

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, May 19, 2009**

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Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Patricia Pruitt; Patricia Allen, Mark Fairbrother, Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary Wendy Bogusz; Arn Albertini, Recorder; Dawn Montague, Montague Reporter; Jeff Tirrell, WHAI

Reorganization of Board

Welcome to Mark Fairbrother

Allen makes the motion to appoint Patricia Pruitt as chair. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Approve minutes of May 11, 2009

Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2009 with corrections. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Liquor License Hearing, New Beer & Wine License, Burrito Rojo, John Keating

Allen reads public hearing notice into the record

Keating: Will be selling spicy food and thinks it will go well, family style restaurant. Keating goes over floor plans; hours will be 11:00 AM to 11:30 PM weekdays, 12:30 AM weekends; planning to open in the beginning of June; will be taking the TIPS course.

Allen suggests changes to be made to the plan being submitted to ABCC and that Keating speak to Chief Zukowski prior to opening and he also attend the TIPS course.

Fairbrother asks who will be inspecting property since D. Jensen is the owner. It will be inspected by the alternate building inspector, Rick Asmann

Allen makes the motion to approve for sending on to ABCC the request by John M. Keating, dba Burrito Rojo at 50 Third Street, Turners Falls for an annual restaurant license with wine and malt. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Other

Allen makes the motion that Mark Fairbrother be the clerk for the coming year. Seconded by Pruitt, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Liquor License Hearing, New Beer & Wine License, Montague Performing Arts, Jordan Quinn

Fairbrother reads public hearing notice into the record

Pruitt recuses herself from the hearing and goes and sits in the audience.

Quinn goes over her plans and how many people each venue plans to serve. Quinn is a certified drink master. Quinn thinks they won't be ready to open the church until spring 2010 and they want the rectory to be done by this fall. They have been receiving calls to use the space. They plan to hire experts that are familiar with running a bar/restaurant.

Quinn to be given a copy of the noise ordinance

Allen makes the motion to approve sending on to ABCC the application for liquor license for Jordan Quinn Consulting, LLC dba Montague Performing Arts Center, Dr. Shelley B. Kick aka Jordan Quinn will be the manager of record, location is 25 Sixth Street and 47 J Street. This will be a restaurant license serving wine and malt and would be an annual license. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt recused from discussion

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Memorial Day Observance on Montague Center Common

Allen makes the motion to approve the Memorial Day observance on the Montague Center Town Common, the applicant is Anne Fiske on behalf of the citizens, on May 24, 2009 from 11:15 AM to 5:00 PM and has been signed by Chief Zukowski. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Invitation to Dedication of the Charles William Hazelton Memorial Bench and Harmony Lodge Preserve

Fairbrother reads invitation into the record. The Board cannot attend this event as they will be at the Annual Town Meeting.

Brooke Hastings and Josh Gammon TFHS Student Council

Brooke Hastings: 10th grade doing math MCAS, band went on a trip to Pennsylvania and stopped off in NYC to see Phantom of the Opera. They went to Hershey Park and took an Amish tour.

Gammon: Seniors graduate next week, awards night is next Thursday and graduation is Friday, seniors going to Boston on a class trip this Saturday. Softball is in second or third in the league; tennis is second in the league; sports are doing well.

Hasting: The band concert went well and there was an awards ceremony afterwards. They are now doing Tri-music (like honors society for music).

Allen tells them how the new sports sign should be ready to be installed soon.

Gammon: Prom was last weekend at the Marriott in Springfield, it was very nice and well attended.

