

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, January 6, 2014**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio, Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz;

Meeting being Taped

Approve minutes of November 4, 18, 25 and December 2, 9 and 18, 2013, if available.

Minutes not available at this time

Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, Bob Button, Paul Gilbert CDM Smith Recommendation for Pump Station Design

Trombley: As you may recall the Town reapplied to the DEP State Revolving Fund, Clean Water Act program for the second year regarding sanitary sewage pump station replacement. Due to the timing of the state requirements for the program and time needed to design the station(s) and meet state deadlines CDM Smith is present, Mr. Bob Button & Mr. Paul Gilbert to review and discuss. This is critical as the Town prepares for the upcoming special Town Meeting in January.

Button: We are following up on the application that was submitted in August 2013. The Board was given a copy of what the Mass. DEP calls their Clean Water Intended Use Plan, list of projects in the state that have been funded for sewer or drainage projects. Table 1 shows you the 23 new projects approved state wide for construction funding for either sewer or drainage improvements. Based on the applications submitted Montague received a score of 61 and that was the threshold for funding. The Town also qualifies for additional subsidies from the State because of the Towns economic conditions it qualifies for the Environmental Justice Funding and because of the energy improvements associated with replacing the pumps and motors at the pump stations you also qualify for the energy efficiency credits. The two stations we were looking at upgrading in Town; First Street and Poplar Street and based on the assessments and investigations we have done both stations along with others in town are in desperate need of replacement and or significant upgrades. Process explained. Should the town decide to participate in the SRF there would need to be on the Annual Town Meeting warrant that would enable the Town to do the borrowing for the construction part of the loan. Then there would be a second warrant that would allow the Town to fund the design. The SRF program will pay for construction and construction oversight and contingencies, the Town itself would have to fund the design work similar to the work we did at the plant 6 or 7 years ago. Estimated design costs for two stations is \$312,000

Fairbrother: It appears we have been approved for \$7.28 million which is the estimate to replace all the pump stations. The design costs to prep for all the work is \$1.3 million for all pumps.

Abbondanzio feels we cannot do all of these right now as the impact on the sewer users would be too great

Discussion about costs if pumps were to fail due to age of stations, explanation of how funding works

This issue will be going to the Capital Improvements Committee for their approval

Personnel Board and Police Chief Charles Dodge

Request to add Police Officer to Police Department Roster to be placed at FCTS as a School Resource Officer

Dodge: I was approached by members at the Tech School, including the Superintendent and had a meeting with them. They asked me if I could provide them with a full time school resource officer at the Tech School. Because of our staffing levels at this time and the budget, it is just not possible. I explained to them that if they were willing to pay for everything in order to hire an officer, send him to the academy, get him trained, all the expenses, academy fees, that I would be willing to bring this forward to the Board of Selectmen and ask to add an officer to our department contingent upon funding from them. I put together a memorandum of understanding and believe I have included everything. I provided them with figures and they were fine with them. Tonight I am looking for permission from the Board to go to town meeting to get funding. If Tech School fails to fund this then it will not happen. They want to do this for 10 years, but 3 years at a time, they are looking for a longtime commitment. They are hiring an officer every day until the end of the school year for 4 hours a day.

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Boutwell makes the motion to endorse the memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Tech School for a Resource Officer contingent on Town Meeting approval. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Request to correct pay for Kyle Whalley from Grade/Step P1 (\$21.09) to P2 (\$21.93) effective 1/2/14

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize a step increase for Kyle Whalley from Grade/Step P1 (\$21.09) to P2 (\$21.93) effective 1/2/14. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Cell phone stipend for Kyle Whalley

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for Cell Phone Stipend for Kyle Whalley. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Bill Goldfarb, Lefty's Brewing Company, Request for one day liquor license on January 10, 2014 at Shea Theater

Nelson makes the motion to approve the one day liquor license to Lefty's Brewing Company on January 10, 2014, 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Shea Theater pending approval of liquor liability and they are tips certified. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Town Administrators Report, Votes may be taken

Approve Annual Entertainment Permit for Black Cow Burger Bar

Nelson makes the motion to approve the request for the annual entertainment permit for the Black Cow Burger Bar at 125 Avenue A, Turners Falls for instrumental music and live vocalists. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement

Fairbrother makes the motion to endorse and sign the letter of support for the Montague Skate Park Committee. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell = Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother = Aye

David Brule

Brule: Asks why his presentation scheduled for 7:40 was taken off the agenda and what was the reason as he was appointed as the person to be the coordinator and he would like to present the material he has been working on the last 7 months. Also asks if it will be on the next weeks agenda

Fairbrother states yes, he took it off the agenda on Thursday within the 48 hour posting requirements and took it off because he didn't want it on the agenda because it is not appropriate. Not going to get into it with him tonight. There are no plans for this to be on next weeks agenda.

Nelson does not have a problem having this being put on an agenda for discussion to hear what is going on. They have seen the documents and without being able to discuss it, doesn't know how to vote either way.

Boutwell does not have a problem with it being on the agenda next week.

Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining involving town unions (TOMEA) Votes may be taken

Fairbrother declares holding this executive session in open session will be detrimental to collective bargaining strategies.

Nelson makes the motion at 8:00 PM to enter into executive session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining involving town unions (TOMEA) Votes may be taken. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Nelson makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye