

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
1 AVENUE A, TURNERS FALLS, MA
MONDAY, July 8, 2013**

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Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Present were Selectpersons, Mark Fairbrother, Chris Boutwell, Mike Nelson; Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio; Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz;

Meeting being Taped

Reorganize Board, votes may be taken.

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Mark Fairbrother as Chair for the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother – Abstain

Approve Board of Selectmen's Minutes of June 24, 2013

Boutwell makes the motion to approve the minutes to June 24, 2013. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Abstain

Provide Status of Millers Falls Road/Industrial Boulevard Sewer Project, Discuss technical alternatives to address unanticipated problems with project implementation, Discuss emergency bidding and spending issues, Outline strategy and schedule of tasks that need to be undertaken, Obtain Board guidance on preferred approach Paul Gilbert (Camp Dresser & McKee), Frank Abbondanzio (Town Administrator), Tom Bergeron (DPW Supt.), Robert Trombley (WPCF Supt.), votes may be taken

Abbondanzio: There are implications as far as time and budget, options will be given that are available to the town.

Gilbert: First incident 4/17/13 there was a failure of force main and forced sand to accumulate and settle and lodge into line. DPW, WWTP and Turners Falls Water Department staff repaired 3 force main breaks but had subsequent plugging problems down Industrial Blvd. in the gravity sewer. We suspected problems with the integrity of the pipe, being of asbestos concrete or transite pipe installed in the 50's and 60's, historical information shows there have been a lot of problems with them failing. Due to the age and pipe condition the pressure jetting by both the Town and McVac Environmental jet trucks were bursting the pipes. While the DPW was doing the correct response, the cleaning of the pipes was just collapsing the line. Therefore instead of trying to repair this line because it is deep and there is a lot of ground water, it was suggested we come out from the intersection with the new man hole and go down parallel with new pipes. We had the area surveyed and work started by Baltazar Contractors, Inc. at the lower end and they were 1/2' higher in elevation and so kept their grades lower than what we showed with the goal of meeting the correct elevation but by the time they got to the intersection they were 1 & 1/2' higher than the needed elevation above the existing line coming in. Point is what to do now.

Gilbert gives explanation for the 4 different options. Affecting the discussion was new news of a recent sink hole formation at 5:00 PM today; the hole formed at a location 60' north of the intersection manhole. The Contractor was told to fill it in. The following options were discussed:

Option #1, blue - 455', \$370,000; Option #2, green - 480', \$400,000; Option #3, orange - 636' – \$485,000; Option #4, red - 1,265' \$920,000. Need another independent surveyor, borings, bidding including all mass requirements

Major problems with the condition of the existing gravity sewer line from manhole #3 down to the intersection. Bergeron's and Trombley's recommendation is the red option, #4. This replaces the greatest amount of failing and failed line.

Bergeron shows samples of pipe that are flaking off; believes a lot of the deterioration is from Australis, but they have changed their process for handling their industrial waste some years ago.

Trombley: It was not so much the discharge but the strength of their waste and the nature of wastewater in general to produce hydrogen sulfide under certain conditions. Also the failure of the pump station force main was not related to Australis

Bergeron: Benefit of doing red line is above all the others

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Abbondanzio: 1st part of project was exempt from advertising requirements per MGL Chapter 149, I've spoken with DCAM and they do not feel comfortable continuing with that for the second phase since we've had a temporary fix which has served us over a two month period, so they would prefer we do a regular bid. Because of that, the Department of Revenue also would prefer we go to Town Meeting to get an appropriation rather than spend without an appropriation like we have been doing under a special authorization granted by the State DOR. What we are planning on doing is having the documents put together and going to a meeting the first week of September with real information. We will continue by-pass pumping and hauling for about \$21,000 month until we can do a permanent fix. If CDM can get bid documents ready, we will go out to bid the first of August, award the bid by late August and get into construction by September assuming Town Meeting makes the appropriation. That appropriation would cover work we've don't to date in the amount of \$600,000. If we go with alternative 4 that is an additional \$900,000 plus, approximately \$1.6 million but haven't calculated in the additional engineering, so might be a bit higher. I had the treasurer run numbers on the \$1.6 million, with a 4% interest rate with declining debt service and it would be a \$46 increase to the average sewer user for 20 years. Level debt service on a 30 year note would be closer to \$37 or \$38/ year. This is what \$1.6 million translates to on the average sewer user.

