



TOWN OF ADAMS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2016 – 7:00 PM
ADAMS TOWN HALL, 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 Richard Blanchard presided the meeting. Present were **Vice Chairman Jeffrey Snoonian**, **Members Joseph Nowak**, and **John Duval**. *Member Arthur Harrington was absent.* Also in attendance were **Town Administrator, Tony Mazzucco** and **Town Counsel, Ed St. John III.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF MINUTES

- **March 16, 2016**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to waive reading the minutes from March 16, 2016 and approve them as written

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maple Grove Civic Club

Jeff Lefebvre advised that on April 17th the Maple Grove Civic Club Candidate Forum will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Polish National Alliance.

Praise for Department of Public Works

Jeff Lefebvre pointed out that the snow storm was difficult and the DPW did a great job.

Roundabout Project

Jeff Lefebvre noted that at the Roundabout already two tractor trailer units crashed and he inquired if the Town will be able to move the telephone pole. He expressed concern about the Town's liability for the pole being left there.

The barriers currently there are not permanent. Yield signs are up and people are encouraged to use caution. The road will be widened with permanent construction. The Town has worked with MassDOT and National Grid, but the abutting property has to agree to take the pole before it can be moved. The Town reached out and abutters expressed concern about business impact. On the Roundabout there will be a slight step up and bushes can be put in.

Chief Tarsa explained that only a couple tractor trailers had issues, due to being inexperienced drivers. Snow created a groove that caused vehicles to hug the barriers too closely. There are forty five traffic markings and signs in the Roundabout to alleviate these issues.

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Concrete placed in the center island will take two weeks to cure, and then the barriers can be removed. There was a one week delay in the curbing, but otherwise the project is on schedule to be done by June. Speed is not an issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting

If a special town meeting is to happen a warrant would need to be opened for a meeting to be held the last week of April. Town staff has expressed some concerns about timing with the election the following week, and additional costs when about six weeks later there would be the regular Town Meeting. To make it happen so quickly would be a narrow window and a challenge and the businesses interested would not be devastated if it didn't go through. Concern was brought up about having a quorum for a ten minute special town meeting.

Board Members noted a strong desire to support local Restaurants and also want to do it right.

Consensus was reached not to have a Special Town Meeting and to wait until the regular Town Meeting.

Ratification of Local Inspector

Upon Board Ratification, the Town Administrator advised he had appointed **Mark Kruzel** at the recommendation of Building Commissioner Don Torrico to the position of **Local Inspector**. Ryan Contenta and Jeromy Richardsen are already in place. This position is an "as needed" position, and not a staff member being added to prevent having a hard stop in the office when Commissioner out of the office.

Motion made by Member Nowak to ratify the appointment of Mark Kruzel as Local Inspector

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

United States Bicycle Route System

Adams has the opportunity to be recognized on the United States Bicycle Route System. It would not increase liability or require any funds, but would allow Adams to be added to the map. There could be some marketing and future signage needed, but there would not be a lane put in on the roadway. This may help with future grants.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to add Adams to the United States Bicycle Route System

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Town Election Warrant Signing

Chairman Blanchard read the Town Election Warrant and the positions on the warrant aloud. There are open spots for a Library Trustee, the School Department, Cemetery Commission, and Planning Board. Community members are encouraged to get a write-in campaign going, and to see the Town Clerk.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the Town Election Warrant

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



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Facility Use Requests

Greylock Glen

An application was received by **Katie Carmain** requesting use of the *Greylock Glen* for a wedding on May 29, 2016. This event falls under the limit of what requires insurance, since there are less than 25 participants expected. No fee for use of the Greylock Glen has been set yet.

Motion made by Member Duval to approve use of the Greylock Glen on May 29, 2016 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. for the Carmain Wedding

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Valley Street Field/Beaver Bard Park

Dr. Martin Bush submitted a facility use request to use *Valley Street Field* and *Beaver Bard Park* from March to August 31, 2016 for Little League Baseball.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the use of Valley Street Field and Beaver Bard Park from March to August 3, 2016 from 4:00 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. for Little League Baseball

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Valley Street Field

BART School submitted a facility request to use *Valley Street Field* on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from March 7, 2016 to May 20, 2016 for Ultimate Frisbee. Another team using the field simultaneously has worked out details to co-utilize the same area.

