

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, August 11, 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 (absent), Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz;*

Meeting being reopened from earlier 6:30 Executive Session

Meeting being Taped

**Approve Minutes of June 16, 23, 30, July 14 and 28, 2014**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2014. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell – Aye*

**Mickey Longo, Turners Falls Airport Manager**

**Execute Grant Assurances, Turners Falls Municipal Airport, purchase Rotary Cutter and Brush Hog, ASMP Project No. #ASMP-2014-0B5-6 State Grant No. 0B5RCBH**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the Grant Assurances for the Turners Falls Municipal Airport to purchase a Rotary Cutter and Brush Hog, ASMP Project No. #ASMP-2014-0B5-6 State Grant No. 0B5RCBH. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent**

**Authorize Change Order #2, Millers Falls Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Phase I, decrease of \$5,859.69**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Millers Falls Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Phase I for a decrease amount of \$5,859.69. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Authorize Change Order #2, Millers Falls Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Phase II, decrease of \$6,796**

*Nelson makes the motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Millers Falls Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Phase II for a decrease amount of \$6,796. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Authorize Payment No. 3 to Baltazar Contractors, Inc., Millers Falls Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Phase I, \$55,913.06**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to table this item. Seconded by Nelson approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Authorize Payment No. 2 to Baltazar Contractors, Inc., Millers Falls Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Phase II, \$123,071.50**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to table this item. Seconded by Nelson approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Lew Collins, Between the Uprights at 2nd Street**

**Request for extension of Outdoor café fenced in area for Pumpkinfest**

Michael Nelson abstained

Collins: Would like outdoor area extended in front of building by renting 3 parking spaces (vendor spots), will use one entrance/exit, there will be a 5' wall for walking, there is handicap access; possibly renting porta poties for customers. Would like to keep set up similar to night before Thanksgiving set up until closing for a smooth transition. Feels this will only enhance the Pumpkinfest

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the request by Lew Collins, owner Between the Uprights at Second Street for the outdoor café fenced area as extended in this application from Set up from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM traditional area, extended area 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM for Pumpkinfest event on October 18, 2014. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Abstain*

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**Ann-Renee Larouche, Hampshire Council of Governments**

**Execute Electricity Supply Contract, HCOG Hampshire Power, Fixed Price-Combined Billing Customer**

Larouche: Town of Montague has been a Real time customer, and we have saved customers lots of money through this program. We offered customers the opportunity to sign a fixed rate contract. I went out and got pricing for Montague and have three offers today, 12 months \$10.07 per kwh, 18 months \$10.51 per kwh and 24 months \$9.82 cents per kwh. Experts are saying pricing is going to keep going up.

*Nelson makes the motion to execute the electricity supply contract with the Hampshire Council of Governments fixed price combined billing rate of \$9.82 cents per kilowatt hour going starting September 1, 2014 to September 2016. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Walter Ramsey, Town Planner**

**Authorize the Chair of the Agricultural Commission to establish an account for the purpose of providing EBT/SNAP benefits at the Great Falls Farmers Market**

*Nelson makes the motion to Authorize the Chair of the Agricultural Commission to establish an account for the purpose of providing EBT/SNAP benefits at the Great Falls Farmers Market. Seconded by Fairbrother. Approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – No (because of lacking supporting documents to this, and answers to some of the questions)*

**Authorize Grant Agreement for National Park Service Grant: Battle of Turners Falls in the amount of \$60,000**

Ramsey: The National Park Service awarded the Town a \$60,000 grant through the American Battlefield Protection program to conduct a pre-inventory project to identify the likely locations of the Great Falls Battlefield and its associated sites which were part of the King Philip's war in 1676. The project includes a phased plan to protect the site, provide well-sourced information for a proposed cultural park. The site was a tribal gathering place but was turned into a multi-tribe war refugee camp that colonialists Capt Turner and Lt. Holyoke attached. This is the groundwork for federal recognition of the events that occurred here and part of the cultural economic development strategy of the area. The grant is one of 21 awarded across the country. Dave Brule is the coordinator who organizes and facilitates the meetings between the participating towns and tribes. My role is administrative: contract management, quarterly reports, procurement, etc. I will attend a mandatory training seminar in DC on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Expenses for this trip are covered by the grant. People interested in learning more can contact me or David Brule. Walters role is administrative only, approximately 80 hours total

