

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
MONDAY, June 13, 2016**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson, Rich Kuklewicz (absent). Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio and Executive Assistant Wendy Bogusz

**Approve Selectmen minutes of May 16, 23 and 31, 2016**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve minutes of May 16, 2016. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously.  
Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve minutes of May 23, 2016. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously.  
Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve minutes of May 31, 2016. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously.  
Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye,*

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Board of Selectmen will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment:**

None

**Jon Dobosz, Director Parks & Recreation and Gary Briere, River's Edge Cycling**

**River Valley Ice Cream Ride on July 30, 2016**

Briere: When we were beginning to put this event together Turners Falls was the first place I thought of. Turners Falls. The River Valley Ice Cream Ride is for all riders. Idea is to attract all types of riders, Have a great agricultural landscape to cycle in. Not sure how many people we will end up with. The event will be on Saturday, July 30, 2016, there will be a variety of activities going on.

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize Gary Brier Rivers Edge Cycling for the River Valley Ice Cream Ride at Unity Park on July 30, 2016 provided the proper paper work is completed prior to the event. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Chief Chip Dodge**

**Approve Animal Control Officer Inter-Municipal Agreement between Greenfield, Montague and Deerfield, 7/1/16 – 6/30/19**

Dodge: Since this has been so successful we want to sign another contract, same contract as before

*Boutwell makes the motion to sign the Inter-municipal agreement between Greenfield, Montague and Deerfield for Animal Control Officer effective 7/1/16 – 6/30/19. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Personnel Board**

**Appoint Justin Nyle Joseph Moody as Reserve Police Officer, Grade: Reserve Ofc., Step 1; \$14.62/hour effective June 13, 2016**

*Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Justin Nyle Joseph Moody as Reserve Officer, Grade: Reserve Ofc., Step 1 \$14.62/hour effective June 13, 2016. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Step increase: Jennifer Grace, Reserve Police Officer, Grade Reserve Ofc., Step 3; \$17.00 hour, effective June 13, 2016**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the step increase for Jennifer Grace, Reserve Police Officer, Grade Reserve Ofc., Step 3; \$17.00 hour, effective June 13, 2016. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Step increase: Robert Holst, Reserve Police Officer, Grade Reserve Ofc., Step 3; \$17.00 hour, effective June 13, 2016**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Step increase for Robert Holst, Reserve Police Officer, Grade Reserve Ofc., Step 3; \$17.00 hour, effective June 13, 2016. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Bob Escott, Turners Falls Fire Chief and Daniel Nietsch, FRCOG**

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**Execute MOU for Emergency Management Coordination Services between FRCOG on behalf of the F.C.R. Emergency Planning Committee and Town of Montague**

Nietsch gives highlights on hand out dated 5/31/16 Franklin County Multi-Agency Coordination Center. MACC is an extension of the Towns Emergency Management System; currently there are no costs associated with this and goal of staff is to find grants, eventually staff will be volunteers, there will be a situational awareness of this where MACC will send out information to Towns to let you know what's going on, it's a 3 year contract, can step away with 60 day notice to the MACC. This will lead to more communication with Emergency Management System and we will be able to respond better. MACC can help with large events too

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the MOU for Emergency Management Coordination Services between FRCOG on behalf of the F.C.R. Emergency Planning Committee and Town of Montague to be effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Daniel Nietsch, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, FRCOG**

**Request Montague's participation in the 2016 Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program**

Nietsch: There is a want and a need running through several departments for a study to be completed, a results driven study, not particularly a fact finding mission, something to bring these departments into a direction in terms of their official sharing, their consolidation and regionalization, there is a call for it. The grant would help to pay for that study to be completed. Grant is for \$50,000 maximum, \$40,000 to consultant, \$10,000 to the FRCOG for administration of the grant. There will be four towns and one city included in this study with a total of 7 individual fire departments. South Deerfield Fire District, Deerfield Area Fire Protection District, Gill Fire Department, Erving Fire Department, Greenfield Fire Department, Turners Falls Fire District and Montague Center Fire District. A district cannot apply for the grant. The local area could lose 20% of its volunteer and fulltime force due to age requirements, depending on what department you look at.

Escott: About 2 years ago a group of Fire Chiefs got together and began discussing issues we were having with public safety, that being response times, man power levels stuff like that and felt we needed an outsider to look at a way to come up with a better solution. This will be run by the Fire Departments, a district could not apply only a city or town.