Motion made by Member Duval to approve BART School use of Valley Street Field on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. on March 7, 2016 to May 20, 2016 for Ultimate Frisbee

Second by Vice Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Valley Street Field

Adams Cheshire Savoy Youth Soccer submitted a facility request to use *Valley Street Field*, weeknights from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. for April 1, 2016 to November 20, 2016.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve use of Valley Street Field by Adams Cheshire Savoy Youth Soccer on the dates and times as submitted

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Valley Street Field

Adams Soccer Club submitted a facility request to use *Valley Street Field*, March 21, 2016 to November 20, 2016, weeknights from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Motion made by Vice Chairman Snoonian to approve the use of Valley Street Field by Adams Soccer Club from March 21, 2016 to November 20, 2016 weeknights from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Conservation Commission

Member Nowak attended the Conservation Commission meeting where there was discussion regarding the miscommunication that occurred with the 1 Cook Street building demolition. The Conservation Commission requested better communication in the future for proper permitting to take place, especially in the flood chute. The situation was rectified and the Conservation Commission gave their final determination.

School Committee

Member Nowak attended a short school committee meeting. Discussion was on working together to look at consolidating and other options that can be done to save money to run schools. The recommendation was to have the Boards of Selectmen and Town Administrators from both Adams and Cheshire to work on this together.

Board of Health

Member Nowak attended the Board of Health meeting and noted they are doing a lot for the community. Trying to control blight and people not taking care of properties; condemning buildings but also making sure people are made safe and given a place to go for the time being. Congratulated for what they are doing. Roy Thompson not running for the Board again; thanked on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for his service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report

Committee Meetings

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee performed a test this morning and it was successful. The Economic Development Commission also had a meeting.

Library Metrics

The March statistics for the Library were outlined and will be continuing with performance metrics. The People Counter is new and manual counts will be compared to see how close it is to the People Counter.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Staffing

A response is being prepared to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant staffing.

Building Services Regionalization

Discussions are taking place regarding regionalizing building services with New Ashford, and another community may be added within the next six months as well. A regional inspection program will reduce costs and if there are enough inspections there may be a need to bring on a part-time regular inspector if the regionalization becomes larger.



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Municipal Energy Aggregation

There will be a public information session on Monday at 5:00 p.m. regarding the Municipal Energy Aggregation. The decision to have the program as an "opt-out" is the state law and how the Department of Energy Resources regulates it. Citizens can opt in and out as often as they wish with no fee, and it may take a month or so for the cycle to work. Citizens with a contract with another energy company may have to check in on contract departure.

Taxes and Dog Licenses

Taxes are due. Dog Licenses are due and their fees were outlined. Dogs licensed after June 15th will incur a \$10 late fee. Dogs are required to be physically restrained by a leash when not on their property and owners are required to provide a removal of feces.

Annual Town Election

Adams Annual Town Election is a few weeks away. Tuesday, April 12th is the last time to register to vote. Bring your receipt to the polling place, which will be at the Department of Public Works Garage on North Summer Street.

Stormwater Management

Member Duval advised that *Berkshire Regional Planning Commission* asked to identify representatives from the Town of Adams to be on a group regarding water runoff. Community Development Director, Donna Cesan and Interim DPW Director, Dave Nuvallie will take the lead on that project.

Town Counsel Report

Town Counsel St. John III advised that since his last report he researched issues regarding transfer of cemetery plot, *check tape*; advised on a potential conflict of interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Strategic Planning will be the topic of the workshop planned for next week at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

#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 Member Nowak to enter into Executive Session for purpose #6 at 7:48 p.m., coming out only to adjourn

Second by Member Duval

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

Motion made by Member Nowak to exit Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

Second by Member Duval

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



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Member Duval

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous Vote

Motion passed

The Board of Selectmen Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

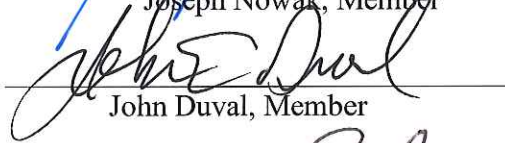
Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary



Joseph Nowak, Member



Arthur Harrington, Member



John Duval, Member



Jeffrey Spoonian, Vice Chairman



Richard Blanchard, Chairman