



# TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting

October 1, 2014

On the Above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. **Chairman Harrington** presided and present were **Members Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, Jeffrey Snoonian and John Duval**. Also in attendance were **Interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan and Town Counsel Edmund St. John IV**.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Harrington.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

## READING OF THE MINUTES

- September 17, 2014
- September 24, 2014

*Motion made by Member Snoonian to waive reading and approve the minutes as written*  
*Second by Member Duval*  
*Unanimous vote*  
*Motion passed*

## CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE

### *Ramblefest*

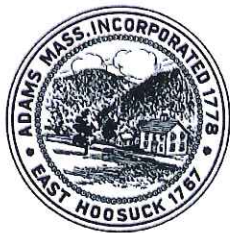
**David Bissaillon and Andrea Stump** of *Pro Adams* announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ramblefest will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Visitor's Center from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> is the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Greylock Ramble, which is a hike up Mount Greylock. One focus of *Pro Adams* is to have activities like this so the next generation can have businesses on Park Street, purchase homes in Adams, and to attract people from both Adams and those outside of the area to show it is a great community to both live and raise children. *Pro Adams* has a new website, [www.exploreadams.com](http://www.exploreadams.com) which will promote Adams. Special thanks were given to Mr. Bissaillon and Ms. Stump for all the work they and *Pro Adams* are doing to make a difference.

### *War Memorial Monument*

**Chairman Harrington** noted that per request of a local resident he looked into and is happy to report the War Memorial has been cleaned in July by a local contractor and it should be ready before Veteran's Day.

## PUBLIC HEARING

*There was no public hearing*



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### OLD BUSINESS

*There was no Old Business to discuss*

### NEW BUSINESS

#### ***Set Hours for Halloween Trick-Or-Treat***

The Town Clerk requested *Halloween Trick-Or-Treat* hours be set.

***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Halloween Hours of 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014***

***Second by Member Duval***

***Unanimous vote***

***Motion approved***

### SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

#### ***School Committee***

**Member Nowak** attended the *Hoosac Valley School Committee* meeting, and they are working on policy. The school has a different structure this year, with more control of students which is causing students to be more involved and have better attendance. Hall monitors check passes and students are not allowed to just take a pass and leave. Member Nowak said he felt the school and the administration are going in the right direction.

#### ***Stroudwater Group Report***

**Member Nowak** attended the meeting where the *Stroudwater Group* gave their report. He said *Stroudwater Group* did a good job highlighting the future of the hospital. He emphasized that he was impressed with the people that gave their viewpoints. It was a lot to digest, but BMC has the ball in their hands now.

#### ***BRTA***

**Member Snoonian** reported there will be a *BRTA* meeting on October 2, 2014. Gary Shepard resigned to work with *Soldier On*, effective the end of the month. *BRTA* will be getting a new Director.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

#### ***Adams Station Project***

Last week was the pre-construction conference with *Burke Construction*, the *DPW* and *Community Development Staff*, and the designer, *Okerstrom-Lang*. A *Notice to Proceed* was issued to *Burke Construction* on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and site work has already started.

The Town has until June 2015 to complete the project. *Burke Construction* is getting as much done as possible during this season. Some of the final work, like landscaping and planting, might wait until next spring. The train is a high priority and *Berkshire Scenic*





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Railway is working actively with the *Department of Transportation (MA DOT)*, Rail Division. Secretary Davey and the Mayor are in tune with the project. At this time there isn't a date, but Berkshire Scenic Railway is hoping to have some Christmas trains for this year which will possibly come to Renfrew.

The use of Rail through the state comes into play with the project in Adams. It is complicating the negotiations. Part of the delay, in her understanding, is that negotiation for several other lines is dragging the entire negotiation down. The Adams portion is tied in with negotiations for the Springfield Innovation Corridor and it is complicated. An announcement will be imminent.

### ***Rail Extension Project***

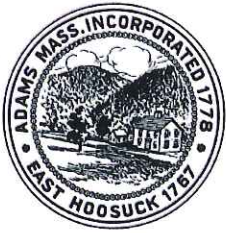
Monday, October 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., Town Staff and MA DOT Staff will meet regarding the *Ashuwillticook Rail Extension*. Boundary issues will be looked at between Adams Station Park Project and the Extension. There are some lighting and fencing issues that will be worked out. The second part of the meeting will focus on the status of the easement agreements that the Town needs to obtain. There will be an update on the status of the work with various property owners and work to be done with Attorney St. John III on the easement documents. Within the next couple weeks a timeline schedule will be given to the Board to consider the timing of a Special Town Meeting.