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the FRCOG to apply for a Municipal Fire Department Study Grant for fire services in the name of Town of Montague. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Request Montague be lead municipality for the 2016 Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program**

*Boutwell makes the motion that Montague be the lead municipality for the 2016 Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program and that Frank review the document before being submitted. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA**

**Execute Agreement by and between Town of Montague and GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc. for Master Plan for Norma's and Rutters Parks, \$18,590.00**

*Boutwell makes the motion that the Board Execute the Agreement by and between Town of Montague and GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc. for the Master Plan for Norma's and Rutters Parks, in the amount of \$18,590.00. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

**Suzanne LoManto, Director of RiverCulture**

**Award Public Sculpture Commission to Tim de Christopher, \$6,000**

LoManto: Back in January we released an RFP for a public sculpture at the new pedestrian park at the corner of Avenue A and Third Street. We received 14 proposals one as far away as Seattle. On June 1<sup>st</sup> a group of 8 people sat down and evaluated the proposals based on a number of criteria which was creativity of approach, a sculpture that could form identity for the park, we rated the architectural context of the sculpture, the appropriateness, for the site in terms of form and content, we also considered what we perceived of the ability of the artist to complete the project based on other material he or she submitted from past work that they have done and then safety and durability of the piece. Tim's work rated highest of all the proposals. Thought Tim's piece was the one we wanted

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to live with over the years. Money raised through RiverCulture and an extra \$1000 was donated by Freedom Credit Union.

*Boutwell makes the motion to Board award the Public Sculpture Commission to Tim de Christopher in the amount of \$6,000. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**David Detmold**

**Request appointments to the Tree Advisory Committee until June 30, 2017 as follows: David Detmold, Suzette Snow Cobb, David Harmon, Roberta Potter, Walker Korby, Julie Kumble, Michael Marcotrigiano, Leslie Brown**

Detmold: Still hoping to find someone from Lake Pleasant or Millers Falls to join. This committee will work with the town to revamp the tree planting in the tree belt, Committee could help the Tech school with pilot program of tree planting. Hope is if we work closely with Tree Warden we will avoid what happened last year. Feels there is a need for better communication with the Tree Warden. Hope a committee would work with the Tree Warden to open communication

Discussion

*Boutwell makes the motion to appointment the following people to the Tree Advisory Committee as follows: David Detmold, Suzette Snow Cobb, David Harmon, Roberta Potter, Walker Korby, Julie Kumble, Michael Marcotrigiano, Leslie Brown until June 30, 2017, with 2 more names possibly being appointed. Seconded by Nelson approved. Boutwell – aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Sam Lovejoy**

**Execute Confirmatory Deed to Joseph D. Burek, Old Northfield Road, Montague, Map 40, Lot 31**

Lovejoy: The deed was originally signed by one member of the Board and Town Meeting voted that the Selectmen sign the deed.

*Boutwell makes the motion the Board sign the Confirmation Deed for Joseph D. Burek, Old Northfield Road that was incorrectly signed 18 years ago. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Tom Sena, Montague Center Fire Association**

**Entertainment License at Montague Center Ball Field during Bon-Fire on July 3, 2016 from 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the entertainment license by the Montague Center Fire Association at the Montague Center Ball Field on July 3, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with a raindate of July 2, 2016, the fee of \$55 to be waived. Seconded by Nelson approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Josh Goldman, Shea Theater**

**Request One Day Beer and Wine License at Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls, June 25, 2016 from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the request for a One Day Beer and Wine License at the Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls, on June 25, 2016 from 7:30 – 11:00 PM, fee to be waived. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

**Jeff Singleton**

**FRTA Fixed Route Changes**

Singleton: On route changes that are going to go into a fact on August 1 and some of my thoughts on where we need to go from here I'm going to be advocating some stuff so since I represent you should probably know about it I also need some support somehow or another not sure hundred percent how to get that basically the story is the FRTA is implementing a series of fix route changes that we have been discussing off and on for close to three years now. Jeff gives history of prior events. Just as the FRTA advisory board was about to vote those changes A couple of us got together with the FRTA administration made a bunch of other small but important proposals to make the thing work better for riders and some of those were approved by the board about a month ago and some of those weren't. For Montague the changes in the fix routes essentially they rejected the proposal about two years ago we

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put on the table to eliminate the internal route to Montague which is Route 21 and consolidate that with the route to orange and the route to Amherst reducing the number of routes from 17 to about 12 that proposal was rejected so we now have the internal route to Montague plus 4 trips to Amherst leading to a total of 19 trips going back-and-forth from Turners Falls to Greenfield so that is good if you think it's good to have 19 trips going back-and-forth from Turner's Falls to Greenfield I don't happen to think that's necessary I think it's overkill

Boutwell: it does seem like a little excessive

Abbondanzio: does that explain the significant increase in the FRTA assessment this year?

