

**Montague SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**Town Hall, 1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376**  
**And via ZOOM**  
**Monday, August 30, 2021**

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. Present were Selectpersons Rich Kuklewicz and Chris Boutwell, Town Administrator Steve Ellis, Airport Manager Bryan Camden, Police Chief Chris Williams, and Lieutenant Chris Bonnett.

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

**VIMEO MEETING LINK:** <https://vimeo.com/594951253>

Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken.

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment**

None

**Public Location Hearing**

**Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc., request permission to install eighteen (18) jointly owned midspan poles, one (1) jointly owned stub pole, eight (8) jointly owned anchors, and relocate four (4) existing joint poles along North Leverett Road**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize the installation of eighteen (18) jointly owned midspan poles, one (1) jointly owned stub pole, eight (8) jointly owned anchors, and relocate four (4) existing joint poles along North Leverett Road as requested by Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Execute Airport Grant Agreements - Bryan Camden**

- **Airport Improvement Program, #3-25-0032-023-2021, totaling \$340,700.00 "Purchase Pioneer Aviation Properly" (Grant 1 of 3 for this project)**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Airport Improvement Program, #3-25-0032-023-2021, totaling \$340,700.00 "Purchase Pioneer Aviation Properly" (Grant 1 of 3 for this project). Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

- **Airport Improvement Program, # not yet assigned, totaling \$32,000.00, "Airport Rescue Grant Project"**
  - Camden reviews the Airport Improvement Program, # not yet assigned, totaling \$32,000.00, "Airport Rescue Grant Project."
  - Some of the funds will likely be used to offset some of the initial debt service payments.
  - Ellis suggests looking carefully at the language of the standard ARPA Funding to make sure there is no misalignment on the debt portion.

**11 Power Street, Tax Title Taking - Steve Ellis, Eileen Seymour**

**Enter Request to Land Court for Final Judgment with regard to property of Solutions Consulting Group, LLC, located at 11 Power Street, Turners Falls**

*Kuklewicz makes the motion to approve to authorize and direct the Treasurer/Collector and Town Administrator to direct counsel to Motion the Land Court to order that Final Judgment be entered in the Town's action for foreclose rights of redemption with regard to property of Solutions Consulting Group, LLC, located at 11 Power Street, Turners Falls. Seconded by Boutwell, unanimously approved. Kuklewicz- Aye, Boutwell - Aye*

**Brandy Patch, Credit Card (not on agenda)**

*Boutwell makes the motion to extend privileges to Brandy Patch of the Montague DPW to have access to a Town credit card for approved purchases up to a \$5,000 credit limit. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Dispatch Staffing Challenges - Chief Chris Williams and Lieutenant Chris Bonnett**

Williams states that the Police Department lost two dispatchers. They were unable to find a trained dispatcher. A new dispatcher has been hired and will be done training by the end of September. Williams states that they would like a discussion with the Board to see if the PD can sustain emergency dispatch.

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**Anticipated Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), to comply with, or act under the authority of any general law; specifically to discuss strategy with respect to collecting bargaining**

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's position.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), to comply with, or act under the authority of any general law; specifically to discuss strategy with respect to collecting bargaining. No votes will be taken. Seconded by Kuklewicz, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Other:**

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, September 25 at GCC's Main Campus and the Orange Transfer Station. Online preregistration by September 17th at [www.franlincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html](http://www.franlincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html)