

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, October 19, 2009
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM**

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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, Bill Drake, Montague Reporter, Arn Albertini, Greenfield Recorder, Jeff Tirrell, WHAI

Approve minutes of October 5, 2009

*Allen makes the motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved.
Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye, Allen - Abstain*

Deb Bourbeau, Town Clerk, Request a polling change for precinct 6 (continuation from 10/5/09)

Bourbeau hands out report that the Town was written up for the Masonic Lodge regarding access for the elderly and physically disabled. The Town has to be in compliance, it's not that I want to move precinct 6 out of its elements and the comfort ability factor of the residents that vote there; we're mandated, we are supposed to find the most and best place for our residents to vote, all residents. If we want to stay there the Town is going to have to step up and fix it and spend some money.

Allen: Being someone who not only votes in Precinct 6, but works the polls, I think it would be a great idea to move.

Pruitt received a phone call today from someone who votes there and she felt it would be a great improvement to go to the new Police Station.

Abbondanzio: As ADA Coordinator I want to weigh in and say the handicap accessibility issues out weigh other factors, it's a compliance issue waiting to happen.

Fairbrother is against the move on principle but in view of the report doesn't see where he has a choice.

Allen makes the motion to change the polling location for Precinct 6 from the Masonic Lodge in Montague City to the Police Station's Community Room. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Town Administrators Report (presented by Frank Abbondanzio)

Vote to Award Notes to Eastern Bank

Extend temporary borrowing 2 months and looking to meet with Standard & Poor to talk financial conditions to hopefully upgrade bonds to get a better rate for borrowing. It would mean better rates on our permanent financing.

Fairbrother makes the motion to approve the sale of a \$5,095,475 at 2.25 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the town dated October 23, 2009, and payable December 23, 2009, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$8,492.46. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement dated October 6, 2009, and a final Official Statement dated October 7, 2009 each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a material events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect

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the provisions of the foregoing votes. Seconded by Allen, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Cell Phone Stipend Authorization Request

Allen makes the motion to authorize the cell phone stipend request for Detective Lee Laster effective October 7, 2009. Seconded by Fairbrother approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Sign FY2010 Local Cultural Council Contract

Allen makes the motion to approve the contract with the Mass. Cultural Council for \$4,000 effective July 1, 2009 ending June 30, 2010. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Disclosure of Financial Interest by Special Municipal Employee

This is from Claudine Mussuto, project coordinator who will be doing a juried fine arts show for the RiverCulture program in October 2010. The total amount involved in this is from \$2,100 up to \$6,300 contingent upon the grant funding received.

Allen makes the motion to approve the exemption as a special municipal employee and therefore approval of exemption for Claudine Mussuto for the RiverCulture Project. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Permission to Conduct Research on Town Land, just South of Transfer Station Proposed Hydrology and Soils Study

This is a request from Deb Picking who is on the Conservation Board and she is asking permission to conduct research on Town land for the questionable possible vernal pool located on the landfill site. They study is a hydrology and soil study that is part of larger work that is being done as part of a larger Southern New England study. The research will not be used to certify that as a vernal pool.

Allen makes the motion to grant Deborah J. Picking permission to conduct research on Town land just South of the Transfer Station which is the site expected to be a vernal pool as indicated on her two aerial maps provided the town receives a report of her findings and the request goes through November 2011. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Approve Policy for Placing Objects for Sale in a Public Way

Allen has received some complaints about businesses having paper signs in the windows and people having stuff out constantly along Avenue A. Thinks other Towns should be asked about their sidewalk policies.

Fairbrother doesn't think he wants to do this at all. Is not so sure this is a great thing or how good it looks.

Pruitt: I am aware of outside seating for the restaurants on the Avenue.

More research is needed on policy and will be looked at again before April 1, 2010.

Energy Performance Contracting

The Energy Task Force will be meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 PM and Siemens will be there as well as the Energy Committee. There are a lot of decisions to make a lot of which have to do with timing. We're at the point now that we are ready to do the investment grade audit, but unfortunately to do that we need to have an appropriation in place or account we could draw down from to pledge in case we don't go ahead with the recommended work included in the investment grade audit. Since this is not in place we have a little bit of an issue. I talked to him today about doing a memorandum of understand instead of a contract but they can't do that. They don't know if they can get all of the work done in time enough to satisfy the Dept. of Energy. The requirements set by state are very rigid. We will hear more on Wednesday, but it doesn't sound real promising. The grants that are available under the Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program are due on December 7th and are up to \$150,000 per community.

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GMRSD Budget Process

I have a monthly meeting with the Superintendent and the Gill Town Administrator and I thought it was interesting to point out some of the salient points. In the process, I thought it was encouraging that it is a way of looking at the budget a little differently and one that seems to give more consideration and recognition of the Town's ability to pay. There is a recognition that the school committee needs to work more closely with the Town early on in the process coming up with some kind of a budget that at least recognizes the Town's ability to pay. (Handout passed out)

Other

Franklin County Selectmen's Association will be held on November 19th at the Franklin County Tech School. (Pat and Patricia will be attending)

License to Place a sign or object in the Right-of-Way: Arnold Houle, A.B. Auction Plus

Allen makes the motion to approve the request to place objects in the right of way by AB Auction Plus through Arnold Houle for 102 Avenue A for the remainder of this season only (ends October 31, 2009), 9:00 to 4:00 PM Monday – Saturday following the rules in our yet to be approved policy as long as the requirements are followed. This does not imply approval will be given in another year. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Registration for Public Demonstrations/Use of Public Property: Annual Rag Shag Parade

Allen makes motion to approve the request to use public property by VFW Post 923 on October 31, 2009 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM for the annual Rag Shag Parade pending information on the parade route, tentatively route would be from the Aubuchon/Food City parking lot to the Discovery Center. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt - Aye

Cultural Council Appointment

Allen makes the motion to appoint Susan Levine to the Montague Cultural Council for a three year term, expiring June 30, 2012. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye

5 year plan committee

Pruitt: I've received a lot of interest in regrouping the 5 year plan committee, Mr. Singleton, Mr. Naughton and others and I've tentatively scheduled a meeting of that group on November 3rd, but my concern is that having produced the document the charge was done for that group. Apparently this group is interested in discussing ways of implementing a 5 year plan and that seems to be a financing strategy, based on that document.

Fairbrother suggests the members give the Board something more formal to act on. This should go through the Finance Committee as it is looking to be a sub group.

Allen makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Allen – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Pruitt – Aye