



TOWN OF ADAMS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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

There were no minutes presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Events

Francie Anne Riley of the *Adams Arts Advisory Board* announced that Friday, Oct 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. the Hoosac Valley Scenic Train will be hosting the *Art Opening Train* for the newest mural for the *Art on the Trail* project. She advised that Ramblefest went well and the group sold Magical Wizard Walking Sticks, which will also be sold at the Harvest Festival on October 22, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Voting

Haley Meczywor, *Town Clerk* announced that polls will be open Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the DPW Garage at 92 North Summer Street. She advised that today is the deadline to vote, at 8:00 p.m. but residents could Google "Register to Vote in Massachusetts" until midnight tonight. Early voting in Massachusetts is Monday through Thursday for the next two weeks. Anyone with questions should call 743-8300 x176. There will be extended hours in the Town Clerk's Office for early voting and on Saturday, Oct 29, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Absentee ballot applications or early voting applications can be sent in.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Full Time Patrol Officer

Chief Tarsa presented **Dakota Baker** to the Board of Selectmen, and welcomed him to the department. Mr. Baker was a Reserve Officer and has been appointed for ratification as a Full Time Patrol Officer.

Motion made by Member Duval to ratify the appointment of Dakota Baker to the position of Full Time Patrol Officer as submitted

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

Entertainment License Application – AJ's Trailside Pub

Vice Chairman Harrington explained the paperwork process and discussion included the request of prorating the fee, and whether the televisions required an entertainment license or not, as AJ's would only have televisions and no other forms of entertainment.

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Motion made by Member Duval approve the application for a \$25 fee

Second by Member Nowak

Voted in favor were Chairman Snoonian, Vice Chairman Harrington, and Members Nowak and Duval

Voted in opposition was Member Blanchard

Motion passed

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, Lions Club, October 30, 2016

The parade attendees will meet behind *Adams Community Bank* in the parking lot, and cider and donuts will be provided. Chairman Snoonian disclosed that he is a member of the *Lions Club*.

Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the facility use request for Sunday, October 30, 2016 for the Lions Club Halloween Parade from 4pm to 5pm

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

2016 State Election Warrant

The State Election Warrant was read aloud by Chairman Snoonian. Voting will be held November 8, 2016 at the DPW Garage at 92 North Summer Street from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ballot initiatives and offices to be voted for were read aloud.

Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the 2016 State Election Warrant as presented

Second by Vice Chairman Harrington

Unanimous vote

Motion passed

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Chamber Night

Chairman Snoonian advised he attended *Chamber Night* this evening, and thanked those who ran it.

Conservation Commission

Member Nowak attended *Conservation Commission* meeting which concentrated on a shell put over an Adams Gas company within a certain distance of Hoosac River to keep dampness out. There is also a pending appointment because one member may not be able to return to the Board.

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Member Nowak attended the ACRSD meeting student enrollment continues to decline. There will be a public meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Hoosac Valley High School by the UMASS Collins Center regarding the future of the schools. He briefly reviewed Question 2 on the ballot.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes

Real estate and personal property taxes are due Monday, November 7, 2016 and the Treasurer's Office will have extended hours for the public's convenience on October 29th, November 4th, November 5th and November 7th.



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State Election

November 8, 2016 is the State Election. Early voting hours for the Town of Adams will be normal business hours from 8am to 5pm at Town Hall from October 24-29, 2016 and ending November 3, 2016

Parking Ban

The parking ban will be in effect starting November 15th until May 1st. The Police Department will start issuing warnings on November 1st.

World Café at Hoosac Valley High School

There will be a community meeting at the Hoosac Valley High School on Saturday, October 22, 2016 to get input.

Open Position on Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has an open position and soliciting letters of interest.

Russell Field

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the plan for the Russell Field is being prepared by Community Development. The Town received a Park Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to create a master plan for the field.

Board Members inquired about the status of mold and occupancy at Adams Memorial School, the demolition of buildings on Summer Street and Winter Street, the status of the C.T. Plunkett School roof, the status of the walking bridge, and the DEP response to staffing on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Town Administrator Mazzucco advised that Service Master will be reporting to the Town regarding remediation of the mold. The Town hopes to act on the demolition of buildings on Summer Street and Winter Street before the end of the calendar year. The Adams Memorial School will granted occupancy on a case by case basis depending on the use, and may require code changes. The Superintendent of Schools is having trouble getting a vendor to do the work on the C.T. Plunkett School roof but may have identified state funding to assist Town and School funding. A fence was put up by the engineering firm, and there needs to be environmental testing and cuts made into the roof. The walking bridge is in the engineer's pipeline, and the name of the firm will be given to the Board. The Town and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) did not agree on the staffing analysis for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and follow-up documents are being provided to review it with the engineering firm.

Town Counsel Report

Town Counsel St. John III advised since his last report he performed work on negotiations regarding potential land acquisition, responded to questions posed regarding citizen use for private property, reviewed proposed Board of Health regulations and reviewed a proposed Planning Board letter. Currently there has been no decision made on the Mt. Club appeal, but the hearing was held in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Revaluation Statistics

Member Nowak reviewed the Revaluation process in the community and went over statistics. He questioned how the percentages in each category came to be.

Town Administrator Mazzucco noted that citizens are selling properties at above-assessed values, and some of the changes were from mass assessing, and getting lumped in with the others.



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Potentially Dangerous Situation

Member Nowak took note of a building with loose slate on it near the bike trail which had a small possibility of the slate coming down.

Sign on Mt. Greylock Summit

Member Nowak advised the sign announcing "Entering Adams" to be placed on Mt. Greylock has been ordered and should be on its way.

McKinley Statue

Member Nowak asked to have the decorations on the McKinley Statue taken down, and a policy created for whether it is allowed to decorate the statue and if so, by what parameters it will be done.

Commercial Street Crosswalk

Member Duval noted that the Chief requested flashing lights be added to the crosswalk on Commercial Street and inquired about their status.

Town Administrator Mazzucco advised the signs are ordered, purchase orders have been signed for it, and the Chapter 90 Funds are a four-month process.

Community Events

Chairman Snoonian praised and thanked the organizers of Ramblefest, the Ramble, and the Half Marathon plus the activity of the Arts Advisory Board and the Youth Center's Great Chair Auction.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member Nowak to adjourn

Second by Member Blanchard

Unanimous Vote

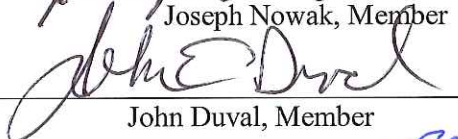
Motion passed

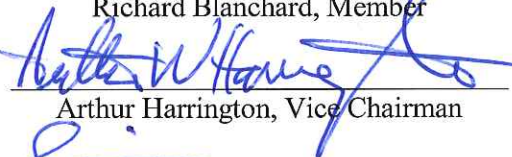
The Board of Selectmen Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


Joseph Nowak, Member


Richard Blanchard, Member


John Duval, Member


Arthur Harrington, Vice Chairman


Jeffrey Snoonian, Chairman