

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, August 26, 2019**

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

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

Personnel Board

Appoint Laborer, UEW, Grade B, Step 1, \$17.12, effective 9/3/19

Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the hiring of Adam Kleeberg for the sewer department as a Laborer, effective date of hire September 3, 2019, permanent position, Union UE, Grade B, Step 1, \$17.12/hour. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Resignation

McDonald states he has given Ellis his resignation. Kuklewicz publicly thanks him for his service.

Discussion of police lieutenant benefits

- According to Ellis, some of the benefits described in the lieutenant's position which was created in May of 2016 were consistent with those of other officers, but others followed the average administrative of department head union-exempt staff persons. Ellis wonders whether it makes sense to build a little bit more consistency, specifically by adding more generous benefits.
- Kuklewicz suggests having a discussion with KP Law, after which he and Ellis can meet with the lieutenant and form a draft contract that the Board can review.

Town Administrator's Business

Execute agreement with Tighe and Bond of Westfield, MA for \$16,250 for post-closure landfill monitoring

Boutwell makes the motion to execute the agreement with Tighe and Bond of Westfield, MA for \$16,250 for post-closure landfill monitoring. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Execute contract with Allied Testing of Springfield, MA for a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for testing services associated with DPW Facility construction

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Notice of FirstLight Canal Servicing, October 7 - 12

FirstLight Canal will be drained this year by 7 a.m. on Monday, October 7th and will remain so until Saturday, October 12 for routine inspection and maintenance work.

School Regionalization Committee - open to application for members

Ellis states that we are seeking three members who would represent the Town of Montague on a study committee, one who is a member of the existing GMRSD School Committee. These members would be appointed by the Town Moderator. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest stating their motivation for participating, any specific areas of interest relative to the study of regionalization, and a statement of qualifications. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 19th. Applications should be addressed to the Moderator but submitted to the Town Administrator's Office.

Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

None

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Boutwell makes the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye

Documents and Exhibits:

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