

February 10, 2014

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On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at Town hall at 5:00 PM. Chairman Duval presided, present were Arthur Harrington, Michael Ouellette, Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel.

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of October 23, 2014 were tabled until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to approve and waive the reading of the Minutes from November 6th & 20th, 2013 – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of November 13th – 4 Yeas, 1 Abstained (JD). Motion passed.

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

Resident, Jeff Lefebvre asked for a moment of silence for Willard Beaver Bard who recently passed away. Chairman Duval proceeded with a moment of silence. Jeff also wanted to express his thanks to the PNA and Daniel Paciorek for their help and donations. The Maple Grove Civic Club will be meeting at 3:00 on Sunday. Jeff also asked about the Greylock Glen lease agreement, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator commented that there hasn't been a meeting in a year of the Greylock Glen Advisory Commission, there hasn't been anything in the commissions purview to consider. In terms of the lease it is still being hashed out between the Town, DCR and DCam and Mass Development.

APPROVALS

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Ouellette to move the Approvals on the agenda next – Unanimous motion approved.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to approve the One Day Wine & Beer License for BAiT Charter School on May 3, 2014 – Unanimous motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board amended the DPW Directors job description; Under a Special Requirements, the appointed DPW Director will need to acquire his/her Class B CDL Motor Vehicle License within a year unless he/she already holds this license.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Nowak to approve the Department of Public Works Director job description as amended – Unanimous motion passed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. The Tourism Development Director – Interviews are taking place later this week and next week with the hopes of getting someone on Board in the earlier half of March. The Town received around a dozen applications, including applications from some very impressive, qualified individuals.
2. DPW Director posting – Still internally gathering applications for this position, and considering extending the posting for another few weeks. The first wave of applications only consisted of four completed application packets.
3. Solarize Mass Program – The Town has chosen Real Goods Solar as the installer for the Solarized Program. Those interviews took place at Greenfield Community College, with Michael Ouellette, Dianne Cutillo and Myself participating as the Adams representatives. The public is encouraged to attend the Solarize 101 forum on Wednesday evening, February 12th if interested in learning more about this exciting program.
4. Fiscal 2015 Budget Process – The budget process continues internally as we are working together at this point to formulate the first of this year's plan. There are some obstacles we are currently dealing with, including a 9.5% increase in health insurance costs from Berkshire Health Group, and very bleak initial state aid projections. It is still early in the process, but the Board can expect the initial draft of the budget to be completed by sometime in the first week of March.

TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

The Board discussed the Dog Fees for the upcoming licensing period. The present fees have been in effect since 2007.

A motion made by Member Nowak, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve the dog licensing fees for the licensing period – 4 Yeas, 1 Abstain (MO) motion passed.

TOWN COUNSELORS REPORT

The following work was performed since my last report:

- Reviewed and re-drafted purchase and sale agreement, communicated with Town staff and with Attorney representing seller regarding smoking in certain areas.
- Research and respond to question presented by Board of Health regarding its legal authority to make regulations prohibiting smoking in certain areas.
- Review of the proposed solar bylaws and comment provided to Community Development Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Adams Town Election will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014. Nomination papers will be available from the Town Clerks office starting on Monday, January 27, 2014. The nomination papers must be filed by 5:00 PM on Monday, March 17, 2014.

Chairman Duval also announced that Holly Denault, Town Treasurer/Tax Collector will be retiring on May 5, 2014. The Town will place this position on the ballot for the remainder of her 2 years.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Member Nowak wanted to comment on the recent passing of Willard Beaver Bard. He stated that he was coached by Mr. Bard and had learned a lot from him. Member Nowak stated that Beaver was like a surrogate father to him. He will miss him and sure the Towns people will also miss him. He was an icon and he hopes that something can be done in the community to ensure his name is never forgotten. Member Nowak also commented that with the recent cold weather people have had to keep their water on so their pipes will not freeze. He will ask the Prudential Committee if the elderly in Town could receive a break on their water bills for this reason.

Member Blanchard commented that a resident had concerns regarding the crosswalk located at Burt & Columbia Street. It's dark in this area and people just seem to walk right out, Member Blanchard asked if this situation could be referred to the Traffic Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session scheduled for the February 10th meeting cancelled.

With no further business to transact, a motion made by Member Blanchard, seconded by Member Ouellette to adjourn at 5:43 PM – Unanimous motion passed

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary