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Grant agreement for National Park Service Grant: Battle of Great Falls Grant #GA-2287-14-012 in the amount of \$60,000 beginning August 1, 2014 ending August 1, 2016. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – No (no reason given)*

**Authorize Green Communities Grant Agreement for HVAC Improvements to Shea Theater in the amount of \$84,935**

Town awarded grant for HVAC improvements to the Shea Theater. The grant would install a new energy efficient system in the town owned theater, an allowance is granted to insulate the roof if it is replaced during the grant contract. DPW is gathering quotes for HVAC system. This will be taken up by CIC in the near future. End date for this contract is April 30, 2016. Want to recognize effort Shea Board has in initiating this study that made the grant possible and the professional expertise of Bart Bales who volunteered his engineering services to conduct the Shea Energy audit and help with the technical aspects of the grant.

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Green Communities Grant agreement for the HVAC improvements to the Shea Theater in the amount of \$84,935 for the fiscal year 2015 Green Communities Grant. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother- Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Community Development Discretionary Hearing: Allocate \$1,950 for Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project Design Amendments as discussed 4/22/14**

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*Nelson makes the motion to allocate \$1,950 for Avenue A Streetscape Enhancement Project Design amendments to Berkshire Design Group. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother- Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Authorize 110% agreement between Town and MassDOT for project #83790 Greenfield Road (Sherman Drive to Hatchery Road intersection)**

Ramsey: Greenfield Road project was put out to bid by the State; the opening was on July 22 and they estimate the project at \$5.37 million. The low bidder, Baltazar Contractors came in at \$5.28 million. Under this agreement MassDOT is responsible for the total contract bid price plus projects costs up to 10% for additional work necessary to complete the original scope. The Town would be responsible for any amount over 110%, this is a standard agreement for a DOT projects. No non participating work is planned on this contract, meaning the Town is not committed to do any work on this project. The Town is responsible for maintenance of the road once the road is complete.

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the 110% agreement between the Town and MassDOT for project #83790 Greenfield Road project (Sherman Drive to Hatchery road intersection). Seconded by Fairbrother. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson abstain as resident on road*

Memo to be sent to state to let them know about issues with Baltazar

**Submit application for endorsement that Planning Board approval under Subdivision Control Law is not required for the conveyance of 2.2 acres to Mountain Research, LLC. The land will be subdivided from Map 17, Lot 13A in the Airport Industrial Park.**

Ramsey: Mountain Research is exercising its right of first refusal on 2.2 acres in the Airport Industrial Park. Since the property is being sold by the Town the Town needs to submit this ANR subdivision plan to the Planning Board in order for the closing to proceed. Plan has been prepared at the Buyers expense, Mountain Research, aka Yankee Environmental will now own 9.225 acres, their expansion plans are undefined at the moment.

*Nelson makes the motion to submit the application for endorsement that the Planning Board approves under the Subdivision Control Law the conveyance of 2.2 acres to Mountain Research, LLC., Map 17, Lot 13A in the Airport Industrial Park. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother- Aye*