### ***Appraisals and Eminent Domain***

The Town tries to work with the property owner and in many cases easements involve very small portions of a property. The Town meets with the property owner to ask if they would consider a donation. If they do not wish to, the Town would have to have the property appraised. *Eminent Domain* is usually avoided, and there is a negotiation that takes place. A new requirement by Federal Highway is not only to have an initial appraisal, but also a review appraisal. The appraisals come at a cost to the Town, and usually when the property owner sees both of the appraisals there is negotiation room. In the event there is a possibility of *Eminent Domain*, the warrants are worded in a way that is approved for *Eminent Domain* even if the Town doesn't need to use it so there doesn't need to be another Town Meeting. The Town doesn't want to go to *Eminent Domain*, but there needs to be the option approved by the Select Board and Town Meeting.

### ***Greylock Glen Project***

Over the past year the Town has worked with DCR, DCAMM, and MA Development to create the language of the 99 Year Lease. Special Counsel Donald Dubendorf has assisted and worked hard to protect the Town's interests going forward. The Town is very close to a final lease agreement, and will be bringing this to the Select Board within weeks. The execution of the master lease will allow the Town to fulfill its role as the Master Developer of the proposed *Greylock Glen Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education Center*, which was proposed in September 2004. Once this is in place the Town will be in the position to issue requests for proposals (RFPs) and the first of these expected is the one for



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the campground. Getting the lease for the *Greylock Glen Project* is a huge step, and without the lease the Town is unable to issue RFPs or do any development. Nobody is going to invest in property they cannot get a lease on, and the Town would sublet the property. It is a complicated lease, and there are a lot of things to be considered to protect the Community and the Town's interest in the development on the mountain.

**Member Snoonian** inquired what the status was of the \$5 million dollars earmarked for the *Greylock Glen*, and if the Governor has signed it.

**Interim Town Administrator Cesan** advised the \$5 million dollar *Environmental Bond* has been approved by the legislature, and one of the line items in the bond is the \$5 million dollars. Line items in bonds have to be released, which is dependent on the amount of money that gets approved, and where the Town stands in competition with other agency priorities. The Town will work with the delegation to have it released. The Governor has signed it, and once the signing ceremony takes place for the Master Lease of the *Greylock Glen*, the Town will aggressively pursue the release of the money for the project. Various agencies would not be competing for that same \$5 Million dollars, but each year a certain amount of a several billion dollar bond is released. It depends on the amount that is released annually, and it also depends on the other priorities of various state agencies. It is something the Town will have to carefully monitor and work aggressively with the delegation to make sure this is given a priority.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

*No updates shared at this meeting*

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### ***Bike Night***

Bike Night went extremely well, and several people wish to hold it at that location next year. It worked out well logistically, was good for the police department, was more efficient and many people were pleased with the setup.

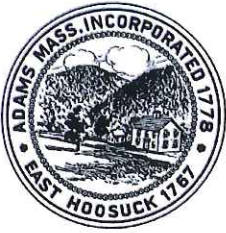
#### ***Greylock Ramble***

October 13, 2014 is the *Greylock Ramble*. Chief Tarsa spoke with Pam Duval regarding the bus pickup, which is usually at the library. Because of the construction at the Library currently, it will not be a good location. Maple Street by the Parish of Pope John Paul the Great, just past the intersection, will be posted "*No Parking*" so the buses can pick up and drop off there.

#### ***New Cruiser***

The new black and white cruiser is in use, and positive feedback has been received.





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### ***Repeater and Base Radio***

The base radio has been installed and a slight improvement has been noted. Overall improvement will not be seen until the repeater goes in, and Pittsfield Communications, Motorola, is handling the process. The Repeater will be located at Hoosac Valley High School and the paperwork has been submitted for the State to work with the Town on licensing.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Roundup**

Saturday, September 27, 2014 was the *Household Hazardous Waste Roundup* of prescription and non-prescription drugs. 46 pounds of prescription drugs, 14 pounds of non-prescription drugs, and 26 pounds of liquids were collected, which was similar to past initiatives. The disposal is free of charge that day, and the Police Department is not billed for it. North County gets together to pool resources, and one officer is in charge of bringing it down for destruction. It saves everyone a lot of money in destruction fees.

