

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

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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 (absent); Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio (absent); Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz; Chris Curtis, Recorder, David Detmold, Montague Reporter

Approve minutes of October 31, and November 5, 2012 if available

Minutes not available at this time

Personnel Board, 111F Status of Richard Suchaneck

Fairbrother makes the motion to extend Richard Suchaneck's 111F status through November 26, 2012. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – aye

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator

Sign Certificate of Final Completion and Final Payment Request for Architecture and Contractor – Unity Park, Phase I

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board authorize payment of invoice 1.2009-65-14 in the amount of \$3,706.99 for the final payment on the Unity Park Phase I Improvement Project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$15,833.83 to Mass. West Construction incorporated for payment requisition #5 of the Unity Park Phase I Project completion. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Boutwell - Aye

Sign FY2013 Contract and Scope of Service with Mass. Cultural Council for Local Allocation for the Montague Cultural Council

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract between the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Montague that covers the transfer of Fiscal year 2013 Local Cultural Council funds from the Mass. Cultural Council to the Montague Cultural Council in the amount of \$3,870. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Vote to declare property located at 26 – 28, 30 and 34, 34R East Main Street, Millers Falls as surplus and available for disposition under the Commercial Homesteading Program

Fairbrother makes the motion to declare the property located at 26 – 28, 30 and 34, 34R East Main Street, Millers Falls as surplus and available for disposition under the Commercial Homesteading Program. Seconded by Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Lahri Bond, Lake Pleasant Village Association, Amend previous allocation to include building supplies for bridge voted July 2, 2012

Bond: Shifted some funds that were allocated for the repair of the bell and the bell tower to work that was immediately needed on the bridge.

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board authorize the payment reimbursement of the following bills \$2,107.16, \$236.26, \$70.50 the combined total to be paid to the Lake Pleasant Village Association and the original motion of July 2, 2012 to include the Bridge of Names in its entirety into that motion. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Dan Kramer, Element Brewing Company, 30 Bridge Street, Millers Falls, One Day Beer & Wine Permit for December 15, 2012

Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a special one day Beer & Wine license to Dan Kramer of Element Brewing Company, 30 Bridge Street, Millers Falls for an Anniversary Party on December 15, 2012 from 12:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye (Certificate of Liability insurance has been received)

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Entertainment Permit on December 15, 2012

Fairbrother makes the motion to grant a special One Day Entertainment license to Element Brewing Company, 30 Bridge Street, Millers Falls MA for December 15, 2012 from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM on site for live vocals, 5 person band, insurance certificate has been received and the Chief has signed off on the permit. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Sign FY2013 authorization letter to FCRHRA for assistance with both the application and administration of an FY2013 CDF program.

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board approve and sign the letter to the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority for their assisting with the FY2013 CDF Program. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Revise motion for Turnpike Road Industrial Park – Priority Site Designation

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board rescind the previous motion regarding the Turnpike Road Industrial Park priority site designation. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Sign Interagency Permitting Board, Chapter 43D Application

Fairbrother makes the motion to vote to include the following 5 parcels of municipally owned land: Map 13, Lot 68; Map 20 Lot 27; Map 21 lots 6, 7 & 24 all of which hereby comprise proposed Turnpike Road Industrial Park for nomination as a priority development site under the provisions of Mass. General Law, Chapter 43D as adopted by the Montague Town Meeting on October 11, 2007 and to duly resubmit an application to the interagency permitting board. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Request for letter of support to include Peskeompskut Park as a Comcast drop site

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Board issue a letter to the Cable Advisory Committee supporting acceptance of another drop from Comcast at the Peskeompskut Park. Seconded by Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye Letter to be sent

Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement

John Reynolds: Our access to the Dry Hill Cemetery. I spoke to Frank about the legal status of this a few days ago and he said it is all clear, we absolutely have the clear right of way. I go by there repeatedly and there is a barbed wire going across and cattle are grazing all over the area that is supposed to be a Town road. I would like to know what stance the Selectboard will take so we can atleast have access up the Town Road to the cemetery which we paid for through legal fees and findings. I'm told by one of the sons that the road is badly deteriorated and almost impassable coming down from the usual way the back side. My point is we paid for reaccess and it is constantly blocked with barbed wire and inaccessible to anyone to even walk up. It would be a great statement by the Town if the Selectboard and Cemetery Committee were able to walk up there occasionally and just see where this road is. I think we need to demonstrate the fact that we will walk up there and it should be maintained for those that wish to walk up there. It's a beautiful sight and I think it should be maintained. I think the Town, Selectboard needs to move more aggressively in maintaining that as an open way.

Boutwell: We can take a look at it and send it along to the Highway Superintendent.

Fairbrother: It is settled, it is a public way. It was established it is a town way.

Fairbrother and Reynolds to get together and go to the area.

Bergeron will also be asked to look at the way

Appointment to EDIC, John Furbish, representing 3 year, low income seat on board

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Fairbrother has a problem with this appointment as the Montague Reporter is an offspring of MCTV and feels there is a conflict. Mr. Furbish to be asked to come to a future meeting.

Other

Residents sand pile is now available across from the DPW garage. Due to the costs of sand and salt, please limit to five or ten gallon pails. No pick-up trucks or contractors

Town Hall will be closing at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 21, 2012

Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye