



TOWN OF ADAMS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, July 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 Jeffrey Snoonian presided the meeting. Present were **Vice Chairman, Arthur Harrington**, **Members Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, and John Duval**. 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

- May 11, 2016
- May 18, 2016

Motion made by Member Blanchard to waive the reading and approve the minutes for May 11, 2016 and May 18, 2016 as written

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dispatch Regionalization

Chief Tarsa reported that last week E911 Dispatch regionalization took place with Berkshire County Sheriff's Control. He noted there were some issues regarding radios and merging data that are being resolved. He praised Information Technology Director Rob Wnuk for his excellent work. There will be no difference in response from fire, police, or ambulance and he emphasized the only change is where the call is received. A relay was put in the cruisers to keep from draining batteries and the Sheriff is pursuing a simulcast system license to amplify reception for clearer reception and transmission. New equipment received through the regionalization are mobile and portable radios, a consolette that links directly to Berkshire County Sheriff's Control and reception enhancements. Not part of the E911 Grant was an upgrade for Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Toughbooks in the cruisers which was pursued by Rob Wnuk to provide better communications and interoperability.

Citizens are urged to call 911 for emergencies and reminded that cell phone calls dialing 911 go to Massachusetts State Police Northampton Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) and are rerouted to Sheriff's Control. Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) is part of 911 to give first aid as soon as possible by phone.

Chief Tarsa was praised for coordinating the smooth transition with a number of parties.

OLD BUSINESS

RECEIVED-POST
16 AUG -4 PM 9:02
TOWN CLERK
ADAMS MASS.
CLERK



TOWN OF ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Local Licensing Authority – Change of Hours Request, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House
Chairman Snoonian explained a brief history of the request made earlier in the spring by the Adams Ale House and the adoption through Town Meeting.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to approve the change of hours for Zing Financial LLC to open 10:00 a.m. instead of 12:00 p.m. on Sundays

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Detox Center

Chairman Snoonian gave a brief overview of the need for a Northern Berkshire Detoxification Center.

Jim Lipa and a colleague addressed the Board advocating for inpatient treatment at North Adams campus of Berkshire Medical Center. They advised that the citizens of North Berkshire do not have a Board of Trustees advocating for the needs of the community. They noted they were able to get a resolution in North Adams to support the inpatient beds for detoxification and had approached Representative Cariddi regarding the opioid crisis. They gave an informational overview on how statistics and needs are determined given need for services, deaths from the crisis, and treatment utilized. 20 beds are becoming available in Pittsfield, and they advised they were advocating for the people in Northern Berkshire community. Because the need is not currently being met, people are being sent to Brockton and New Bedford without a way to get back. Data was referenced from the Stroudwater Report which outlined the needs in Northern Berkshire County in 2014 for 10 to 12 beds at that point. Department of Public Health records noted an increase by 376% in heroin treatment requests between 2005 and 2014.

Discussion took place regarding North Adams Mayor Alcombright having expressed concerns. It was explained that local officials are being asked to advocate for the citizens in the community and to have one standard of care for citizens of Berkshire County seeking help. This resolution was acknowledged by healthcare professionals as being needed as the first step.

Chairman Snoonian read a Resolution by the Adams Board of Selectmen in support of the Detox Center in Northern Berkshire County at the North Adams campus of BMC.

Member Nowak noted opioid epidemic does not discriminate, and he read a poem written by an addict. He was thanked for initiating momentum on this project.

Motion made by Member Nowak to endorse the resolution

Second by Chairman Snoonian

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



TOWN OF ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Ratification of Full Time Council on Aging Outreach Worker

The Town received a grant from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Erica Girgenti will be coordinating the *Age Friendly Berkshires* for Berkshire County and splitting her time. Barb Proper will be temporarily filling in as Full Time Outreach Coordinator in a benefitted position, which is fully funded by the grant and contingent upon the grant to continue. Barb Proper was praised for the work she has been doing.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to ratify Barbara Proper to full time Outreach Coordinator at Grade 9, Step 1 rate of \$21.71 per hour, effective July 11, 2016

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed.

