

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, December 13, 2010  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM**

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*Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Patricia Allen, Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; Arn Albertini (absent), Greenfield Recorder, Jeff Tirrell, WHAI, Janel Nockleby, Montague Reporter*

Allen announces meeting is being taped

**Approve Minutes of November 29, 2010 and December 6, 2010**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2010 and December 6, 2010. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Liquor License Violation Hearing, Rocket Science, LLC d/b/a The Rendezvous, Mark Wisnewski**

Boutwell recuses himself from this portion of the meeting.

Allen: I think everyone knows there was a “sting operation”, and the Rendezvous received a notice of violation from the Police Dept.

Wisnewski: I want to say that we're both embarrassed and chastened by this incident; we do have a policy of not serving anyone who looks under 35 years old. Everyone of our servers is SafeServ, alcohol trained; the person who did commit the offense is on leave at the moment. Immediately following the incident we went and reinforced the necessity of carding anyone who looks under 35 years old. We hope this does not happen again, and we hope it was an aberration. There is no excuse.

Fairbrother asks if they have ever appeared before the Selectmen for this before and the answer is no.

Allen: At this point we will consider it a warning.

Boutwell rejoins the meeting

**Barrel stickers are available in the Treasurer's Office**

**Personnel Board, Hire Planning/Board of Health Clerk**

McNeely: First we did an internal posting of the position, then advertised in the newspaper and received 19 resumes. We conducted interviews with 5 people and Walter and I made a decision.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Anne E. H. Stuart to the Planning/Board of Health Clerk position, Grade H2-1 at \$13.50/hour effective December 14, 2010. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Aye* McNeely stated that the plan is for Ms. Stuart to begin work January 3, 2011.

**Request to extend hours on New Year's Eve**

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board authorize all Section 12 On Premise Liquor licenses to be extended from 1:00 AM to 2:00 AM on January 1, 2011. Seconded by Allen, Approved. Fairbrother – Aye, Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Abstain

**Free Flu Shots available in the Town Nurse's office on Thursday mornings between 9:30 and 11:30 AM (except on 12/23/10 and 12/30/10)**

**Town Administrators Report**

**Letter from Water Dept. re: 8" fire suppression water main located near the paper mills.**

Abbondanzio reads letter dated November 22, 2010 from the Turners Falls Water Dept. into the record

Allen thinks the Town should speak with the Water Dept. about this issue.

Abbondanzio: That issue came up during the interdepartmental meeting we had on Strathmore on ways to eliminate parts of the lines inside that may be redundant. We are going to look into that.

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**Appointment**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to appoint Juanita "Bunny" Caldwell to the Montague Council on Aging effective Tuesday, December 14, 2010. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Allen - Aye*

**Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

Abbondanzio: We weren't originally going to take this up tonight, but in view of the fact that the majority of the members of the Board probably won't be able to make Wednesday's Finance Meeting, that is probably the last Finance meeting prior to the Town Meeting that we can talk about the warrant. I wanted to make sure the Board was aware of the content of the warrant and you will vote this next week. A brief overview of the warrant articles that will be signed next week are presented.

Article 1: This would appropriate \$171,281 to pay for the amount necessary to pay the full assessment from the GMRS District. \$129,436 will come from the Education Stabilization Fund and \$41,845 will come from the Towns Stabilization Fund.

Article 2: This is a housekeeping article required by the Dept. of Revenue. If you actually raise and appropriate monies through debt exclusion that you don't use 100% of, you have to reimburse the taxpayers the next year around.

Article 3: Deals with Mayhew's Steel's TIF agreement. As it turns out we have to take one additional step which is the creation of a carve out, stand alone Economic Opportunity Area in the Industrial Park. This is because under State Law, we can only have an EOA for 20 years and once that expires you cannot do a TIF agreement in that area. In this case here, we are working on a second TIF that will take us past that 20 years between 20 and 30 years, so we have to create this new EOA as a carve out area.

Article 4: Is the Town Meeting approval of Mayhew Steels application of designation as a certified project in this Mayhew Steel EOA and to approve the tax increment finance agreement as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen. It also needs to be made clear to the Turners Falls Fire District that they are also talking about a different economic opportunity area as well because they have to have a district vote. (Frank to talk to Eileen about this).

Article 5: Raises \$2,860.46 for prior year bills in Building Dept., General Insurances and Verizon.

Article 6: This is getting drafted by Town Counsel. The Treasurer has asked this be placed on the warrant. James Mizau, 770 Wendell Road in Warwick has granted a parcel of land to the Town for consideration of \$1.00.

Article 7: This is authorizing the Board of Selectmen to use \$36,500 of the Sewer Retained Earnings to fund the sewer rates for the budget beginning on July 1, 2010.

Article 8: This article would amend the Water Supply Protection District, Section 9 of the Montague Zoning By-Laws to include an aquifer recharge area surrounding the backup source for the Turners Falls Water District known as the Hannegan Brook Well. This is requested by the Turners Falls Water District and public meetings have been held by the Planning Board.

Article 9: This is a place holder for having a contingency plan to have the option of withdrawing from its Inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Erving should that become necessary. This will be on the agenda for next week.

*Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM to go into Executive Session for Litigation and Collective Bargaining. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. . Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Aye*