Singleton: we had a significant increase in the FRTA assessment it was sitting at \$59,000 for a long time and I want to figure out why it was sitting there then it jumped up to 84,000 on the cherry she ate some of that may have to do with the Amherst route but I doubt there's a year delay it's still a mystery to me and how those assessments get calculated my personal view is the biggest factor our assessments were low in general but the biggest factor was a move the orange route which now go through Montague that's a huge factor

Abbondanzio: it begs the question is that really necessary at the level they're running it and considering the assessments are driven by the number of miles that goes through a town if it's not something that benefits the town or something we really need or want then that's not something we want to continue to support

Singleton: my solution to that Frank was to eliminate the internal Montague route which is route 21 and to use the orange route to fill the vacancy that route has seven trips which serves Millers Falls going to Turners Falls going to Greenfield and actually on the new system they're having a go through the industrial park there taking the industrial park away from the internal Montague route and they're having the Orange Route 30 to do that I basically think we should consolidate the internal Montague route with the Amherst route in the orange route and bring us down to about 12 but I think it's plenty I think we can increase service to Amherst a little bit my main goal here is to encourage them to continue to discuss this as this is not a done deal in my opinion; I think we should come and I think we should insist this continue to be discussed no matter how tired folks are in administrators are there is a problem here and it needs to be continued to be worked out Amherst route is now going to go through Sunderland center and make a connection with the P VTA Route 31 that goes to Amherst, I'm not sure it's going to work

Nelson: A lot of these times look like there are a lot tighter than they really are and there not going to work

Singleton: there are some times for the people taking the routes it's not really going to matter. However if you're catching a bus on the other end then it really does matter. We as Regional planners have to see that the connections work. I think this is a work in progress and needs to be further discussed. We have to re look at this in September

**Town Administrators Report**

**Award Turners Falls Main Drain Rehabilitation and Siphon Cleaning Project to National Water Main, contingent upon successful Proposition 2.5 debt exclusion vote being held on 6/27/16 in the amount of \$793,950.00**

*Boutwell makes the motion to Award the Turners Falls Main Drain Rehabilitation and Siphon Cleaning Project to National Water Main, contingent upon successful Proposition 2.5 debt exclusion vote being held on 6/27/16 in the amount of \$793,950.00. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye*

In 1915 the utilities entered into an agreement with the town and they are responsible for \$309,000

**Approve Change Order #1, DPW Sewer Lining 2016, \$19,346.45**

*Boutwell makes the motion to Approve Change Order #1, DPW Sewer Lining 2016, (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation: Various Locations) in the amount of \$19,346.45, with Insituform Technologies, LLC. Seconded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson - Aye*

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

None

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*Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM Secoded by Nelson, approved. Boutwell – Aye,  
Nelson - Aye*

**List of Documents and Exhibits:**

- Minutes of May 16, May 23 and May 31, 2016
- Animal Control Officer Inter Municipal Agreement between Greenfield, Montague and Deerfield
- Appointment Form: Appoint Justin Nyle Joseph Moody, Reserve Officer
- Appointment Form, Step Increase for Jennifer Grace
- Appointment Form, Step Increase for Robert Holst
- MOU for Emergency Management Coordination Services between FRCOG, on behalf of the F.C.R. Emergency Planning Committee and Town of Montague
- Agreement between Town of Montague and GZA Geoenvironmental
- Rock Paper Scissors proposal by Tim de Christopher
- Confirmatory Deed to Joseph Burek, Old Northfield Road, Map 40, Lot 31
- Entertainment License at Montague Center Ball Field during Bon-Fire on July 3, 2016
- 1 Day Beer and Wine License at Shea Theater, 6/25/16
- Request to award Turners Falls Drain Rehabilitation and Siphon Cleaning Project to National Water Main
- Change Order #1 with Insituform Technologies for DPW Sewer Lining