Ratification of Per Diem Council on Aging Van Driver

The Full-Time Council on Aging Van Driver moved to the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the Per Diem Van Driver moved to the Part Time Van Driver position and David Robillard has been appointed, subject to ratification, to the Per Diem Substitute Van Driver position.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to ratify David Robillard to the position of Per Diem Substitute Van Driver Position at the Grade 4, Step 1 rate of \$14.11 per hour to begin July 11, 2016

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Ratification of Summer Intern

A temporary summer employee of the DPW will be working 7 to 14 hours on projects for the Town Administrator's Office including creating a comparison analysis of similarly sized communities in the state. Ian Hill has been appointed, subject to ratification, to the Intern Position for the Town Administrator's Office at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Motion made by Member Duval to ratify Ian Hill to the Summer Intern position at \$10 per hour

Second by Member Blanchard

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Ratification of Part Time Library Aide/Cataloguer Position

Subject to the ratification of the Board of Selectmen, two part time positions were filled in the Library. Caren Les and Juliana Matthews were appointed to the positions of Part Time Library Aide/Cataloguers.

Motion made by Member Nowak to ratify Juliana Matthews to Library Aide at the Grade 4, Step 1 Rate of \$14.11 per hour, beginning July 11, 2016

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed



TOWN OF ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Member Blanchard to ratify Caren Les to Library Aide at the Grade 4, Step 1 Rate of \$14.11 per hour, beginning July 11, 2016

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Ratification of Adams Council on Aging Board Member

Subject to ratification, Mary Jane O'Brien has been appointed to the position of Council on Aging Board Member by Erica Girgenti. She was also represented on the Annual Appointment list.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to ratify Mary Jane O'Brien to Council on Aging Board

Second by Member Blanchard

Unanimous Vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request – Town Roads, St. Stanislaus Kostka School

Chairman Snoonian gave an overview of the event and request for use of Town roads for a Color Run fundraiser on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cleaning will be provide by volunteers. Per the Chief of Police the time period will be extended for an hour to cover any stragglers. Those participating in the event wear white shirts and are squirted with colors to have tie dyed shirt. Registration is \$20 for students and \$25 for adults to participate.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to approve the Facility Use Request from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for use of Town roads for the 5K run as presented

Second by Member Blanchard

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, Movies Under the Stars

Chairman Snoonian gave an overview of the request to use the Visitors Center on July 22, July 29, August 5, and August 12th at 7:30 p.m. by April Varellas and Greg Charon to host *Movies Under the Stars*. They were thanked for taking on this event and promoting community spirit.

Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the facility use request for Movies Under the Stars on July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, and August 12th at 7:30 p.m. by April Varellas and Greg Charon

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, Adams Historical Society

Chairman Snoonian read the request from the Adams Historical Society to use the Visitors Center on July 24th 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an Eagles Band event. Volunteer staff was noted as a requirement to be in attendance by Director Girgenti.



TOWN OF ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to approve the use of the Visitors Center by the Historical Society for an Eagles Band event on July 24, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

One Day Liquor License Application – American Legion

The American Legion submitted an application for a One Day Liquor License for a Picnic in their parking lot. A Safety Plan is to be enforced to prevent underage drinking.

Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the One Day Liquor License for the American Legion on July 10, 2016

Second by Member Nowak

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Annual Appointments

Town Administrator Mazzucco explained the Annual Appointments list, and recommended to move the entire list. There are vacancies for anyone interested, and those in positions were thanked for their commitment and time.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Harrington to approve the Annual Appointments and Ratifications as presented

Second by Member Duval

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Appointment of Acting Town Administrator

Town Administrator Mazzucco requested the appointment of Donna Cesan to the position of *Acting Town Administrator* during his vacation and during times he is out of service by email and cell phone. He recommended this to be an annual appointment.

Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint Donna Cesan as Acting Town Administrator from July 20, 2013 to August 3, 2016

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Member Duval gave an overview of the MPO meeting. The proposed 2017 – 2021 TIP was reviewed and Adams pavement rehabilitation and related work on Route 8 has been added. The Town must come up with the cost for engineering. Regional Bottlenecks will be looked at by the MPO and funding is being allocated to have a study done for that area. This includes the conversion to Complete Streets.



TOWN OF ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Town Administrator Mazzucco advised he had spoken with Community Development Director Cesan about engineering on the southern portion of Route 8. Most of the engineering can be done from Chapter 90 funds now. There may be overlaying or crack sealing done on Howland Avenue.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report

Events

Movies Under the Stars will be held on July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th and August 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Department Statistics

- Building Department Statistics were read.
- The Assessors Report for June was read and explained.
- The Police Department has completed the 911 dispatch services transition.

School Buildings

The Collins Center has turned their final proposal in and a final completion date is being estimated. The cost of the Collins Center project is \$35,000, which comes from the Community Compact funds. The award was increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000 to do what the Collins Center needs to do.

Volunteer Recognition

The Town Administrator advised he attended the Council on Aging Volunteer Recognition Dinner, and noted that some volunteers had worked for over 25 years. Some worked routinely over 20 hours a week.

Town Counsel Report

Town Counsel St. John III advised since his last report he had drafted and arranged the service of No Trespass letters; he researched and gave advice concerning a question involving the Fire District; he drafted a notice concerning a matter pending before the Zoning Board of Appeals; he provided advice to the Tax Collector concerning bankruptcy matters; he prepared for and attended a hearing before a state agency in Boston concerning a pending litigation matter; he reviewed and provided advice concerning another litigation matter; and he reviewed and provided advice concerning the reduction in size of the Agricultural Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

J. K. Rowling

J.K. Rowling utilizing Mt. Greylock has great potential and a marketing team made up of ProAdams, Economic Development Commission and others to market the long-term benefit. The tourism potential for the Greylock Glen is valuable.

Greylock Glen

Vice Chairman Harrington advised that Director Cesan sent out the RFP for the campground at the Greylock Glen and it is on the Adams website. Director Cesan was thanked for the hard work she put into it.



TOWN OF ADAMS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Economic Summit

Member Duval announced that the Board Members were invited to an Economic Summit hosted by Representative Cariddi.

Sign on the Summit

The new sign announcing *Welcome to Adams* that was to be placed on the summit of Mt. Greylock is not yet there.

Blight Removal

Next month there will be an environmental assessment and at the end of summer or early fall deconstruction of two buildings.

Dollar General

Member Nowak advised he wrote a letter to Dollar General about the condition of their shrubs. Corporate headquarters called to assure the work will be done.

Bill Robinson

Member Nowak congratulated Bill Robinson, the Hoosac Valley High School basketball coach for retiring after 25 years of coaching. He was thanked for his years of service.

Check on Elderly

Member Nowak advised with the heat to check on elderly and those with health problems to be sure they are alright.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Member Harrington


Second by Member Blanchard

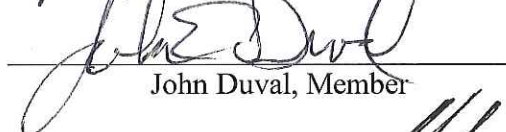
Unanimous Vote


Motion passed

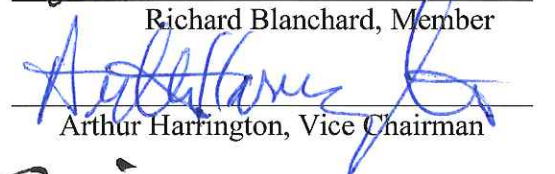
The Board of Selectmen Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


Joseph Nowak, Member


John Duval, Member


Richard Blanchard, Member


Arthur Harrington, Vice Chairman


Jeffrey Snoonian, Chairman