

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, April 1, 2013**

*Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Mark Fairbrother and Chris Boutwell, Patricia Allen was absent; Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary Wendy Bogusz; Director of Parks and Recreation Jonathan Dobosz; FCRHRA Bruce Hunter; Jeanne Golrick*

Meeting being Taped

**Town Administrator Report**

**Award Unity Park Phase 2 Improvement Project**

The project includes improving two existing softball fields, resurfacing and painting existing basketball court, a new asphalt permanent walkway with exercise stations, new park benches, new 33 space asphalt parking area, new rain garden, and a butterfly garden in accordance with the document provided by Berkshire Design Group dated February 27, 2013. We have received 8 bids which range from \$400,060 to as high as \$750,000. There are also alternative bids but Mr. Abbondanzio is recommending that the board accept the base bid from Diversified Construction of \$400,060. Diversified Construction is deemed to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

Mr. Dobosz said the most prominent element of the project is going to reseed and leveling the ball fields, the fitness path will go around the ball field. He is really excited about all elements and getting the project going.

Mr. Hunter noted that Unity Park building, parking lot, and walkway will be handicapped accessible upon completion of Phase 2.

Mr. Hunter explained that the rain garden is a planted area with a foot of soil where the water will come in and saturate the soil before it discharges, and then go through a cleansing process which will take some of the contaminants before it is discharged. It won't really hold water as a retention area would.

*Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board award the contract for the Unity Park Phase 2 Improvement Project to Diversified Construction Services, LLC for the base bid only and for a contract cost of \$400,060. Mr. Boutwell seconded. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen -absent*

*Mr. Fairbrother further moved to have the Chair sign the contract. Seconded by Mr. Boutwell. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen - Absent*

**Sign April 30, 2013 Election Warrant for Senator in Congress**

This is the state primary for the senatorial race to be held April 30, 2013 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

*Mr. Fairbrother moves that the board sign the warrant for the special election for the senate on April 30, 2013 at Precincts 1 through 6 at their usual locations from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for:*

*Senator in Congress....for the Commonwealth*

*Mr. Boutwell seconded. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen -absent*

**Invitation to participate in 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Franklin County Spring Parade**

The Board of Selectmen is invited to participate in the Spring Parade on April 20, 2013. The parade is a 3-mile route beginning and ending at Sheffield School.

**Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property**

For the Opening Day Parade of the 2013 Youth Baseball season on April 28, 2013. The route is Turnpike Road, Montague Street and ending at the field. It will begin at 11:00 AM and end at approximately 12:00 PM. There are 120 participants expected. The Police Chief has approved the application.

*Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board issue two permits, one for the use of public property mainly Turnpike Road and Montague Street and one for public demonstration for the Newt Guilbeault Opening Day Parade on April 28, 2013. Mr. Boutwell seconded. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen -absent*

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Relay for Life Tollbooth Annual Fundraiser on April 20, 2013. There will be 4-8 tolltakers. The Police Chief signed the application but asked that they not obstruct traffic.

*Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board issue a permit for use of public property, namely the corner/intersection of Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Relay for Life Tammy Murphy the contact, for April 20, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.*

**Upcoming Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Montague Town Hall, upstairs meeting room, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls MA

Special and Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 8:30 AM (Special) and 9:00 AM (Annual) at the Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road, Montague MA

**Consideration of request for release of Executive Session**

There is a request for the release of Executive Session minutes from previous meetings.

Ms. Golrick has a concern about the policy of allowing remote participation and asked why a selectmen has not attended a Selectmen's meeting or a Special Town Meeting for a long, long time and asked if that was in the policy guidelines. Mr. Fairbrother responded that the absences have been within the policy. Ms. Golrick asked how a citizen can change that. Mr. Fairbrother responded that it would be a change of by-law which would require a petitioned article at Town Meeting. Ms. Golrick then asked which one of the 10 items under the open meeting law the selectmen are relying on to go into executive session.

*Mr. Fairbrother moved that the board go into executive session under MGL Chapter 30A Section 21 (A)(7) to comply with or act under the authority of a general law specifically Chapter 30A Section 22 votes may be taken. Mr. Boutwell seconded. Approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Allen -absent*

The board will only come out of executive session to adjourn.

**Items Not Anticipated Within the 48 Hour Posting Period**

None

*Mr. Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Ms. Allen. Approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell- Aye*