Discussion held about recent sink hole.

Breakdown and Explanation given for spending to date. Money currently coming from WPCF budget with the thought insurance would cover the \$10,000 - \$12,000 for the forced main repair and the remainder would be taken from retained at some point and reimbursed back into the WPCF budget. Discussion about using retained earnings

A surveyor and borings need to get out there to confirm grades for the flow.

Mrs. Golrick expresses her concern about the cost of the different options and that Town Meeting members should have a fair choice and the Town pick the top 2 and have bids available for review.

Abbondanzio feels he has to go back to DCAM to see if they would allow us to do the emergency spending for this particular thing. This is a whole new ball game and a danger to public safety.

Boutwell makes the motion that the Board vote to declare an emergency under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31 in response to unanticipated breaks in the sewer line connecting a recently constructed sewer line on Millers Falls Road to a sewer line on Industrial Boulevard; and that the Town approach the MASS DCAM with this request. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Boutwell makes the motion that the Board vote to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 Sections 8(9) and 8 (9A) to enable the town to fund emergency sewer work with out an appropriation in place. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Colleen Campbell, Turners Falls Block Party

Campbell: Will do exactly as they did last year close down Third to Fifth Street on August 10 from Noon until 9:00 PM, with event open to the public from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Will take care of their own trash, there will be one officer hired, would like to use the Towns insurance.

Lengthy discussion about insurance coverage. Fairbrother feels they should have their own insurance.

Abbondanzio to check into coverage by the Town's insurance. To be put on the next agenda

Nelson makes the motion that the board approve the use of towns insurance contingent with Fran checking with MIA, the Town's insurance company to make sure all is well for the year 2013, and the Block party comes before the Board at an earlier date for the 2014 event. Seconded by Boutwell, Approved. Boutwell – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Fairbrother - Nay

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Michael Muller (Montague Community Cable), Approve Registration for Assembly, Public Demonstration, or Use of Public Property – Montague Soapbox Derby, votes may be taken

Did not show up for the meeting

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator, votes may be taken

Sign Authorization to Disburse No. 4 Payment for Unity Park Phase Two Improvements Project

Nelson makes the motion to authorize the payment of \$2,600 for disbursement #4, Payment for Unity Park Phase Two Improvements Project. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – aye, Boutwell - Aye

Sign Consultant Contract with Patriot Properties, Marblehead, MA, for the purpose of performing technical and professional services for the Board of Assessors.

Nelson makes the motion to sign the consultant contract with Patriot Properties of Marblehead, MA, for the purpose of performing technical and professional services of income producing properties for the Board of Assessors in the amount of \$4,000. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Nelson – Aye, Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye

Dieseling in Millers Falls – resident complaint

We received a letter regarding an increase in noise and disturbance created by the railroad in Millers Falls. Frank and Gina will be looking into this further

Other

John Reynolds: Looking for members to the Broadband Committee. In need of legal representative, municipal representative and someone in finance.

Abbondanzio gives an update. Three people have been appointed so far, Kevin Hart, Richardson Road, Garry Earles, Cable Committee, and Walter Ramsey, Planning Dept. designee. Bruce Young is interested and will be sending in a letter. Also looking for someone from the Industrial Park, hoping to have a kick off meeting in late July.

J. Golrick: would like to suggest to the Board that for every future meeting, Town Meetings, Specials, Annual all the big meetings that you put on every warrant article who is proposing it. It would be very helpful to have a well informed decision to see who is proposing the article. I would also like to know after looking at the two sewer maps, I'd like an update on the Millers Sewer Septic. Fairbrother responds there is not an update.

Abbondanzio: Would like to set up a meeting with Erving on July 30th at 6:30 PM in Erving. All I can say at this point is we are making progress.

J. Reynolds suggests the Town look into getting events covered under our insurance policy so we do not lose the momentum. Abbondanzio will do this.

Nelson makes the motion to appoint Chris Boutwell to take over Pat Allen's position at Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Seconded by Fairbrother, approved unanimously. Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Boutwell - Abstain

Boutwell makes the motion at 8:40 PM to go into Executive Session under G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining involving town unions (TOMEA, IBPO, and UE), votes may be taken. Seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye

Fairbrother makes the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Seconded by Boutwell, approved unanimously. Boutwell – Aye, Fairbrother – Aye, Nelson - Aye