

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, August 20, 2012**

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*Meeting was opened at 5:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Patricia Allen; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz;*

Boutwell announces meeting is being taped

**MEETING BEING TAPED:**

Minutes of August 13, 2012 not available at this time

**Special Town Meeting Warrant, September 10, 2012 – To approve and execute draft warrant**

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 1**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$160,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of reducing sewer user rates for fiscal year 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 2**. To see if the Town will vote to change the funding source from sewer borrowing to retained earnings for Article #12 of the May 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting which appropriated the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a fourth dewatering zone on the Fournier Rotary Press, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 3**. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$849,500 in borrowing authority on Article #6, voted at the June 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting to fund the Combined Sewer Overflow Project, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 4**. To see if the Town will vote to ratify a one year agreement between First Light Hydro Generating Company and the Town for the fiscal year 2013 valuations for electric generation facilities, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 5**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of modifying, repairing or replacing a backstop at Unity Park, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 6**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,190, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Police Dispatch Budget for fiscal year 2013, in anticipation of a need for additional funds between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 7**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing the current Police Chief's vehicle, and to authorize the Police Chief to enter into agreements and take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to authorizing the disposal of the existing vehicle to be replaced by sale or trade, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 8**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$6,600, or any other amount, for the purpose of

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funding the Police Chief Assessment Center to be conducted with Badgequest, Inc., or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 9**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$35,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of demolition, abatement, and removal of collapsed former Strathmore Mill Building #10, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 10**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of providing Board of Directors Insurance to the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 11**. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws Article II, Section 2, relating to the Town's appropriation committee by replacing "consisting of 9 residents" with "consisting of at least 5 residents" in the first sentence and inserting "A quorum of this committee shall be a majority of those then in office" after the second sentence, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 12**. To see if the Town will approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of a parcel of land comprising of 183 acres of municipal property off Turnpike Road (Map 13, Lot 68; Map 20, Lot 27; Map 21, Lots 6, 7, and 24) as a Priority Development Site under the provisions of Chapter 43D of Massachusetts General Laws as adopted by Town Meeting on October 11, 2007, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 13**. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or any portion of the parcel owned or to be acquired by the Town shown as "A Portion of Book 452 Page 248 (1896)" on a plan entitled "Land in Montague (Franklin Co.), MA Surveyed for St. Anne's Parochial School," dated March 2, 1999, recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 128, Page 10, also known as the Rectory property or 25 Sixth Street in Turners Falls and identified on town assessors Map 03, Lot 022, acquired for general municipal purposes pursuant to the vote under Article 2 of the May 5, 2012 Special Town Meeting, by one or more conveyances, on such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, which consideration may include acquisition of all or any portion of property shown as "Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield," "St. Anne's Parochial School" or an alley called "A Portion of Book 452 Page 249 (1896)," and to authorize the Board of Select men to acquire all or any portion of said Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, St. Anne's Parochial School or alley property for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Selectmen to convey any or all of the property to be acquired pursuant to this vote, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16 to the extent applicable, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Allen makes the motion to approve **ARTICLE 14**. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the remainder of fiscal year 2013 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the receipts related to the Town's recycling program and expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products, to be under the authority of the Board of Selectmen and not to exceed \$15,000 in expenditures in fiscal year 2013 or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

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**Approve request to use funds (\$500) from Community Development Discretionary account for ethnic neighborhood event to be held in September**

Abbondanzio: There will be 4 different nights, Irish, French Canadian, German and Polish, and each night will discuss how they contributed to the Town. Town residents will personalize and tell stories passed down from relatives. Asking for \$500 for the Program Income Discretionary Account to purchase supplies (Foam boards, tape, ink, etc.)

*Allen makes the motion to use \$500 from the Community Development Discretionary Account for the Ethnic Neighborhood event to be held 4 nights in September. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

- The Turners Falls Fire District will have a presentation about back up ambulance service on September 4.
- Two items on the Zoning Board Hearing scheduled for August 22, 2012: Millers Falls Property and the Montague Center School requesting zoning change to accommodate housing changes.

*Allen makes the motion to go into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss charges brought against an employee, votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Aye*