

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, May 7, 2018**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell, Michael Nelson, and Rich Kuklewicz, and Town Administrator Steven Ellis. Kuklewicz makes introduction and announces meeting is being taped.

Approve minutes of April 30, 2018

Nelson makes the motion to approve the minutes of April 30, 2018 as presented. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - 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.

Tom Bergeron, DPW Superintendent

Use of Town Vehicles and Taxable Income

Nelson makes the motion that it continue to be a requirement that the DPW Foreman and the DPW Superintendent be required to utilize a Town vehicle 24/7, with the caveat being that it is seasonally limited for the DPW Foreman. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

South Street Bridge closing to one lane

The south side of South Street Bridge will be barriered off. There will be a 12-foot travel lane with no weight restrictions. Emergency vehicles, including fire trucks will continue to have use of the bridge. Bergeron will send letters out to notify departments that use the bridge.

Bruce Hunter, FCRHRA

Execute Agreement between Town of Montague and Tighe & Bond, Inc. for the Strathmore Mill Complex Demolition and Abatement Design, \$115,000

Nelson makes the motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Montague and Tighe & Bond, Inc. for the Strathmore Mill Complex Demolition and Abatement Design, \$115,000, and to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Personnel Board

Appoint Laurie Reid as Conservation Commission Associate Member, until June 30, 2019

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Laurie Reid as Conservation Commission Associate Member, until June 30, 2019. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Accept Resignation of Richard Kuklewicz as Electrical Inspector

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Nelson makes the motion to accept with regret the resignation of Richard Kuklewicz as Electrical Inspector, effective now. Boutwell seconded, approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Abstain

Appoint Tom Wyman as Electric Inspector until June 30, 2019

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Tom Wyman as Electric Inspector until June 30, 2019. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Appoint Todd Weed as Alternate Electrical Inspector until June 30, 2019

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Todd Weed as Alternate Electrical Inspector until June 30, 2019. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Tim Zessin, KP Law

Discussion of KP Law capacity and costs for labor counsel services

- Ellis stated that last year, the Finance Committee and the BOS asked him to look at our legal expenses. The economics of the Town's arrangement with Sullivan, Hayes, and Quinn has changed dramatically this year (69 ½ hours prepaid on a monthly scheduled basis at one rate, and subsequent hours cost \$225). KP Law charges a flat \$175/hour presently, which will increase to \$180/hour in FY19.
- According to Zessin, KP Law staff deal with many issues, including labor, licensing, land use, litigation, public records, and open meeting law issues; and there is a lot of overlap. KP market themselves as a "one-stop shop."
- There would be no formal contract; it would be an at-will arrangement.

Nelson makes the motion authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with KP Law for the purposes of adding labor counsel effective July 1, 2018, and begin the process of notifying Sullivan, Quinn, and Hayes of our decision to release them of services. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Jeff Singleton, FRTA Representative

FRTA Advisory Board Meeting Topics

- Singleton presented FRTA's proposed route changes and expressed his opinion that Route 22 should not exist.
- The Selectmen determined that this topic needs to be discussed at greater length next week.
- Singleton will email a map to the Selectmen, as well as arrange to have someone from FRTA present at next week's meeting.

Town Administrator's Business

Shea Theater Roof Procurement

- The procurement to reseal the roof was originally intended to be released in early April.

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- One of the members of the Board of Directors offered an alternative - a spray-form roofing product. The Montague Energy Committee and CIC were brought into the conversation to weigh the benefits of that product. Four individuals felt that the spray-form roofing product is too unstable for a damp and chilly climate.
- We anticipate getting the procurement out for bid in the next two weeks.

Topics not anticipated in the 48 hour posting requirements

There is a conflict for next week's meeting.

Nelson makes the motion to move the Selectmen's meeting to Wednesday of next week. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, §21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation concerning Southworth Company, votes may be taken

The Chair declares the holding such discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's position.

Nelson makes the motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, §21 (a)(3) to discuss potential litigation concerning Southworth Company, votes may be taken. Boutwell seconded, unanimously approved. Nelson - Aye, Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

- Minutes of April 30, 2018 if available
- Agreement between Town of Montague and Tighe & Bond, Inc. for the Strathmore Mill Complex Demolition and Abatement Design, \$115,000
- Appointment form: Laurie Reid as Conservation Commission Associate Member, until June 30, 2019
- Resignation of Richard Kuklewicz as Electrical Inspector
- Appointment form: Tom Wyman as Electrical Inspector until June 30, 2019
- Appointment form: Todd Weed as Alternate Electrical Inspector until June 30, 2019