



TOWN OF ADAMS SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

On the above date the **Board of Selectmen** and held a regular 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** and **Town Counsel, Ed St. John III**.

The Select Board Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Snoonian at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES

- September 12, 2015
- September 16, 2015

Motion made by Member Nowak to waive the reading and approve the minutes for September 12, 2015 as presented

Second by Member Duval

Abstentions: Vice Chairman Snoonian and Member Harrington

Voted in Favor: Chairman Blanchard, Member Nowak, Member Duval

Motion Passed

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to waive the reading and approve the minutes for September 16, 2015 as presented

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no items from the public presented.

NEW BUSINESS\

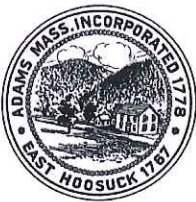
Declaration of Available Property

- 20 East Street
- 30 Columbia Street

Chairman Blanchard advised that according to MGL Chapter 30C, in order for the Town to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) or sell a property it must make a declaration that it is surplus property and available.

20 East Street is the current site of the Youth Center, and 30 Columbia Street is the Memorial School.

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Motion made by Member Harrington to declare the surplus and availability of both 20 East Street and 30 Columbia Street

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Application for Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire

Linda Smith Rhoads submitted a letter of interest and resume for a position on the *Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire* for the Select Board review.

Chairman Blanchard and **Member Nowak** noted that Ms. Rhoads had submitted an impressive resume.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to appoint Linda Smith Rhoads as the Adams representative to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Application for Ad Hoc Committee for Solid Waste

David Rhoads submitted a letter of interest for one of the vacant positions on the *Ad Hoc Committee for Solid Waste*.

Motion made by Member Duval to appoint David Rhoads to the Ad Hoc Committee for Solid Waste

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

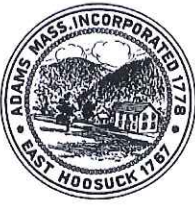
Motion passed

Application for position to Council on Aging Board of Directors

Esther Turner submitted an application for a position on the *Council on Aging Board of Directors*.

Chairman Blanchard read a letter he had received a letter from *Council on Aging Director* Erica Girgenti recommending Esther Turner be ratified for the position. He noted that a second application for an open position on the Council on Aging Board of Directors was also received from Bruce Shepley.

Discussion between Board Members and the Town Administrator clarified that there are currently three open positions on the Council on Aging Board of Directors that may be filled, and that it is an advisory board. The letter from Mr. Shepley came in after the Council on Aging Director went out on medical leave, and Town Administrator Mazzucco recommended Mr. Shepley in her absence.



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Motion made by Member Harrington to ratify Esther Turner to the Council on Aging Board of Directors

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to appoint Bruce Shepley to the Council on Aging Board of Directors

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Vacancy in Adams Housing Authority Board of Directors

A copy of a letter of resignation from the *Board of Commissioners* on the *Adams Housing Authority* by Mary Robert was received by the Chairman of the Select Board.

A copy of a letter submitted by the Town Clerk to the *Adams Housing Authority* announcing that there was a vacancy on the *Adams Housing Authority Board of Commissioners* was received by the Chairman of the Select Board.

An application for the vacant position on the *Adams Housing Authority Board of Commissioners* was received from James DiCicco. One of the positions on the Board is to be filled by a resident, and this position is the one that is open. Mr. DiCicco is a resident and fulfills the qualifications.

Motion made by Member Harrington to fill the vacancy on the Adams Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with James DiCicco

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Council on Aging Intern Job Description

Town Administrator Mazzucco advised that due to time constraints the Intern Job Description had not gone before the *Personnel Sub-Committee* but it is straight forward and consistent with the personnel policies. The position would be funded through a formula grant so no Town funds would be expended on it. Town Administrator Mazzucco and the Interim Council on Aging Director will make a decision together on who would fill the position. Council on Aging Director Girgenti was commended on the coverage she put in place during her absence.

