Music Festival at the Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, July 25-28, 2024

- Dumaine gives an overview of the Trout Stock Music Festival at the Millers Falls Rod & Gun Club, July 25-28, 2024.
- Williams states that a police presence is necessary.
- In response to a concern expressed by Kuklewicz regarding when the music should stop, Dumaine states that 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday is fine.
- In response to a concern expressed by Boutwell, Williams states that this music will probably be much quieter than the music we're used to in September.

Ryan Paxton, Director of Public Health

Update regarding consideration of Mosquito Control District Membership

- Paxton gives a brief history about the Pioneer Valley Control District and Montague's efforts to consider joining it in the past.
- There are relevant bills coming through the legislature session which would change the way in which mosquito-controlled districts are governed.
- Paxton recommends continuing the conversations regarding mosquito-controlled districts with consideration of the fact that the bills will likely change the entire conversation.

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- Another portion of the bill would address the aerial spraying component; it would reinstate the ability to opt out.
- There will be a one-hour public-listening session during the next Board of Health meeting on the 21st.

Deborah Frenkel, The Brickhouse Community Resource Center, LLC

Use of Public Property: 5K Fun Run & Walk, Bike Path through the Patch May 18, 2024, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property: 5K Fun Run & Walk, Bike Path through the Patch May 18, 2024, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM; to waive any fee; and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Youth Services Librarian

Request Use of Peskeompskut Park for Puppet Show on 8/9/2024 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request by Angela Rovatti-Leonard, Youth Services Librarian for Use of Peskeompskut Park for Puppet Show on 8/9/2024 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Town Meeting Warrant - To consider articles for inclusion on the March 14, 2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant, attached hereto, votes may be taken

Kuklewicz reads aloud the articles for inclusion on the March 14, 2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Jeff Singleton, FRTA Representative

FRTA Bus Service

We now have weekend service, which was funded by the Millionaires Tax.

Executive Assistant's Business

2024 Liquor License Seasonal Population Estimation

- Our 2024 Liquor License Seasonal Population Estimation is approximately 8,800. Our census population is 8,580.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to accept and adopt the Annual Seasonal Population Estimation Form. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting

Farren Garage Rehab

Ramsey shares that we received an estimate for the rehab of the Farren Garage to relocate the work space from CWF to the garage. That will cost about \$50,000.

Trash and Recycling

Ramsey states that Trash and Recycling tomorrow is going to be postponed due to the snow. Everything will be delayed by a day through Saturday.

Winter Snow Emergency

A Winter Snow Emergency has been declared, which means no parking is allowed on the downtown streets tonight until the emergency is lifted.

Inclement Weather

With regard to tomorrow's potentially inclement weather, Kuklewicz and Bergeron will consult in the morning and decide whether or not Town Hall will remain open.

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye