



TOWN OF ADAMS

SELECT BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION #1 MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2015
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

On the above date the **Board of Selectmen** and held an Executive Session meeting at the **Adams Town Hall**. **Chairman Blanchard** presided the meeting. Present were **Vice Chairman Snoonian**, **Members Joseph Nowak, John Duval, and Arthur Harrington**. Also in attendance were **Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco, Town Counsel, Ed St. John III, and Community Development Director Donna Cesan**.

The Select Board Executive Session Meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanchard at 7:52 p.m.

Executive Session #1

#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;*

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to enter into Executive Session #1 for Reason #6

Second by Member Harrington

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

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Community Development Director Donna Cesan updated the Select Board on the status of all the *Rail Trail Easements*. She advised she hoped to have the Board approve all easements so the Town could tender payments and record the easements in time for the MASS DOT to advertise on September 6th, as their Fiscal Year ends on September 30th. The project still may be able to have a contractor before the season is over. July 29th the Town sent out formal offer letters that stated if the property owner had not already donated there was had 30 days to accept, decline, or negotiate the amount the Town offered. The Town tried to be generous to the property owners in order to get the easements through quickly and easily.

Director Cesan went over the list of easements with the Select Board and pointed out there was one abandoned property that was tracked to an owner in Texas. She advised the Town is being protective of its residents by entering into a separate agreement to rebuild fences if damaged in the work process. There is one property owner that the Town has reached out to numerous times, that has not wanted to meet and the Town may need to exercise Eminent Domain proceedings.

Director Cesan went over the easements the Town is providing, which were obtained in 2012 and need to be renewed. *Hoosac Coal & Grain* was just obtained, as well as the *Ostrowski Property*. Most of the properties were little narrow bits which would give just a little bit of wiggle room for equipment to move, and for drainage. The meeting to finalize this will be on August 28th, and will be posted as a Special Select Board Meeting.

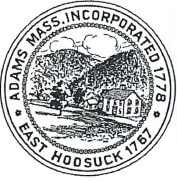
Motion made by Member Harrington to exit Executive Session #1

Second by Member Duval

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

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



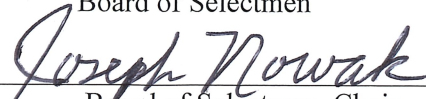
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Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary.


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