Motion made by Member Harrington to approve the Council on Aging Intern Job Description

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



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Facility Use Request – Visitors Center

The Noah Brown Scholarship Run requested use of the Visitors Center on November 15, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Myra Wilk advised she has been working with Chief Tarsa and the Forest Wardens to assist with traffic for this event and all proceeds will go into the scholarship fund in memory of Noah Brown. The Visitors Center parking lot will be blocked off for the safety of the Children's Run and Adams Community Bank and a property adjacent to the Visitors Center would provide parking. It would be the same format as the *Run to Read* event that took place recently.

Motion made by Member Harrington to approve the use of the Visitors Center for the Noah Brown Scholarship Run on November 15, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Request Form – Adams Memorial School

A request was submitted to use the Adams Memorial School by Deb Dunlap, the summer Adams Farmers & Artisans Market Manager, for the Adams Farmers & Artisans Harvest Market on November 15, 2015. The time has not been set, but last year's event ran from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Access to the building is requested for a couple hours the evening before due to vendor need for more time to bring in materials. A firefighter would be on site for the event, and the setup would be the same as last year.

Town Administrator Mazzucco confirmed that the Building Commissioner had confirmed he had no problem with the use of the building if it was consistent with the practices from last year. Town insurance is in place.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the facility use of Memorial School for the Adams Harvest Market from November 14, 2015 as requested and November 15, 2015 from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

PUBLIC HEARING

Show Cause, Gebirgs Verein, Inc. dba Mt. Club, 7:10 p.m.

Due to a typographical error, the hearing was held at 7:20 p.m. to match the letters sent.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to open a Show Cause Hearing for Gebirgs Verein, Inc

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



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Chairman Blanchard read the letter that was sent to *Gebirgs Verein, Inc.* officers by registered mail.

Attorney Mark Brennan, of 54 North Street, Pittsfield, advised he was representing Mt. Club. He advised he would be speaking for the Officers of the Club, President Charles Massaconi, Vice President Lisa Delmolino and Mitchell Massaconi. He advised he would answer questions by the Board but as his clients are subject to criminal complaints they will be as cooperative as possible but it would not be wise for them to answer many questions on advice of counsel.

A Statement was read by Chairman Blanchard to note

"This is a hearing concerning whether the Board should revoke or suspend the Club license or order other disciplinary measures against the holder of that license. Gebirgs Verein, Inc. dba Mt. Club is alleged that on or about March 28, 2015 an altercation took place at the Club's location on 6 Anthony Street, Adams involving Club members and guests resulting in personal injury to a patron of the Club. As a result of the investigation by the Adams Police Department, criminal charges were filed against certain individuals to be affiliated with the Club. The Board hereby notifies each person who wishes to testify on behalf of the Club and who has a criminal case pending that anything that is said at this hearing will be recorded and may be used against that witness in a criminal case. Each witness may have a Fifth Amendment privilege against testifying. At this Hearing, Adams Police Department, through its Chief will present evidence to the Board concerning its investigation. At the conclusion of the testimony of each witness, a representative of the Club may ask each witness questions. Upon completion of the Chief's case, the Chief will rest. The Club has the right to present evidence and any witness it calls may be questioned by the Chief. At the end of the Club's case, the Board will ask whether the Club has any additional evidence and if not, the Club will rest. Each party may introduce documentary or other physical evidence as it deems appropriate, subject to the rules of relevancy. At the conclusion of the Hearing, the Board will call for a Motion to close the Hearing. It will then deliberate, and at the conclusion of deliberations, take a vote and announce what, if any, action will be taken."

Chief Tarsa advised he had provided Attorney Brennan with a packet that was also supplied to the Board, which included a copy of a letter from Chief Tarsa to the Board of Selectmen, a copy of four arrest reports, a CD of the 911 call to the Adams Police Department on the day in question, and a copy of the daily log entry.

Chief Tarsa explained the circumstances of the event, including information surrounding a disagreement and subsequent physical altercation that reportedly involved the President and a Trustee of the Club and included the Vice President and another Club Officer. He explained that the Club is monitored with a video recording system and that the Investigating Officer was able to view the entire event on the video made by that system with the assistance of a second Club Officer identified as being in charge of the video system and the only person with access to it. During that viewing this second Club Officer aided the Investigating Officer with identification of the parties involved in the physical altercation. A copy of the video was to be provided to the Investigating Officer the following day but was not provided and it was later learned that the recording of the event had been deleted from the system, destroying the video evidence of the event. On-site interviews by the responding officers indicated that the bartender had also received harassment from the bar patrons and the Club President for calling the police, but a later written statement indicated something different. Information was provided that the victim of the altercation has been medically diagnosed as a disabled person, and he suffered a head wound during the incident that required medical attention. The event resulted in criminal charges being brought against Club Officers and the charges are now in the Northern Berkshire District Court system.



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Chief Tarsa advised that because of the circumstances surrounding the incident he felt it was proper and prudent to bring it before the Board of Selectmen, as they are the *Local Licensing Authority*. He pointed out that some bars have incidents in them, but the severity of this incident warranted bringing it forward. The President of the Club was identified as not only being involved but also initiating the altercation. The second Club Officer corroborated the reports received by those interviewed by the responding officers. The body of the complaint that applies to this administrative process is not about the tampering of the video, but it is regarding the initiation, participation, and involvement of the Board of Directors in an assault and battery upon a disabled person. The Club President is held at a higher standard than others in the Club and he initiated the fight.

Attorney Brennan was invited to ask questions.

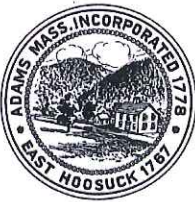
Attorney Brennan asked questions regarding the Chief giving information to the Board based on the report by the Investigating Officer, and that there are fights in other establishments. Attorney Brennan established with Chief Tarsa that the fights in other establishments have been different than this one, and do not include the President and head of the Board of Directors initiating it and fellow Board Members participating. He also confirmed that the Adams Police Department encourages establishments if they have a problem to call the Police and not handle problems in-house. Attorney Brennan also inquired of the Chief of knowledge of a fight at a different establishment the previous evening.

The recording of the 911 call by telephone and radio was played for the Board to listen to. Chief Tarsa identified the Desk Officer and who the Investigating Officer and Supporting Officer were for the incident to the listening audience.

Investigating Officer Brenna Dorr testified before the Board with information regarding the incident. Questions were asked of her first by Chief Tarsa and then by Attorney Brennan. Officer Dorr gave the Board a report on what she found upon arrival at the scene of the incident, and the state of the injured party. She relayed the details of the event and what she had seen on the video as shown by the Second Club Officer, who did not provide the promised copy of the tape. She noted that assault and battery charges were filed after the fact and the injured victim of the assault provided medical information after the incident to show he was treated at the hospital, that he was considered disabled, and he also provided a signed statement. She advised the Club President was identified as the aggressor based on his actions, what she had viewed on the video with the second Club Officer and verification by the bartender. Officer Dorr noted that the bartender indicated that she had been pressured and harassed because she had called the police.

Select Board Members asked questions regarding the sobriety level of the parties involved.

Attorney Brennan made statements to dispute Officer Dorr's testimony including who had car keys which initiated the dispute and the Club President's disability from prior open heart surgery. He stated there were threats made by the victim involving the Club President and his family according to the Club President. He advised that his client had pressed charges against the victim as well, and indicated the Club President sustained an injury of a thumb bite. Attorney Brennan noted that the victim was drinking at the bar the next day and subsequently had his trusteeship revoked. He asked questions regarding charges that were pressed, whether the officer took notes and spoke with both parties, and whether there was audio with the video or just video. Attorney Brennan also noted that bolt cutters were used in the police attempt to recover the evidence without a search warrant and that the video did not show everything that happened.



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Exigent circumstances do not require a search warrant. These circumstances were present due to the process of the video system settings that rewind the tape to record over past recordings, which were set to record over the incident. The intent was to preserve the video as evidence, to take it and hold it. When the video was searched the block before and the block after the incident were present but the block of time of the incident was missing.

Board Members noted that there was contradicting information given to the officer, and that many of the questions belong in a courtroom. It was stated that guilt or innocence does not have anything to do with the Local Licensing Authority but more relevant was that there was an altercation between several officers of the club.