**Authorize submission of a MASSWORKS grant application to construct the Turnpike Road Industrial Park**

Ramsey: The grant would fund the development of the Turnpike Road Industrial Park. The neighborhood-scale light industrial park would create 6 developable lots ranging from 3.8 to 14.7 acres (a total of 38 developable acres). The MassWorks grant would construct a ¼ mile subdivision roadway extending from the terminus of Sandy Lane. The work would include providing water, sewer, communications conduit, and underground electricity. Judd Wire, Inc. an established business and the largest employer in Montague, would be the anchor of the park. The park would provide a critical 4.6 acres to allow for future expansion and parking lot relocation for Judd Wire, Inc. After construction of the roadway, the Town of Montague, in partnership with the Montague EDIC would be responsible for developing the six lots to maximize job creation in the region and expand the municipal tax base. The remaining 100+ acres municipally owned land would remain undeveloped open space to ensure that natural resources and surrounding environs are not adversely affected. The capped burn dump is planned for solar development, which is allowed by-right. The solar development may be used to support future industry. The goals of the Turnpike Road Industrial park are as follows: - Increase the supply of developable industrial land and employment opportunities in Franklin County and Montague; -Retain expanding businesses in Franklin County and expand key market clusters (food processing and precision manufacturing); -Develop low-impact industry in a manner consistent with nearby neighborhoods; - Ensure productive re-use of an infill development site in a regional employment center. Total grant request: \$1,486,000

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the submission of the MASSWORKS grant application for construction of the Turnpike Road Industrial Park in the amount of \$1,486,000. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

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**Liquor License Hearing, Transfer of Annual on Premises §12 Restaurant, All Alcohol Liquor License from J. R. Saloon d/b/a Rt. 63 Roadhouse to Pioneer Tavern, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Tavern, Inc., Sean C. Keller as Manager**

Boutwell reads public hearing notice into the record

*Nelson makes the motion to approve the Transfer of the Annual on Premises §12 Restaurant, All Alcohol Liquor License from J. R. Saloon d/b/a Rt. 63 Roadhouse to Pioneer Tavern, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Tavern, Inc., Sean C. Keller as Manager. Seconded by seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Michael Nelson** (abstained from this portion of the meeting)

**Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property: Toll booth fundraiser for Pumpkinfest, Avenue A & 7th Street, 9/27/14 (10/4/14 raindate). 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

*Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the request for Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property, to Michael Nelson, Pumpkinfest on September 27, 2014, (10/4/14 raindate). At the intersection of Avenue A & 7th Street, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, roughly 6 participants in the roadway and they are to wear fluorescent colors. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Abstained*

**Town Administrators Report (given by Executive Assistant, Wendy Bogusz)**

**Announcement of FY2014 CD Fund I, \$823,626**

Town was awarded the FY2014 CD grant from the Mass. Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$823,626

**Execute MOU between FCSWMD and Town of Montague, Regional Household Hazardous waste collection Event (Boutwell excused from this portion of the meeting as he is Vice Chair of District)**

*Nelson makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as Chair for the FCSWMD portion of the meeting. Seconded by Boutwell, approved. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – abstain, Fairbrother - Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to Execute MOU between FCSWMD and Town of Montague for Regional Household Hazardous waste collection Event on September 20, 2014 in the amount of \$5,500 at the GCC Parking lot. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Abstained*

**Execute MOU between FCSWMD and Town of Montague, Regarding Hauling of Recyclables; Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste; Hauling and Disposal of Bulky Wastes; and Hauling and Disposal of Scrap Metal and Appliances**

*Nelson makes the motion to Execute MOU between FCSWMD and Town of Montague for Hauling of Recyclables; Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste; Hauling and Disposal of Bulky Wastes; and Hauling and Disposal of Scrap Metal and Appliances as per prices stated. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Boutwell - Abstained*

**Montague Representation to the FRTA**

*Nelson makes the motion to remove Fairbrother as the alternate to the FRTA Advisory Board, seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye*

*Nelson makes the motion to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the FRTA Advisory Board regarding a request for information about the specific calculations of Montague's assessments. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

By law, Boutwell appoints Jeff Singleton as Montague's alternate to the FRTA.

*Nelson makes the motion for the record that the Board of Selectmen stand behind the Chairs decision to appoint Mr. Singleton as the alternate to the FRTA. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

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**Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirement**

*Nelson makes the motion to accept the resignation for Mary Bancroft as dispatcher of the Montague Police Department effective August 9, 2014. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**St. Andrews Church, Katherine Milano and Diane Kurkulonis**

Milano: We did not get the permit to your office in time to be on tonight's agenda. The permit is requesting use of the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 13 for an e-cycling, recycling day. We are requesting donations and they will be going to support the Brickhouse. They will be back in two weeks

*Nelson makes the motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye*