

## MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

### VIA ZOOM

**Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. Present were Selectboard members Rich Kuklewicz, Matt Lord, and Chris Boutwell; Town Administrator Walter Ramsey; Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz; Assistant Town Administrator Chris Nolan-Zeller; and CWF Superintendent Chelsey Little.

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

**Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meeting March 3, 2025 if available**

Postponed

**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

#### **Chelsey Little, Sewer Commissioner Meeting**

- **CWF Operations Building water usage update**

Little shares that investigations on the feed water that we were using for chlorination determined that there were no leaks. The infrastructure that we currently have in place can take just the 15% sodium hypochlorite; it does not have to have the water. The current pumps are able to pump the sodium hypochlorite without the water.

- **Monthly Permit Summary for February 2025**

- The Monthly Permit Summary for February 2025 was displayed on the screen
- We did well with most parameters.
- We went over our BOD mg/L.

- **Next Sewer Commission meeting to review updates to the Sewer Use Regulation**

Little states that we are updating the Sewer Use Ordinance.

- **Update on Invitation for Bid regarding sludge cake hauling and disposal services**

We went out to bid for sludge cake hauling and disposal services on Thursday. There has been a lot of interest expressed. We will be opening the bids on April 3rd at 2:00 PM.

#### **Personnel Board**

- **Personnel Status Change Form: James Ruddock, Incentive pay increase to 20% (\$249.96/week) effective 01/01/2025**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Personnel Status Change Form: James Ruddock, Incentive pay increase to 20% (\$249.96/week) effective 01/01/2025. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

- **Sgt. Jacob Dlugosz, end of 111F effective 3/7/2025**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the change removing Sgt. Dlugosz from 111F effective 3/7/2025.*

#### **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**

- **Authorization to apply for Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Program for Cranberry Pond Brook Crossing at Meadow Road**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the Assistant Town Administrator to apply for the Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Program for Cranberry Pond Brook Crossing at Meadow Road. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

- **Other Updates/11th Street Bridge Project**

Nolan-Zeller and DPW Superintendent Sam Urkiel attended the kickoff meeting for the 11th Street Bridge Project this morning. We are expecting construction to begin this spring. There will be no bridge closures.

#### **Town Administrator's Business**

- **Execute Letter of Approval and Support to Sheffield Elementary School for a pollinator garden**

*Boutwell makes the motion to execute the Letter of Approval and Support to Sheffield Elementary School for a pollinator garden. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

- **Staff and Board Open Meeting Law Training**

Last week approximately 25 individuals, Town staff and Board and Committee Chairs, attended an Open Meeting Law Training session.

- **Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements**

None

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**Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, 16 and 20 Canal Road in Turners Falls, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body**

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open meeting would be detrimental to the Town's position.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, 16 and 20 Canal Road in Turners Falls. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

#### **Next Meetings:**

- **Finance Committee and Capital Improvements Committee: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM**
- **Selectboard, Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM**