

TOWN OF ADAMS

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2015 – 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

On the above date the **Board of Selectmen** and held a meeting at the **Adams Town Hall** at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Blanchard presided the meeting. Present were **Members Joseph Nowak, Jeffrey Snoonian, John Duval, and Arthur Harrington**. Also in attendance were **Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco** and **Town Counsel, Ed St. John III**. *The Select Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanchard at 7:00 p.m.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES

- May 20, 2015
- May 27, 2015

Motion made by Member Snoonian to waive the reading and accept the minutes for May 20, 2015 as written

Second by Member Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Motion made by Member Snoonian to waive the reading and accept the minutes for May 27, 2015 as written

Second by Member Nowak

Abstention by Member Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Flag Day

Jeff Lefebvre advised that **Flag Day** will be held at **Hoosac Valley Middle School** on **June 12th** to teach the kids about each **American Flag's** significance. 9:00 a.m.

WILCO Event

Jeff Lefebvre announced that **WILCO** is coming to **North Adams** and would like the **Board** to consider doing it in **Town**.

The **WILCO** event will be utilizing the **Agricultural Fair Grounds** in **Adams** at **Bowe Field**.

Federal Grant Money

Jeff Lefebvre talked about the **Town** looking into getting **Federal money** to match with the **Greylock Glen** and **Train Station** money of **\$3.5 Million**.

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Youth Center Chair Fundraiser

Francie Anne Riley gave an update on the Youth Center Fundraiser changes. The Chair Fundraiser invites people to donate chairs, and artists decorate them and auction them off. All are invited and this year it is expanded to include small tables, benches, and stools. Because of the additional items, the fundraiser has changed to ***Great Chair Auction and More***. ProAdams is assisting and the Youth Center wants to expand the auction to include those who want to participate with the auction online. The Youth Center is accepting donations of chairs and furniture that are sound to make beautiful pieces.

Member Harrington commended her and Youth Center for their hard work and for the Youth Center and Pro Adams for helping those in Adams to support their own.

NEW BUSINESS

Club Alcohol License

An *Application to Update Officers and Directors* was received from **Adams Turners** in response to the ABCC notification to Clubs.

Member Harrington expressed frustration with the ABCC requiring the Club Licenses having to be submitted again. He explained the dual process of both the ABCC and Local Licensing Authority, and that several months ago a notification came to the Town requiring the Clubs to complete applications again and submit another \$200 to the ABCC. He recommended that if the Clubs are not happy with the process to tell their Legislator or make a complaint on the ABCC website.

Vice Chairman Snoonian advised that the Clubs not only had to file the \$200 fee but also had to go to attorneys to fill out the complicated forms. He advised this is an unfunded mandate and he will write a letter to the local Representatives about it as he felt it was a heavy-handed tactic from state to get money from American Legions and VFW's.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not to approve the application to emphasize dissatisfaction to the ABCC regarding this new mandate.

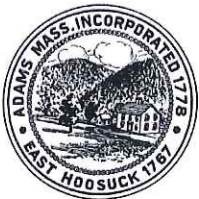
Town Counsel recommended not leaving room for the ABCC to take action against the Licensee.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the Club Alcohol License pending Massachusetts Department of Revenue Good Standing Certificate for Adams Turners

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



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Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment Licenses

Saint John Paul II Parish submitted an application for both an Entertainment License and also a Sunday Entertainment License for the Polonka Grounds. John Bordeau attended the meeting to represent the Parish.

None of the entertainment would include alcohol, and if an event required alcohol Mr. Bordeau would come back before the Board for a *One Day Liquor License Application* from a licensed caterer. He advised these requests would cover the Polonka Grounds for private parties and church events. He spoke with Chief Tarsa and acknowledged he would give him advanced notice for large gatherings. Typical events would be 50 to 100 for private parties, but the pavilion holds 400. There have only been approximately 3 events over the last year but they hope to do more events.

Motion made by Member Duval to approve both Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment Licenses for the Saint Pope John Paul II Church at the Polonka Grounds

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request for Run to Read 5K

C.T. Plunkett School submitted a Facility Use Request for the Visitors Center to support the *Run to Read 5K*.

Myra Wilk advised the event would be held on June 14th at 7:30 a.m. for registration, ending at noon, and they would be responsible for cleaning up. There will be a 1-Mile *Kid's Fun Run* for ages 4 through 7, and a 1 mile walk. She advised she had been in touch with Chief Tarsa, Forest Wardens and Adams Ambulance to coordinate this event, and the teachers will assist as well. She went over the route of the loop with the Select Board.

Motion made to approve the Facility Use Request of the Visitors Center by C.T. Plunkett School for the Run to Read 5K on Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request for Adams Farmers Market

Deborah Dunlap, Town Administrative Assistant, submitted a Facility Use Request for use of the Visitors Center by the *Adams Farmers & Artisans Market* on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from July 12th through October 4th. She advised that the Farmers Market Staff would be responsible for both cleanup and securing the building after each Market event. She explained what types of products patrons could expect at the Market this year. Artisan items must be made by the artisan or vendor, and vendors are asked to stay for the duration of the event.