Attorney Brennan stated the Club Officers tried to break up the altercation and they are trained on how to respond in altercations, and called the police. He noted the Mt. Club has been in existence over 100 years and is actively involved in charitable organizations. Incidents like this don't happen on a regular basis, and there has been no report from the Chief on how many incidents or times police have been called to Mt. Club but they are rarely called or needed there. He pointed out that there was a meeting between all establishments and the Chief to go over liquor establishment responsibilities. Attorney Brennan stated he personally viewed the victim at the club the next day consuming alcohol. He also noted that nobody had expertise with the video system, and that the President was not contacted for the video, which was put in place for insurance purposes.

Mt. Club has four Club Officers and five Trustees that must answer to the Club Officers.

Discussion took place regarding whether or not police reports are considered evidence. This is an administrative process before the board but all criminal processes are handled at the court and they do not have direct bearing or conflict with each other. The evidence presented indicates there was a fight in a bar, involving the President who is also the Manager of the bar, and two other Trustees and Board of Directors. The Licensing Authority Members have never seen a case like this come before them, and had only had cases where there were fights outside of the establishment after closing, which were not under the control of the establishment.

Attorney Brennan advised the Board that their decision would be taken under advisement but other establishments had fights and have not been brought before the board for a hearing. He advised if a capricious and arbitrary decision was decided against his client, it would give him a reason to appeal. He also stated that his client had not been drinking at all at the Club at the time of the incident.

Attorney Brennan was requested to present evidence.

Attorney Brennan advised his evidence was that an officer interviewing those involved did not interview others. He stated there were four other witnesses that were present at the time that state that the alleged victim was the aggressor and pushed the 5'11" tall Club President, knocked him over a table and bit his thumb down to the bone. He advised the bartender had a limited view and participation of the event and had followed the protocols and policy of Mt. Club. He stated there was no evidence to show the police saw what happened. Attorney Brennan said he understood the Licensing Authority displeasure that a trustee was involved but that in light of the facts, it is a private club and not a lot of people or the public are allowed. He advised there is an application process to be a member. Because it is a small club it is likely that if there is an altercation, someone involved in the incident is part of the club.



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He pointed out that his client has the right to get someone off of him and the club took swift action and held a meeting the next day to revoke the alleged victim's trusteeship. He asked the Licensing Authority for indulgence because Mt. Club has not been before the Board before and will take steps advised. Attorney Brennan stated it was not appropriate to bring anyone up to testify because they will probably be testifying in court.

Attorney Brennan did not call any witnesses to testify and did not present the Board with any documentary evidence.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to close the Show Cause Hearing
Second by Member Duval
Unanimous vote
Motion passed

Select Board Members as *Local Licensing Authority* discussed the situation presented in the *Show Cause Hearing* for Mt. Club. It was noted that there have been fights outside of bars, and establishment owners and Board of Directors need to take more responsibility for their patrons. This situation indicated that the people that are relied on to take control when a situation occurs were actually involved in the fight. It was noted as immaterial who started, finished or tried to break up the fight because most of the participants all hold office at the club. It cannot be looked at like two brothers fighting despite the fact that the Board Members are so. It was pointed out that if the video showed that the Club Officers didn't do it, the video would have been brought forth right away to prove innocence.

One Select Board Member pointed out that one of the main obligations as a selectman is to make sure the community is safe and if people are entrusted to run a Club, they should be looked up to but when they are fighting with each other it is a problem. It cannot be let go by saying "don't let it happen again".

Town Counsel advised the Select Board could defer the decision to another night or could vote right away.

Delaying the decision would require everyone coming back again, and all of the information needed has been presented. The incident happened March 28, 2015 and some time has already passed.

General consensus was reached by all Select Board Members that some level of punishment needed to be issued.

Deliberation took place to decide how long a suspension should be issued. In the past two day suspensions have been issued for establishments that served underage patrons, and this is more severe. Suspension periods were considered from three days to six months and time periods in-between and additional discussion took place to consider a thirty day suspension with removal of the Club Board Members since it includes Members and Trustees. A six month suspension might close the business, but it was noted this is a serious offense so thirty days was noted as being the greatest suggested suspension. One week would be enough time to give notice and to begin in consecutive days starting in one week. An appeal can be brought to the ABCC, and if overturned the Club can reopen. A suspension was considered warranted, and thirty days was too long, three or four days was too short, so a two week suspension was considered.



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*Motion made by Member Harrington to suspend the liquor license of Gebirgs Verein, Inc. dba Mt. Club for thirty days starting one week from today
Second by Chairman Blanchard*

Additional discussion took place regarding the length of the suspension.