**Member Nowak** inquired if the Police Department checks what is being brought in, and specifically if opiates, pain killers, or oxycontin are being brought in.

**Chief Tarsa** advised any prescription medication is accepted, and there is a kiosk in the station available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The only request is that the medication is kept in the original prescription bottle. Though some people don't want their names on the bottle, when it goes into the kiosk it is secured into a container and goes right to destruction. Vitamins are natural minerals and can be disposed of without going through the kiosk. A number of containers of sharps, and used needles were collected. The ambulance works with the Police Department to dispose of sharps at the hospital. A 2 liter soda bottle can be used for sharps secured with the cap on it. The Police Station collects them then notifies the ambulance for disposal. Everything that is taken in is accounted for and disposed of properly. The Kiosk is also used by Savoy, Cheshire, and Adams. North Adams and Williamstown have their own setup.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

*No updates shared at this meeting*

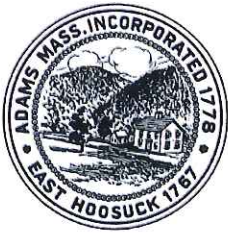
### **OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

#### ***TOWN CLERK***

#### **Election Warrant**

On Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Adams Highway Garage, 92 North Summer Street, elections will be held. The list of candidates for elected officials is on the warrant with the four questions which are summarized in the red voter booklet, which can be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office.

**Member Nowak** encouraged the public to vote.



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***Motion made by Member Snoonian to approve the 2014 State Election Warrant  
Second by Member Nowak  
Unanimous vote  
Motion passed***

### ***COUNCIL ON AGING***

#### ***Ratification of Substitute Van Driver***

Mr. Duverney had to step down as the Substitute Van Driver due to personal reasons. Mr. Don Bettis applied, is very qualified, has several of the trainings required already, and the Council on Aging is eager to get him started.

**Interim Town Administrator Cesan** wrote a letter to the Select Board advising that subject to ratification under the provisions of Section 10 of the Town Charter, **Don Bettis** has been appointed to the position of **Per Diem Substitute Van Driver**. It is anticipated that Mr. Bettis will begin as a Grade 4, Step 1 and his appointment is subject to the passing of a *MA DOT* physical.

***Motion made by Member Duval to ratify the appointment of Don Bettis to the position of Per Diem Substitute Van Driver  
Second by Member Blanchard  
Unanimous Vote  
Motion passed***

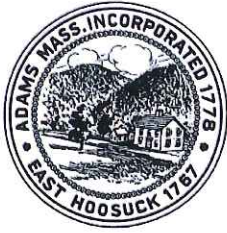
#### ***Walk to End Alzheimers***

The *Walk to End Alzheimers* took place on September 20, 2014. The Team "Adams Council on Aging" raised over \$3,000, and their goal was \$1,000. The *MASS in Motion "Active Ager"* T-Shirts were worn and were very popular.

#### ***Health and Wellness Expo***

The Health and Wellness Expo at the Senior Center was a big success. There were 29 vendors, and 120 people registered, but more attended. Music, food, prizes and great information was given out. There was great representation from the Town of Adams. Community Development attended to talk about the Housing Rehab program, the Police Department spoke about their "Are You OK", the "Special Persons Bracelet", and the "Bicycle Helmet" programs. Adams Ambulance and the Health Department were both in attendance. Vendors came from Boston, and agencies from the state and *MA DOT* were there. The Executive Director from MA Council on Aging, and the Executive Director of Elder Services both attended.





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### ***Informative Friday Series***

The *Informative Friday Series* will be coming up in a few weeks. This month's presentation will be on **Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management**. The speakers will be from the *Red Cross*, the Police Chief speaking about the *Code Red* program, *Emergency Management Department* and *Adams Ambulance*, as well as the *Fire Department* if they are able to send a representative. It is a free event, it will be catered, and those interested are asked to sign up ahead of time. Food will be served after the presentation.

### ***Election Day***

The *Senior Center* is running a van to the Election Site, so if anyone is without transportation the van will pick up, wait for the voter, and return them home. The Council on Aging number is (413) 743-8333, for any older adult, from age 55 and older.