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Motion made by Member Harrington to approve the Facility Use Request of the Visitors Center for the Adams Farmers & Artisans Market on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from July 12th through October 4th.

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous Vote

Motion passed

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Member Duval advised he will be attending an Executive Meeting tomorrow with the *Berkshire Regional Planning Commission*.

Berkshire County Councils on Aging

Vice Chairman Snoonian attended the *Berkshire County Councils on Aging* went to ITAM in Pittsfield, and the head of the *Massachusetts AARP* was there. He advised it was a nice 2 hour presentation and gave great perspectives on how to look at the aging population. It was hosted by Erica Girgenti, the Adams Council on Aging Director. The Mayor of Pittsfield was there, and it was well attended.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Farmers & Artisans Market

The *Farmers & Artisans Market* will happen this year. Deb Dunlap is making sure the event happens this year and the Events Committee is also helping out as well.

New England Holocaust Museum

Darrell English of the *NE Holocaust Museum* and the representatives of the Library met with the Town Administrator to iron out details toward hosting the exhibit at Town Library for a short period of time.

Town Meeting Workshop

There will be a *Town Meeting Workshop* on June 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Visitors center for new and veteran Town Meeting Members and the Public to learn about Town Meeting, how it operates and to have some community discussions on the Warrant. Several local residents have volunteered their time to put on presentations.

Adams-Cheshire Meetings

Chairman Blanchard and Town Administrator Mazzucco met with Cheshire officials and hope to have regular meetings to foster good communication. The meeting was a mixture of what has gone on over the last few months and information was shared about each other's communities. There services that may be shared down the road. There are two different scaled models, which makes it more challenging. It was mostly to keep the lines of communication open.



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Lighting Assessment

The Town has completed the list of light poles that are owned and maintained by the Town and what electricity is paid. Many of them are the Parks and fields in town. Public Works will be looking into getting grants or if the Town can work with National Grid to see if LED lighting or energy efficiency programs are available. If the Town is able to identify projects and is successful in getting the Green Communities designation, this would be a project to potentially get grant funding for to save the Town money and help the environment.

Mohawk Trail Association

Town Administrator Mazzucco attended a meeting with the Mohawk Trail Association with Rich Doucette, the new Director of the Massachusetts Office of Tourism. He spoke to the group about how the State is looking to do different things for Tourism. There are concerns with funding to regional agencies, but they are looking to do advertising in the next few months, which has not been done in a while in a couple different markets. They are also looking at a "Go Local" campaign in Massachusetts to encourage tourism within the state.

Select Board Yearly Goals

Town Administrator Mazzucco expressed the wish to finalize goals for the Select Board for the year so he can begin to work with Department Heads so it can begin to be worked on at a staff level. He said he would like to have that be the main focus of the next workshop as well as discussing holding workshops in different buildings in town so the Board can get a tour of that facility as part of the workshop.

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT

Town Counsel St. John III advised he investigated a potential litigation matter, reviewed and provided comment concerning executive session reasons, had conversations with the Chief, a property owner and the abutter's attorney regarding issues affecting repairs to the property owner building. He reviewed and provided comment to the composition of the conservation commission and the manner of reducing the membership.

The Town Clerk found records from Town Meeting several decades ago that the Town Meeting had established the number of positions for the Conservation Commission. Reducing the size of the Conservation Commission would need to be done through a vote at Town Meeting, so this can be done if needed at a Special Town Meeting in the fall.

There are open positions and people interested in being part of the Commission. Those interested should write a letter to the Select Board indicating their desire to be on the Commission. Appointments will be looked at the next Workshop Meeting. Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Krzanowski have expressed interest.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Store Fronts

Member Nowak said he was happy to see the Café Liberation and the Stocktons, who have store fronts. He said he felt it was a good protocol for the Town to welcome them and show interest in helping them. He said it is good to see the store fronts being filled. The Bike Rental company will be seasonal, but are looking into ways to operate year round.

Member Duval invited the community to welcome new businesses to the community. The only way businesses stay and farmers markets work is for as many people as possible to come and attend as a community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#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;

Motion made by Member Nowak to enter Executive Session

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Roll Call Vote by Chairman Blanchard, Vice Chairman Snoonian, and Members Nowak, Duval, and Harrington

Motion passed

The Select Board entered into Executive Session after a 5 minute recess at 7:41 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to exit Executive Session

Second by member Nowak

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Blanchard, Vice Chairman Snoonian, Members Nowak, Duval and Harrington

Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjournment by Select Board

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to adjourn

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

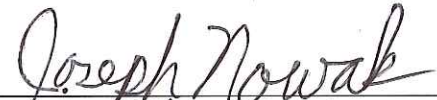
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.




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Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary.



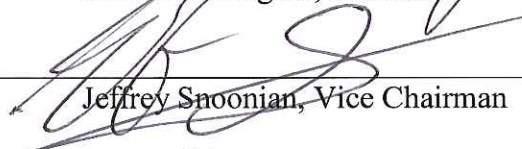
Joseph Nowak, Member



John Duval, Member



Arthur Harrington, Member



Jeffrey Snoonian, Vice Chairman



Richard Blanchard, Chairman