

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA  
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA  
Monday, August 19, 2013  
- Subject to Change -**

**Meeting Being Taped:**

- (1) **7:00 PM** Approve minutes of August 15, 2013, Votes may be taken.
- (2) **7:01** Bob Escott, Emergency Manager, votes may be taken
  - FRCOG request regarding Regional Shelter Plan
- (3) **7:15** Dog Complaint Hearing, Roberta Billiel, Votes may be taken
  - Investigation of Vicious Dog
- (4) **7:40** Robert Trombley, WPCF Superintendent, votes may be taken
  - Approve Pay Requisition #2 to Baltazar Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$153,662.50
  - Sewer Rate Discussion
- (5) **7:50** Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director, votes may be taken
  - Wheel Chair Accessible Swing at Unity Park
- (6) **8:05** Michael Muller (Montague Community Cable, Inc.) Approve Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public property – Montague Soapbox Derby, votes may be taken
- (7) **8:12** Mark Wisnewski, Rocket Science dba the Rendezvous, votes may be taken
  - Request for one day liquor license on September 22, 2013 at Unity Park
- (8) **8:20** Garry Earles, Cable Advisory Committee, votes may be taken
  - Request Board issue a preliminary assessment of denial of Comcast of Massachusetts/Virginia, Inc.'s cable television renewal proposal to the town of Montague, dated April 15, 2013.
  - The Board will issue a written statement of reasons for denial, in accordance with 207 CMR 3.06(3)
- (9) **8:35** Personnel Board, Votes may be taken
  - Richard Suchanek, 111F Status Update
- (10) **8:40** Michael Nelson, votes may be taken
  - Request to change date of toll booth fundraiser from 9/21/13 to 9/28/13
- (11) **8:45** Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator's Report, Votes may be taken
  - Authorization to Disburse Architect Payment Requisition #5, Unity Park Phase 2 Project
  - Approve Change Order #4, Unity Park Phase Two Improvements Project, \$750
  - Vote to approve License to Enter and Use Real Property: Ted and Alice Armen Located on School Street, Montague Center, (Assessors Map 43, Lot 123) for planting and cultivating a garden, including the installation of perimeter fencing.
  - Sign MOU with FCSWMD for Household Hazardous Waste collection on 9/21/13
  - Approve list of surplus equipment submitted by Montague DPW
  - To approve and execute draft warrant for Special Town Meeting on 9/12/13, attached hereto
  - Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirement

The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be held **on Monday, September 9, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. at the Montague Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
September 12, 2013**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$14,070, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a shared Animal Control Officer, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to change the funding source from borrowing to Town Stabilization for Article #9 of April 1, 2010 Special Town Meeting which appropriated the sum of \$750,000 for the purpose of infrastructure improvements for Montague Town Buildings, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$33,188.23, or any other amount, for the purposes of funding the expenses of said article or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to rescind the \$716,811.77 unused balance of Article #9 of the April 1, 2010 Special Town Meeting and to rescind the unused borrowing authority of \$750,000, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to amend Article 5 of the May 4, 2013 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the annual salary of the Town Clerk to \$61,879.56 and increasing the annual salary of the Treasurer/Tax Collector to \$64,379.93 or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE I  
Elected Officials**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FY14 CURRENT</u>	<u>FY14 REQUESTED</u>
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	<b>64,288.97*</b>	<b>64,379.93**</b>

\*62,936.97 (Grade 8 Step 18+ on old scale) plus Treasurer/WPCF stipend of 1,352

\*\*Grade G Step 8

<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>60,779.34*</b>	<b>61,879.56**</b>
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\* Grade 8 Step 17 (old scale)

\*\*Grade G Step 6

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to amend Article 6 of the May 4, 2013 Annual Town Meeting by changing the wage ranges for the following Non-Union employees as shown, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**SCHEDULE II  
Appointed Officials**

**NON-UNION EMPLOYEES NOT SHOWN ABOVE**

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	Grade	Current FY 2014		Grade	Proposed FY2014		
		Start	End		Start	End	
<b><u>SALARIED</u></b>							
TOWNADMINISTRATOR		11	64,856.90	92,138.12	J	84,048	103,436
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	8	44,286.27	62,936.97*		G	54,648	66,926
CHIEF OF POLICE		10	61,661.25	86,362.29	I	76,407	94,032
DPW SUPERINTENDENT		10	61,720.31	86,445.01	H	69,461	85,484
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	8	44,286.27	62,936.97*		G	54,648	66,926
LIBRARY DIRECTOR		9	44,651.88	63,415.17*	G	54,648	66,926
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT		10	61,720.31	86,445.01	H	69,461	85,484
<b><u>HOURLY</u></b>							
SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY		516.35	23.20		E	20.31	25.00

\*includes 1.5% increase for employees on top step for at least one year as of anniversary date

**Informational Only: Revised Fiscal Year 2014 budgeted wages**

	<b><u>Current Proposed</u></b>	
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	90,045.83	95,170.83
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	62,936.97	63,117.74
CHIEF OF POLICE*	86,089.25	91,688.68
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	75,220.78	76,745.32
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	62,936.97	63,117.74
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	63,343.77	64,327.10
WPCF SUPERINTENDENT	80,984.04	82,164.89
SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY	35,006.90	35,693.40

\*includes additional 20% educational incentive pay  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$43,320, or any other amount for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Police Officers for Fiscal Year 2014, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$17,962, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Pay and Classification Study by Stone Consulting, as accepted and amended by the Personnel Board, for non-union employees for Fiscal Year 2014 with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$55,550, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Montague Employee Association for Fiscal Year 2014, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$23,420, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers or America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2014, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$18,015, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2014 Debt Budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.  
(Board of Selectmen Request)

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**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,729.40, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying prior year bills of the WPCF, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$120,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2014 sewer rates, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$81,926.31, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the deficit created by Fiscal Year 2013 operating cost relative to emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system on Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$800,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system on Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,000,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the replacement of sanitary sewer collection lines located on Industrial Boulevard and Millers Falls Road, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$80,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2014 WPCF operating budget as a result of increased costs relative to emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system on Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,991, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying prior year bills of the town, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$31,220, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2014 DPW Budget to pay for an additional Groundskeeper position, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(DPW Request)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,600, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying a court judgment to Richard Conley in connection with his occupancy of town property located at 33 Bridge Street and 26 East Main Street in Millers Falls, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$200,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

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**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$860, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Turners Falls Fire District taxes and interest for 25 Sixth Street, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to change the funding source for Article #12 of the May 4, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated the sum of \$7,965,557 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Gill-Montague Regional School District assessment, from “with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash, \$40,616 to be raised from Town Stabilization and \$7,799,941 to be raised from Taxation” to “with \$125,000 to be raised from Free Cash, and \$7,840,557 to be raised from Taxation” or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$XXXXXX, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing or replacing a boiler at the Sheffield School, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(GMRSD Request)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and Town Hall of the Town, at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this document with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk fourteen days before said meeting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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Mark Fairbrother, Chairman

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Christopher M. Boutwell

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Michael Nelson  
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss      Montague, MA      August\_\_\_\_\_,2013

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

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Constable of Montague