Town Administrators Report

Program Income Hearing (Downtown Beautification, Town Hall Paving)

Allen makes the motion to use \$2,000 towards the downtown beautification project and \$12,852 towards the town hall plaza pavers and decorative light pole in front of the Crocker Building out of the Program Income Money, leaving a balance of \$140,550.83 in the account. Seconded by Fairbrother. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Approve Summer Meeting Schedule

Allen makes the motion to adopt the following meeting schedule for the summer as follows: June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, August 31 and September 14. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Energy Conservation Report

Abbondanzio: This is the preliminary audit report from Siemens and if the Town decides to go forward further with this process there would be an investment grade audit that Siemens would do and we would have to pay for it. That report would be used to generate very, very detailed specific technical information that Siemens could feel comfortable hanging their hat on. Basically what they do is they say, based on that final investment grade audit, we will save X number of dollars and that means you can go out based on the money you will save and do that amount of energy improvements. I want to see how the energy committee feels about it and where they want to go.

Laroche: The Energy Committee wants to have a meeting with the Selectboard to discuss it and there is stimulus money available for some of the improvements.

Abbondanzio: The study audited the Town Hall, Public Works Garage, Unity Park Field House, the three Library buildings and the Water Pollution Control Facility. The elementary school buildings Sheffield and Hillcrest were done as part of the G/M School District Preliminary Audit. Based on the preliminary benchmark and analysis and conservative savings estimates on past project experiences with similar space types, Siemens estimates there is an opportunity to save about \$39,836 per year from our budget or about 19% of the overall in utility costs. Based on that savings, it projects out to \$780,000 in facility upgrades which could be paid for in a guaranteed savings over 20 years. In the report they get into a whole list and description of particular energy conservation measures that could

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be employed. There is a good opportunity to tie this whole process in with the stimulus grants that are coming down from the Department of Energy. Frank will check on the deadline to respond to Siemens. Allen would like to get some ideas from CDM on the WPCF.

Sign Cable Contract

John Duda: The MCTV Board is pleased with getting the extension on the 5 year contract, and they are looking forward to being the leader on local programming.

Allen makes the motion to sign the contract between the Town of Montague and Montague Community Cable, Inc. dated 19 May 2009 for a 5 year term with the possibility of renewal for five years after that. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye Fairbrother - Aye

Announce Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Town Meeting Warrant was approved at the May 13, 2009 joint meeting with the Finance Committee

Allen gives brief explanation of articles

Abbondanzio: Everything is pretty much hinging on what happens with the Senate on the budget this week. I hope to have some new figures tomorrow.

Vote regarding Rezoning for Montague Center School Building Project, Map 43, Lot 111

Allen makes the motion that the Board of Selectmen move that the Town vote to rezone Map 43, Lot 111 (Montague Center School Site) from RE – Recreational Educational to NB Neighborhood Business; and that this request be forwarded to the Planning Board for a Recommendation and appropriate action. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Laroche: Several uses are being suggested and we want a zoning district to allow interest to solicit people. The Selectmen will be the official proposers (see 5.2.10 NB Neighborhood Business District in Zoning By-laws for allowed uses)

Other

Fairbrother reads letter regarding supporting the Franklin Conservation District into the record

Allen makes the motion to send letter of support apropos about the section 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Grant for the Sawmill River Restoration Project to MEPA. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

Solid Waste Contract

Abbondanzio: Only change people will see is recycling will be on alternating weeks and this schedule will go into effect on the first of June. Informational letters to be mailed out to residents notifying them of the schedule. The real savings will be on the recycling, instead of \$6500/month over 60 months, they are only going to charge us \$5500/month. We will still be reimbursed by the MIRF for recycling.

Allen makes the motion to sign an agreement for services between the Town of Montague and Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, LLC doing business as Allied Waste Services of Springfield dated May 19, 2009. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Appointment

Allen makes the motion to appoint Thomas Wyman as alternate electrical inspector effective immediately. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother - Aye

Biomass Meeting

The Planner is working on setting up a meeting in Montague regarding the Biomass Plant being proposed in Greenfield.

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Strathmore windows:

Fairbrother: This is a picture I took of part of the Strathmore mill and there are a couple of large openings that I believe have been like that for a period of time. I think we need to instruct someone to close them up. David Jensen to be informed of this.

Allen makes the motion to go into three executive sessions one for collective bargaining, one for litigation and one for real estate. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye.

8:20 PM