

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, January 13, 2020**

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons Chris Boutwell and Michael Nelson, and Town Administrator Steven Ellis.

Call to Order: Vice Chair announces that the meeting is being recorded by MCTV and asks if anyone else is recording the meeting

Approve Selectboard Minutes of January 6, 2020

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Selectboard Minutes of January 6, 2020. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. 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

Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture Coordinator

Execute FY20 Grant from the Cultural District Initiative of the Mass Cultural Council, \$5,000

Boutwell makes the motion to execute FY20 Grant from the Cultural District Initiative of the Mass Cultural Council on the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Eileen Seymour, Treasurer/Collector

To award bond sale and execute documents

Boutwell makes the motion for the following:

- *That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all or a portion of the Town's (i) \$1,024,000 Sewer Bond, No. R-1, dated November 16, 2007 maturing on and after November 16, 2020 and (ii) \$5,095,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2009 Bonds dated November 15, 2009 maturing on and after November 15, 2020 (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye*
- *That the sale of the \$8,970,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2020 Bonds of the Town dated January 22, 2020 (the "Bonds"), to SWBC Investment Services, LLC at the price of \$9,689,344.60 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on February 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows (see table); that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 3, 2020, and a final Official Statement dated January 9, 2020 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted; that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement; that the Town Treasurer and the Selectboard be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing 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 Bonds, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time; that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws; that each member of the Selectboard, 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 the provisions of the foregoing votes. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye*

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FY2020 CDBG Information Meeting, Community Development Block Grant Program

- Nelson reads aloud the Meeting Notice for the FY2020 CDBG Informational Meeting.
- Jane Severance gives a summary of the proposed program for Life Path (providing hot lunches to elderly, homebound residents and giving noontime well-being checks). The long-term goal is to help seniors live as independently as possible as long as possible while eating healthier foods, maintaining a healthy weight, and feeling better. Life Path expects to serve 115 residents with this program.
- Dana Lee Mengwasser gives a summary of the proposed program of the Brick House, which is a continuation of Montague Youth Leadership Skills Program. Last year they served 63 individuals. The short-term goal is for young people to have access to creative programming; the long-term goal is to make sure young people's needs are met, to give them opportunities to form relationships with adults who are mentors in their lives, to provide opportunities for leadership, and to provide opportunities to learn about and practice wellness.
- Natan Cohen gives a summary of the current activities of the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium/Western Massachusetts Recovery Learning Community (an alternatives to suicide group, wellness activities like kickboxing, and educational and outreach events spreading information about peer support and different approaches to healing and wellness).
- Jimena de Pareja and Heather Wood give summaries of the Montague Catholic Social Ministries/Families Working Together Program. Their goal is to help families graduate and move into a higher quality of life. Last year they served 110 individuals and they expect to do the same or more this year.
- Carlos Nieto-Mattei from Berkshire Design Group gives a detailed presentation for the Hillcrest Elementary Neighborhood Playground Design Project.
- Sarah Burstein, principal of Hillcrest School gives her support for the new playground and her opinions on the design; as well as points out the benefits to the community.
- The president of Friends of Hillcrest expresses her excitement about the project, especially given the difficulty in raising funds.
- Singleton expresses curiosity about the use of the large open spaces around the school.
- Nieto-Mattie and Walter Ramsey present the Avenue A Streetscape Project - Sidewalk & Lighting Project in front of the Shea Theater.
- Nelson expresses concern about doing the planters on a piece-meal schedule. He feels that the sidewalk should be the priority.
- Nieto-Mattei discusses advantages of using granite versus concrete, stressing that the concrete will continue to deteriorate.
- Ellis feels that doing the streetscape on a pay-as-you-go approach works well given the CDBG funding cycle.
- Nieto-Mattei will come up with numbers for doing portions of the streetscape in different ways (i.e., working on the sidewalks but leaving the planters alone, working on the sidewalks and planters together, reducing the size of the planters, etc.). He expresses concern regarding fixing the planters after the sidewalks are done in order to prevent having to rip out the newly fixed sidewalks.
- Options will be brought in in two weeks.

Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Request for technical assistance from FRCOG Regional Brownfield Committee: 500 Avenue A and 11 Power Street

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the technical assistance from FRCOG Regional Brownfield Committee for 500 Avenue A and 11 Power Street in Turners Falls. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Personnel Board

Appoint Dave Adams, DPW Heavy Equipment Operator, Grade D, Step 1, \$20.37/hr, effective 1/13/2020

Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Dave Adams, DPW Heavy Equipment Operator, Grade D, Step 1, \$20.37/hr, effective 1/13/2020. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

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Special and Annual Town Meeting

- **Schedule Special Town Meeting; suggested date March 5, 2020 and set article submission deadline: Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM**
Boutwell makes the motion to open the warrant scheduling the Special Town Meeting on Thursday, March 5th and to set the article submission deadline for Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye
- **Article submission deadline for May 2, 2020 Annual and Special Town Meeting: March 19, 2020**
Boutwell makes the motion to open the warrant scheduling the Annual Town Meeting to Saturday, May 2, 2020 and to set the article submission deadline for March 19, 2020 at 4 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Town Administrator's Report

- **Confirmation of General Pierce Bridge "Design Public Hearing" Feb. 4, 6:00 PM at the Shea Theater**
There will be a Design Public Hearing at the Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A in Turners Falls, on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM.
The DOT will make a formal presentation, which MCTV will be broadcasting. The snow date would be on Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 PM at the Turners Falls High School.
- **DPW Facility Update and Plans for Site Tour**
The project remains on schedule and will be completed in June. A site tour will be scheduled for the Selectboard and the Public Works Committee sometime in the near future.
- **Update on WPCF Superintendent Search Process**
The position for the WPCF will be reposted. Ellis states that we are confident that we can identify a good new prospect. The deadline request date for applications is January 31.
- **Notice: MoD Grant Application not Funded**
The MoD's ADA Improvement Grant Application was not funded this year. We do not have the specifics.
- **Delegate Town Administrator as community representative at Mass Municipal Association Annual Meeting**
Boutwell makes the motion to designate Montague Town Administrator, Steven Ellis, to serve as its voting representative at the 2020 Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting, to be held on January 25, 2020 and further authorize Michael Nelson to sign the notice thereof. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye
- **Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting**
None

Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Seconded by Nelson, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Nelson - Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

- Approve Selectboard Minutes of January 6, 2019 if available
- Execute FY20 Grant from the Cultural District Initiative of the Mass Cultural Council, \$5,000
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