

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008**

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Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room Present were Selectpersons Patricia Pruitt and Allen Ross; Town Administrator Frank Abbondanzio, Raymond Zukowski, Chief of Police; Mike Sweeney, Airport Manager;

**Approve Minutes of March 24, 2008**

*Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting with corrections. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**Pole Location Hearing**

*Pruitt made a motion to approve the re-location of one pole 10 ft. to the south from its existing location on Old Sunderland Rd. (Rte.47) and also approve the installation of four new poles on Gunn Rd. at various locations. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**Ray Zukowski, Chief of Police – Hire 3 Part Time Dispatchers**

Recommends that we hire the following individuals, who are all experienced dispatchers who will need little or no training at all to put them right on line:

Sarah Emery, 20 Ripley Rd., Montague, MA.; Tammy Walsh, 362 Log Plain Rd., Greenfield, MA and Wendy Miller, 158 Main St., Northfield, MA. Presently Sarah and Tammy are full-time dispatchers with the State Police up in Shelburne Falls. They handle all kinds of emergencies. They have all the qualifications that we need. Wendy used to work for us as a full-time dispatcher. She answered the “Ad” and wants to come back per-diem. She would just need a little bit of training on the new “911 System.” So, the three of them are very well qualified. They have everything that we need to get them right in line relatively soon.

Pruitt: How many hours would they work?

Chief Zukowski: It is per diem. Nothing is set. It is on a part-time basis, call in as needed, for vacation relief or whatever.

*Pruitt made a motion to hire three part-time dispatchers on a per-diem basis for the Police Department as soon as possible. They are Sarah Emery, Tammy Walsh and Wendy Miller. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

Chief Zukowski: They have to come in and do a little bit of orientation, just to get used to where everything is in our set up, which Marcia will try to get them in relatively soon.

As far as their rate, I know we had a guideline that we set. I will iron that out with Frank and Carolyn, as to what the part time rate would be. I know it is below the lowest paid full time dispatcher.

**Chief Ray Zukowski – List from Civil Service of Reserve Officers**

Request to hire five reserve officers. Received list with eleven potential candidates and six have signed that they would be interested in the position. We need to set up a date and time to interview these six candidates, somewhere in the next two to three weeks.

Ross: Pat is not here, but it would be nice if the three of us can do it. So we will try and set up interview appointments.

Chief Zukowski: Spoke with Wendy about sending out letters to the candidates asking for their resumes ahead of time. We can also do some background on them in the meantime before the interview. You can get back to me when you want to set up the interviews.

**Town Administrator's Report**

**Sign Grant Assurances for Turners Falls Airport (Mike Sweeney)**

Ross: In looking through the previous Grant Assurances, I noticed that Carl Lambrect's name was listed at the chairman of the Turners Falls Airport Commission, but it was crossed out and Peter Golrick was put in there.

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Mike Sweeney: This is a computer generated document that nobody informed Matt that he had the wrong name on it. This is a new contract for the mowing equipment. This is being executed because it is a new grant. Otherwise, it is the same grant that you signed. It is one that we have to sign every time we get a new grant. The assurances are redundant. We have to acknowledge that we are agreeing to their rules.

*Pruitt made a motion to approve and authorize Select Board Chairman Pat Allen to sign the Grant Assurances for the mowing equipment for Turners Falls Airport. Seconded by Ross. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**Discuss how to pay for fire alarm fees not waived by Turners Falls Prudential Committee**

The Prudential Committee denied the request to waive the \$1,250.00 fire alarm fee. The Prudential Committee feels that the Fire Alarm Fees are similar to other service fees such as the sewer and water. The Highway Dept. has assisted in the past the Fire Dept. with some of their snow removal, not all of it and sanding, and they have not charged anything for that. So there is a question as to how you want to proceed with this. This was not budgeted as we didn't know about it.

Discussion followed regarding this new fire alarm fee for inspections for the master box connection on all Town properties, which apparently will become an annual fee.

**State Contract for the 43D Streamline Permitting Grant - \$100,000**

Grant has to be signed by the Chairman. Authorization needed for Chairman to sign, once she returns.

*Pruitt made a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen Chairman to sign the 43D Expediting Permitting Grant when she returns. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**The Recorder announced that the Pre-Town Meeting** will be held at the High School. This is incorrect. The Pre-Town Meeting will be held in the Upstairs Meeting Room in the Montague Town Hall on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

**Annual and Special town Meeting** will be held at the High School on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 8:30 AM.

**Old Home Day Permit – First Church of Montague Center**

*Pruitt made a motion to approve the Registration for Assembly and Public Demonstration for the First Church of Montague Center for their annual OLD HOME DAY Celebration on the Montague Center Common from August 1, 2008 through August 21, 2008. The activity isn't going all night, but the structures are there. People tend to arrive early and stay real late, so this should be a 24-hour permit. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**Newt Guilbault Baseball League Parade Permit May 4, 2008**

*Pruitt made a motion to approve the annual Newt Guilbault Baseball League Parade Permit from the High School down Montague Street to the baseball fields at Sheffield to begin at 12 PM and the games will end at approximately 6:00 PM. They will have a parachutist landing in the field after the parade arrives there. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**Fishing Derby Permit at the Montague Center School Pond – May 3, 2008**

*Pruitt made a motion to approve the Fishing Derby Permit at the Montague Center School Pond to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 7:00 AM until 11:00 AM. for approximately 75 people. Seconded by Ross. . Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

**Hallmark Institute of Photography Relay for Life Team – Tammy Murphy**

Request for a "Voluntary toll booth" at the intersection of Avenue A and 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Turners Falls between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 3, 2008 to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Chief Zukowski commented that he would like the "toll both people" to wear orange or florescent green vests or shirts.

*Pruitt made a motion to approve the "voluntary toll booth" on Avenue A and 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Turners Falls, on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with the condition that people wear orange or florescent green vests or shirts, so that they can be readily seen. They expect eight to ten people on rotating shifts. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*

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**Packages were mailed out to Town Meeting Members today, April 22, 2008**

**The Pre-Town Meeting will be held in the Upstairs Meeting Room in the Montague Town Hall on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

Ross: If people have questions about the various options of trying to get through this fiscal crises, that is still another forum to try and look at a choice of relatively grime options. There will be people here who will try to answer those questions. Unfortunately there are no magic solutions to this crises that this Town and many other Towns are faced with.

John Reynolds: Is there any particular reason why we are having the Pre-Town Meeting in this room, rather than the Senior Center?

Ross: I wasn't part of that decision.

Abbondanzio: I think the rationale behind that was that when we have the meeting at the Senior Center, we fill up two or three tables and we were talking in this room here the capacity, with chairs on the side, is probably somewhat equal to or near what it would be there, without having the tables there. The Discovery Center is a great hall, but the acoustics in there really aren't that great. People have trouble hearing the speaker.

Ross: There will not be an Executive Session tonight.

Discussion followed regarding the Secretary of Transportation obtaining information and attending a meeting regarding the Airport and subsequent meetings.

Discussion also took place regarding the Landfill Committee.

*Pruitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ross. Approved unanimously. Pruitt – Aye, Ross – Aye.*