### **TOWN COUNSEL REPORT**

**Town Counsel representative Ed St. John IV** read the Town Counsel report on behalf of **Attorney Ed St. John III**. He reported that since the last report **Town Counsel St. John III** met with the *Interim Town Administrator* and the *Building Inspector* concerning various issues. He responded to questions raised by the *Town Administrator Search Committee*. He reviewed executive session minutes for potential public release and assisted the Insurance Counsel regarding a pending lawsuit.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Adams Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

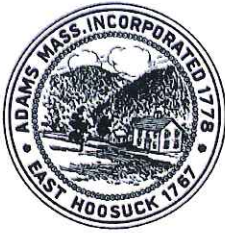
A letter was received from **James Dynes, President of the Adams Lions Club** notifying the Select Board that they will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the *Bounti Fare Restaurant* at 6:30 p.m. The *Adams Lions Club* requests the Select Board declare November 1, 2014 **Adams Lions Appreciation Day**. For 75 years the club has served the Town of Adams in several ways, including sponsoring youth activities, awarding scholarships to deserving graduates, honoring scholastic achievement, providing eyeglasses to those in need, treating the Seniors to a picnic, sponsoring the *Leo Club* at *Hoosac Valley High School*, and serving as a good will vehicle for the Town. The gathering will include Lions Club Members and their guests, as well as Lions Dignitaries from throughout District 33Y.

***Motion made by Member Nowak to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Adams Lions Club with Adams Lions Appreciation Day on November 1, 2014 for their 75 years of helping the community, and to draft a proclamation to give to them***

***Second by Member Snoonian***

***Unanimous vote***

***Motion passed***



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### ***MMA Fall Conference***

A letter was received by the Board of Selectmen from the *Massachusetts Municipal Association* (MMA). The MMA is an association of Selectmen, City Councilors, Mayors, and other officials. One of the many things MMA does is offer workshops and conferences specifically designed to bring new members to the Boards of Selectmen and City Councils up to speed. The Fall Conference of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Tri-County Regional Technical Vocational High School in Franklin, MA. The training will feature workshops on local government reform, community paramedicine, a discussion of the statewide ballot questions, and best practices for searching for and hiring a town manager or administrator. Barry Bluestone, director of the *Kitty and Michael Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy* and founding dean of the *School of Policy and Urban Affairs* at *Northeastern University* will be the keynote speaker at the conference. The agenda begins at 8:45 a.m., and runs until 2:00 p.m. Board members that plan to attend need to advise the administrative assistant by the end of the week.

### ***Halloween Parade***

A letter was received by the Select Board from the *Adams Lions Club* requesting permission to hold its annual *Halloween Parade* on Sunday, October 26, 2014. This tradition started several years ago. This year there are changes in starting time and parade route for the safety of the children and making the event scarier. The changes were discussed and approved by Chief Tarsa. Participants will gather at the old South Adams parking lot on Myrtle Street at 4:00 p.m. The entire event should be over by 5:00 p.m. The later start time will allow those involved in football and soccer to be able to participate.

***Motion made by Member Snoonian to approve the Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 26, 2014 as requested by the Adams Lions Club***  
***Second by Member Duval***  
***Unanimous vote***  
***Motion passed***

### **APPROVALS**

#### ***Liquor License Change of Hours***

**O'Geary's Package Store, Inc.** applied for approval to extend Sunday hours to 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. A special meeting of the Board of Directors for *O'Geary's* took place, and a document has been included to represent their decision to apply for the change of hours on the license.

The Select Board Office received notification from the *Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission* (ABCC) that effective October 23, 2014 Off-Premise Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses (Package Stores) will be allowed to open at 10:00 a.m. as approved by the *Local Licensing Authority* (Select Board). The Stores must petition to have a change in hours, in





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order to reflect the new hours on their license. Letters have been sent to the Package Stores in Adams, and this is the first request for change of hours.

***Motion made by Member Snoonian to approve the Sunday Hours for O'Geary's Package Store, Inc. to be 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.***

***Second by Member Duval***

***Unanimous vote***

***Motion passed***

### ***One Day Liquor License***

**David Nicholas of Bounti Fare** requested a ***One Day Beer & Wine License*** for the ***Ramblefest Party*** on October 12, 2014. There are 2,000 people expected to attend, and ***Bounti Fare*** has provided a certificate of liability. Two officers will be assigned to this event from the Police Department.

**Member Nowak** inquired who monitors the intoxication level of those attending the event and purchasing alcohol.

**Chief Tarsa** advised that David Nicholas of ***Bounti Fare*** is responsible for monitoring the intoxication level of those purchasing alcohol at the event. Mr. Nicholas is a very responsible person and oversees the operation during the event to make sure there is no problem. If there is a problem, he will address it himself or bring it to police attention. The workers there are very diligent at observing and monitoring what is going on during the event. If there is a problem with a person consuming more than what is reasonable and appropriate it will be dealt with accordingly.

