

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008**

Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 9, 2008 in the downstairs meeting room. Present were Selectpersons Pat Allen and Allen Ross; Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio

Intra-District Agreement

Allen made a motion to approve the Intra-Municipal Cross-Easement Agreement between the Turners Falls Fire District and the Town of Montague, dated June 2, 2008. Seconded by Ross. Discussion followed:

- Document needs to have dates entered.
- Maintenance agreement was changed.
- Two other paragraphs were x'd-out on the original agreement. Same kind of thing that they had agreed to put in the maintenance.
- Counsel worked with the District and with the Town. (same person, Kathleen O'Donnell) She drafted the agreement.
- Document puts proportional expenses that would be obligated to the District as compared to the Town.
- Fair division of responsibilities between the District and the Town.
- Actual maintenance piece is the next piece.

Motion was approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Ross – Aye.

Agreements signed but not voted on

Abbondanzio: There are a couple of things that you signed but you didn't vote on the other night.

Franklin County Solid Waste District Memorandum of Understanding

Allen made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and the Town of Montague for processing and hauling of recyclables at the Greenfield Transfer Station for the coming year. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Ross – Aye.

Franklin County Solid Waste District Memorandum of Understanding

Allen made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin County Solid Waste District and the Town of Montague for the hauling of recyclables, disposable solid waste, disposal bulky waste and disposal of scrap metal and appliances, plus hauling of all of the same at the numbers that Frank stated. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Ross – Aye.

Regional Council Government Commission to Contract on behalf of the municipality

Allen made a motion that we use the Franklin Regional Co-Operative Highway for our bids and contracts for FY2009, for any bulk purchasing that we entered into an agreement for. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Ross – Aye.

Other

-Abbondanzio, Ross and Pruitt have Collective Bargaining Meetings on Wednesday, June 11th at 9:30 AM and 11AM

-Discussion followed regarding the signing of various contracts. Ray Godin must have the original contract, and we haven't signed it. We are going to meet with Kathleen O'Donnell tomorrow on all those different issues, and she hasn't seen it. I will tell Patricia to go and sign it up there. The meeting with Kathleen is to do with the 43D. She is going to be filing some stuff with the Registry.

-Ross: There is a scheduled Finance Committee Meeting for Wednesday, June 11th at 5 PM about the options should the override fail.

Ross: Maybe I am really fuzzy about these various signings, but the document that Ray Godin wanted signed, that he brought into the Select Board Meeting, that we were there to sign, that he took back with him, that is up at the Fire House.

Abbondanzio: The Prudential Committee had already signed that agreement.

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Ross: It is just a matter of which paper. We have agreed to sign it. We voted here about the same document, but the paper that we have.

Ross: Just a general question, granted we are used this summer every other week meeting schedule, but given a number of things that have sort of rapid evolution, the Strathmore, the Fire, the Police, building project and the budget project, we can still try and go every other week on Monday nights, but we luckily the three of us are reasonably accessible for urgent meetings, should they have to take place. So, we will stay with that.

Abbondanzio: That is a good idea. You always leave the option open so that if there is a whole lot of business that requires immediate attention, we can schedule a selectmen's meeting during the off week.

Discussion followed regarding the budget, the consequences of whether or not the override passes and what the schools are going to do. We are going back to Town Meeting and everything will be put on the table again.

Ross: People will have to have a discussion, as to whether we are going to review every department in every detail. I think John Hanold is open to trying and consolidating those meetings to some extent; exactly how and how we work together will be a useful discussion

Allen made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Ross – Aye.