*Motion made to amend the motion made by Member Harrington by Vice Chairman Snoonian to a two week suspension of the liquor license held by Gebirgs Verein, Inc. dba Mt. Club
Second by Member Nowak
In Opposition were Chairman Blanchard and Member Harrington
In favor were Vice Chairman Snoonian and Members Nowak and Duval
Motion passed*

As amended, a two week suspension of the Liquor License for Gebirgs Verein, Inc. dba Mt. Club will begin in one week

*Voted in Favor were Chairman Blanchard, Vice Chairman Snoonian, and Members Duval and Nowak
Voted in Opposition was Member Harrington
Motion passed*

Written notice will be given for a fourteen day suspension to begin one week from today.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Application for permit to place temporary sign on a public way

An application was submitted for placement of a temporary vinyl sign for the Harvest Market in front of Memorial School 3' x 5' Banner until the event.

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the placement of a temporary sign for the Harvest Market in front of Memorial School
Second by Member Harrington
Unanimous vote
Motion passed*

Application for Permit to Place Temporary Sign on Public Way

The Events Committee submitted an application to place a Temporary Sign on a Public Way for Ramblefest

*Motion made to approve the placement of the Temporary Sign on a Public Way for Ramblefest by Member Harrington
Second by Member Nowak
Unanimous vote
Motion passed*



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Facility Use Request

The Lions Club submitted a facilities use request for the Visitors Center Parking Lot for the Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 25th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Blanchard requested the Board Members to add this late submission to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to add the Facility Use Request for the Lions Club to the agenda

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Motion made by Member Harrington to approve the use of the Visitors Center Parking Lot, not the building, for the Annual Halloween Parade October 25, 2015, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

School Committee

Member Nowak advised he attended school committee meetings where the formal proposal to Lanesborough was reviewed. The Principal of Hoosac Valley High School is discussing the possibility of eliminating class rank but there would still be a valedictorian and salutatorian. In the event of an emergency, the Cheshire Police will be called first and if they are unavailable then the Adams Police would be called. Housing mediation services were discussed as a way to strengthen relations with the school. James Ryan was given a seat on the School Committee, after two parties were interviewed for the position. He will serve until the spring election. A program called Dibbles is being utilized and is working out well.

Massachusetts Municipal Association

Member Nowak and **Member Harrington** attended the legislative breakfast meeting in Dalton.

Legislation

Member Nowak received a letter from the office of Secretary Beaton indicating he will be coming out to Adams on October 22nd at 10:30 a.m. to meet about Greylock Glen project then go onsite.

Berkshire County Public Health Alliance

Member Harrington attended the *Berkshire Public Health Alliance* as an alternate. There were new grants and programs discussed. The FDA has an online module for permitting that would interface with the Town's current building software. The Board of Health and the Town could meet to assess interest as it would help with the permitting process. Adams no longer subscribes to the nurse services so the flu clinic is not available to the Town through the Alliance. If there are extra vaccines they may be able to bring some to Adams.

Recess



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The Board of Selectmen went into recess at 9:09 p.m. and reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

Berkshire Regional Planning

Member Duval advised that there will be a Berkshire Regional Planning dinner next Thursday in which one of the Town of Adams employees will be receiving a prestigious award.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Home Sales

Town Administrator Mazzucco gave a sales report from the Town Assessor that indicates sales are at or above assessed value.

Strategic Planning

Strategic planning sessions will be held at Hoosac Valley High School on October 17th, October 24th, and November 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Signs, Arrows and Meters

Handicapped signs are up on Park Street and arrows are scheduled to be added to the crosswalks signs. The parking meter for donations at the park will be painted next week and funds will be put in the Parks Commission's revolving fund.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission kickoff meeting will be Thursday, October 15th.

Online Permitting Software

Online building permit software is available now and will become mandatory to be used after January 1st. A demo will be set up for contractors, but currently they are being entered by Town staff into the system as they come in. This is one service the Town can offer digitally, and it is the same software for health inspection software that will be proposed next year. The forms will be online and insurance documents can be attached electronically. Other forms will be going in this direction including employment applications.