The responsibility also falls on any liquor serving establishment, and it is the duty of the bartender, the owner and any servers to not serve someone who is intoxicated. This is the only alcohol vendor scheduled at the event.

***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the One Day Beer & Wine License for Bounti Faire for the Ramblefest Party on October 12, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

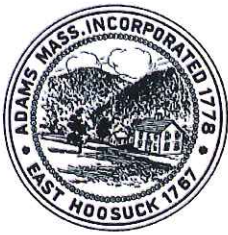
***Second by Member Snoonian***

***Unanimous vote***

***Motion passed***

### ***Facility Request***

**Pro Adams** requested facility usage of the Visitor's Center on Sunday, October 12, 2014 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ***Ramblefest*** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the event runs from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be bands, food, kids' activities, campfire, trolley rides and more. 1,000 to 2,000 people are expected. The event will run rain or shine.



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***Motion made by Member Snoonian to approve the use of the Visitor's Center by Pro Adams for the Ramblefest on October 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.***

***Second by Member Nowak***

***Unanimous vote***

***Motion passed***

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### ***Safer Roads and Bridges Letter***

Chairman Harrington read a letter from the *Committee for Safer Roads and Bridges and Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation* asking the Select Board to support a "no" vote on Question 1. He expressed concern about whether the Select Board even wants to consider the request.

***Consensus was reached by Select Board Members to take no action on this request, and that the response to the question is up to the voters.***

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### ***Select Board Schedule***

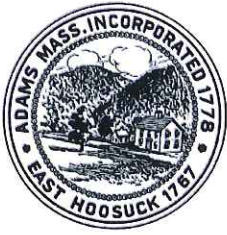
**Chairman Harrington** advised this is a 5 Wednesday month, and the Board could choose whether to meet or not on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Next month is a 3 Wednesday month because there is no meeting the night before Thanksgiving. He suggests the fifth Wednesday of October be utilized either as a regular meeting, or as a workshop. The Select Board was requested to think about upcoming items and issues, as well as the Town Administrator Candidates to interview as well. There will likely be a special meeting set up for interviews for the final 3 or 4 Town Administrator Candidates, and the interviews by the Select Board will be public.

**Member Snoonian** said he would like an open *Selectmen's Forum* topic added to the Workshop Agenda for a Round Table Discussion, for the Board to be able to discuss the ideas they have during the workshop meetings. If the discussion amounts to something it will be put on the agenda for the following regular Select Board meeting.

**Chairman Harrington** asked Town Counsel for an opinion on how specific the Select Board needs to be with items that are put on the Workshop agenda. He inquired if it can be as general a topic as "General Discussion", because other communities have gotten into trouble with not having enough detail on their agenda for their meeting.

**Town Counsel St. John IV** advised anything that can be reasonably anticipated being discussed should be put on the agenda. He advised the regular meetings have a standing topic called "For the Good of the Order", and the workshop is still a public meeting, but he will check with Town Counsel St. John III and get an answer to the Select Board on this.





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**Member Blanchard** gave input that as long as the topic was a discussion and the Board did not vote it should not be a problem, and if a vote was needed it would take place in the following regular meeting.

**Member Duval** noted that the workshops that currently take place are very structured and are run with strict agendas much like the regular meetings. He said he felt the Select Board needs to be able to have a Round Table Discussion to be more open to ideas. After discussion, the ideas can be brought to the full Board at the regular meeting for approval. A topic suggestion for discussion at a workshop is the Downtown Economic Development to bring in business. He said the Town has done a good job making the downtown look nice and has invested a lot of money in that, but it is high on the priority list to discuss the downtown business development. A few businesses have left recently, for various reasons, but he feels the Board should be very concerned about that. With the Chairman's approval, he suggests Dave Bissaillon, who is a businessman who works in the downtown and was on the original Downtown Development Committee to come to a discussion to provide thoughts, ideas of things to work on, and that his opinion and that of others would be valued.

**Chairman Harrington** said the specificity of the Downtown Economic Development and inviting people in to express what is working, what isn't working, and how the Board can help them will be enough detail so it should be fine on the agenda. He would like to know what their priorities are, where the Town is failing and what it needs to do. It would give Interim Town Administrator Cesan, Pro Adams, and the Select Board time to prepare.

