



TOWN OF ADAMS SELECT BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2015 – 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

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On the above date the **Board of Selectmen** and held a meeting at the **Adams Town Hall** at 7:00 p.m. **Chairman Richard Blanchard** presided the meeting. Present were **Vice Chairman Jeffrey Snoonian**, Members **Joseph Nowak**, **Arthur Harrington**, **John Duval**, and **Town Administrator, Tony Mazzucco**.

The Select Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to suspend the rules for voting purposes
Second by Member Duval
Unanimous vote
Motion passed*

Club Licenses:

Update of Officers

The **American Legion** submitted all paperwork necessary to update the Change of Officers for the ABCC. They are completing the Officers Roster on the Secretary of State Website and all should be in order to submit to ABCC.

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the American Legion Liquor License and new officers upon completion of the Change of Officer Roster on the Secretary of State Website
Second by Member Harrington
Unanimous vote
Motion passed*

Forest Park Country Club originally submitted an application but the ABCC required changes to one of the forms, plus the Change of Officer Roster on the Secretary of State Website. Once completed, the paperwork will be resubmitted to the Select Board for approval before being sent to the ABCC.

Appointments:

Chairman Blanchard reviewed the annual appointment list with the Select Board. On the Board of Survey, **Jeff Clemons** and **Jeromy Richardson** cannot be appointed, as they are the Building Commissioner and Assistant Building Inspector respectively and not disinterested parties. The Board of Survey will be held for approval of appointments until there are disinterested parties identified that can fill the spots.



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Two people requested appointment to the *Conservation Commission*, two for the *Retirement Board*, and one for the *Zoning Board*. Additionally, the *Planning Board* is not a regular appointment. All of these Board and Commission appointments will be held for discussion.

Conservation Commission

Now the Conservation Commission is at 5 members, and Member Nowak talked with the Commission Chairman. The Commission Chairman will ask the Commission about whether they still wish to have a reduction of membership or remain a full board since there are now interested parties who want to be on the Commission.

Motion made by Member Harrington to appoint both Tami Shafer and David Lipinski to the Conservation Commission

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Retirement Board

Two people put in for the single open position; Pat Wol, the incumbent, and Melissa Schaffrick.

Motion made to appoint incumbent Pat Wol by Member Harrington

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous Vote

Motion passed

Board of Survey

Member Harrington advised the *Board of Survey* needs to be filled. He suggested the Building Inspector be contacted to get suggestions to fill it, or to find a surveyor and a disinterested party with a construction and surveying background who is familiar with condemning buildings and taking them down.

Vacant Positions

Traffic Commission

The vacancy on the *Traffic Commission* is usually filled by the *Planning Board*.

Zoning Board

The *Zoning Board* has a vacancy due to the unfortunate passing of a member. The Select Board advised they would like the *Zoning Board* to select the permanent member and bring their choice to the Select Board to approve.

Vacancies should be posted on the Town website and reviewed at the next meeting. Appointments for any open positions can be reviewed in August.



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Planning Board

Board Members discussed who is responsible for making the determination of who the designated person is for the *Planning Board*. It was noted that one member is appointed for Regional Planning, and there is a good person for the alternate position. If it is changed now the alternate person can vote.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the current list of 2015/2016 of Committee and Board appointments as amended, and withholding the Board of Survey

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Town Charter

Town Administrator Mazzucco advised the *Town Charter* reads that the *Planning Board* membership shall consist of one person from specific departments and serve for a one year term. The Select Board authorizes membership of the *Planning Board*.

One letter was received from David Krzeminski to be on the *Planning Board* for the remainder of this year to fill the vacancy, and if he wishes to stay on the *Planning Board* he will have to run for the position in May.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the appointment of David Krzeminski to the Planning Board

Second by Member Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Town Meeting Review

Member Nowak pointed out that the Town Meeting was long and hot, but he was impressed when people brought forth their viewpoints. Although people may have disagreed, their cordiality and civility was impressive. He said he felt it was a good form of government that allows people to speak their minds, and he was happy to see so many people show interest. He commended the Town Administrator for bringing out the Select Board point of view, and Chairman Blanchard for doing a good job.

Vice Chairman Snoonian noted that the process spoke to the preparation done with the Town Meeting Workshop. He said he was impressed to see the school turnout and pleased to see people's attitudes with the school budget. In the future people will do more amending on the floor as they are more informed.

Member Duval agreed that it was a good Town Meeting.



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Chairman Blanchard said the new sound system worked well but in the future the microphones or speakers may need to be moved. Once the microphone was moved toward the middle of the space the squeal stopped. Overall, the Town Meeting went well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Vice Chairman Snoonian will not be in attendance next week.

Agenda for August

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste wants to be on the Select Board agenda for the second meeting in August.

Agenda for July 15, 2015

Representative Gailanne Cariddi will be on the Select Board agenda for the July 15, 2015 meeting and give the public the ability to ask and get answers.

Agenda for the 5th Wednesday of July

Town Administrator Mazzucco and **Chairman Blanchard** discussed the possibility of not having a workshop on the 4th week of July. There may be a joint meeting on the last week in July and the first week in August. They discussed having two regular meetings, only one workshop per month in the summer, and a second one if needed.

Finance Committee meetings will be scheduled for July, August, September and October.

Select Board Service Project

Chairman Blanchard expressed the desire to fit in the Select Board service project at the kennel, and said the Board just needs to find out what is needed.

Members discussed going to measure the kennel, speaking with someone about paint and either fixing or replacing the thermostat.

Member Harrington advised he would get in touch with Chief Tarsa and Vice Chairman Snoonian to check it out. There may be a couple of places to get paint, and sandblasting may be a good idea.

Member Nowak suggested using UGH on cinderblocks, and to blast them with water first to get the dust off so it is more effective.

This project could be done on the last workshop date of the month of July. The first workshop in July is intended to be an offsite meeting, at either the Council on Aging or the Library, and to be a workshop and tour of the building.



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Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Vice Chairman Snoonian

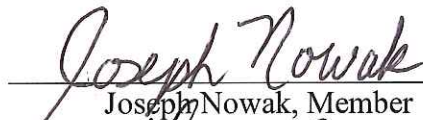
Second by Member Harrington

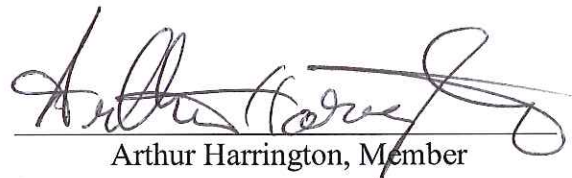
Unanimous vote


Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary.


Joseph Nowak, Member


Arthur Harrington, Member


John Duval, Member

Jeffrey Snoonian, Vice Chairman


Richard Blanchard, Chairman