ICMA Conference

Town Administrator Mazzucco attended sessions at the ICMA Conference. The country of Denmark knew they were spending too much and consciously reduced from 270 municipalities to 90 and from 13 counties down to 5 in only a few years. They have a different national system but faced the same regionalization challenges as New England. The same can be found all over the country, and looking at the future it is better to stay ahead of the curve by assessing all information available. Montana experiences a similar issue with distance from the interstate.

He shared that he had lunch with the first Town Administrator of Adams, from 30 years ago. Henry Hill shared that his community is growing by 7,000 to 8,000 per year and is approaching 70,000 people, and shared his thoughts and connection with the Town of Adams.

Signage

Member Duval advised that Adams Ale House offered to pay to have signage directing people down there from Summer Street.



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Town Administrator Mazzucco and Community Development Director Donna Cesan will discuss what is possible, whether it be this year or next year when the funds are more available.

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT

Town Counsel St. John III advised since last report he prepared for the Show Cause Hearing held this evening, he did follow-up work on the 27 Elm Street de-leading, worked on a cemetery deed and reviewed again the Adams Fire District agreement which will be coming up in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

MIIA Workshops

Member Harrington advised that MIIA, the insurance association associated with Massachusetts Municipal Association that provides insurance for communities and schools, offers free. MIIA will come to the Town of Adams, and if the Town is interested workshops will need to be scheduled. This is recommended for an upcoming workshop topic.

Financial Review

The Division of Local Services does a financial review for communities at no cost and it would be beneficial to have that done. This can be scheduled for the same time and can be discussed at an upcoming workshop.

Legislative Breakfast

Member Harrington and **Member Nowak** attended the Legislative Breakfast, and heard good questions from communities struggling with the same issues and worse. It was good to give perspective and help appreciate this community more.

Massachusetts Selectmen's Association

Member Harrington attended the Mass Selectmen's Association fall conference and brought packet of information that he shared with Board Members.

Local Option Meals Tax

Member Harrington advised the Local Option Meals Tax began on October 1st and amounts to about a penny or less addition. Each community lists the tax their own way.

Strategic Planning Sessions

Vice Chairman Snoonian announced the next Strategic Planning Session will be held October 17th at the Hoosac Valley High School Cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. He gave an over view of what the first session was like and encouraged interested people to come to the next session.

Praise for Town Assessor

Vice Chairman Snoonian praised Donna MacDonald, Town Assessor, for going the extra mile to help a citizen.

Ramblefest

Member Duval gave a reminder that Sunday is Ramblefest, and thanked the volunteers for all their hard work in making this happen. Monday is the Ramble up Mt. Greylock.



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Recognition of Citizen

Member Nowak

pointed out that Nancy Racine of Adams was given an award for being the hardest working ambassador and doing wonderful work for animals.

Community Service Thanks

Chairman Blanchard acknowledged and thanked those in the Community Service Program for helping Adams by painting light poles on Park Street, and for the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office for making the program available.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjournment by Select Board

Motion made by Member Harrington to adjourn

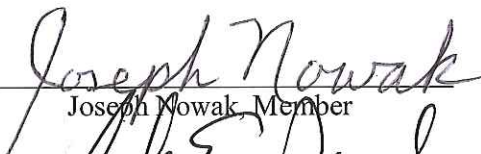
Second by Member Duval

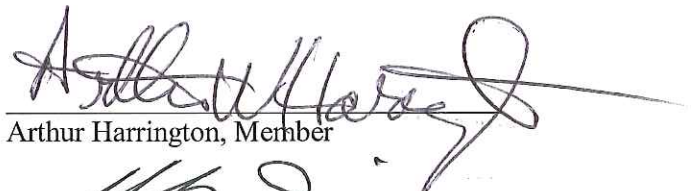
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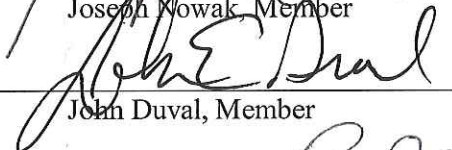
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary.


Joseph Nowak, Member


Arthur Harrington, Member


John Duval, Member


Jeffrey Shonman, Vice Chairman


Richard Blanchard, Chairman