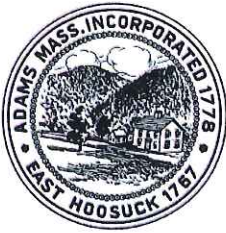
**Chairman Harrington** and **Member Snoonian** discussed adding an agenda item called **GOOD OF THE ORDER** on the Workshop Agendas for this purpose, and it will be added.

***Consensus was reached to utilize the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of October as a Workshop, and having three Wednesday meetings in November.***

### ***Lighting at Visitor's Center***

**Member Blanchard** commented that he heard many compliments about the Visitor's Center as the venue for Bike Night, and as soon as it got dark lighting became an issue. He inquired if there were streetlights that could be brought out and used for events like that. The trees blocked the parking lot lights, and the path accent lighting was not adequate.

Tree trimming would help with better lighting in that area. There are a number of additional issues with the interior of the Visitor's Center building regarding the heating system that are intended to be brought to the Select Board as capital projects in October.



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### ***Policy Creation for Executive Minutes***

**Chairman Harrington** added that he would like to have a meeting item on the agenda to set a policy to approve executive session minutes. This can be done in regular session because it is a policy creation.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

#### ***National Grid Rate Increase***

**Member Nowak** expressed his upset at the *National Grid* increase of 37% in electric bills, and that it will not only hurt the individual but other ancillary effects will occur, such as increase in supermarket costs because of cooling expenses which trickles down to the consumer. More electricity is used in the winter months. He stated he wanted to draft a letter to Congressman Neil and Senators Markey and Warren to express disdain about the increase in rates, and the potential of an additional increase to 50% in the spring.

#### ***Park Street Construction***

**Member Nowak** stated the *Park Street Project* is going well and Maxymillian is doing a great job. Things are moving along, and though it is an inconvenience for businesses but the construction teams could not have done a better job so far.

#### ***Tax Rate Breakdown***

**Member Duval** mentioned a discussion from a few meetings ago about the Tax Rate, and he would like to get data so the public and the Board could be educated on the reasons for the tax rate being where it is. He would like a breakdown of the tax rate and recommended inviting individuals with the knowledge to break everything down for the Board and the Public in a Public Forum where the Public can take part in the meeting and attend as well as have it filmed.

Someone will have to run the meeting, and it will take some time to plan, to decide where to set it up, when to have it, and who will do it. The planning discussion can be done in a workshop, and then a public meeting set up. This can potentially happen during the October 22, 2014 workshop.

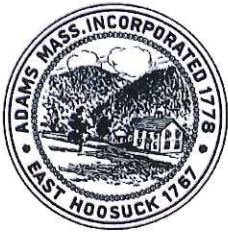
#### ***Sports Game at Hoosac Valley High School***

**Member Snoonian** advised there is a game between Hoosac and Waconah at 1:00 p.m. at the high school field, and the public is invited to attend.

#### ***Commercial Street and Park Street Projects***

**Chairman Harrington** thanked the public for their patience with the *Park Street* and *Commercial Street Projects*. There is still some cleanup to do on Commercial Street but it is much safer to drive on Commercial Street now. Final pavement should be in place. The whole road will not be paved, it will be patchwork paving.





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Dick Kleiner said at the Maple Grove Civic Club that the pavement that is on Commercial Street now is the final coat. MA DOT is working with the Town to have all of Route 8 repaved.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Chairman Harrington** explained there had been requests to release executive session minutes from meetings, and they have been reviewed by *Attorney St. John III*. In the last meeting there was an executive session, and a number of meeting minutes were released. This evening there are two reasons for executive session, because there are two types of executive meeting sessions that have to be discussed for release. Following tonight's votes, all of the executive session minutes that can be released per Town Counsel will be available as public documents, and can be requested with the form that is now available on the Town of Adams Website.

- a) #3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (2 items)
- b) #6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; (3 items)

**8:26 p.m. Motion was made by Member Snoonian to enter into Executive Session, only to exit to adjourn the meeting.**

**Second by Member Blanchard**

**Roll Call vote - Members Snoonian, Harrington, Duval, Blanchard, and Nowak**  
**Motion passed**

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Member Blanchard**

**Second by Member Snoonian**

**Roll Call Vote - Members Snoonian, Harrington, Duval, Blanchard, and Nowak**  
**Motion passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah Dunlap  
Recording Secretary

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