



Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF HEALTH

TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Adams Town Hall, 8 Park Street, Adams, MA
1st Floor Board of Selectmen Room and ZOOM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen held a meeting in person and via Zoom. The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Duval. Present from the Board of Selectmen were Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Hoyt, Members Blanchard, Nowak and Rosenberg. Also present were Town Administrator Green, Board of Health Member Hoyt, and Administrative Assistant Dunlap. Via Zoom were Board of Health Chair Rhoads, and Board of Health Applicant Joyce Brewer. *At 6:00 p.m. Board of Health Chairman Rhoads called the Board of Health Meeting to order.*

Board of Selectmen Chairman Duval and Board of Health Chairman Rhoads each advised that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Adams Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A recording of this meeting can be made available upon request.

Motion made by Board of Health Member Hoyt to make Member Hoyt the Chair of the Board of Health meeting, seconded by Board of Health Chairman Rhoads. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Rhoads and Member Hoyt. Motion passed.

CALL IN:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97085700203?pwd=MzBlbEk5S3JQam9senFCUXFVaU9YUT09>

Meeting ID: 970 8570 0203; Passcode: 210712

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Dial In: 1 (929) 436-2866; Meeting ID: 970 8570 0203; Passcode: 210712

NEW BUSINESS

Review Application and Appointment of Board of Health Member: *Joyce Brewer. Board of Selectmen Chair Duval* advised that the Board of Health is a three-member board and one member did not run for reelection. The Board of Health and BOS posted the vacancy. He reviewed the email from Joyce Brewer expressing interest in the position. *Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Hoyt recused herself from the conversation, deliberation and decision at 6:06 p.m.* Joyce Brewer gave some background information about herself and her work as a tobacco-free community partnership member and participant. She noted her work providing tobacco education and awareness, and training

individuals in schools and communities. She noted her work starting Chapter 84. She gave her education background and advised she spent most of career in health career, as a health coordinator, working in geriatrics, and being a professor in geriatrics in a college. She expressed her interest in public health and providing quality education to individuals in the community. She noted she incorporates racial justice and equity in everything she does especially as it is impactful in the tobacco industry. *Board of Health Acting Chair Hoyt* advised he is in full support of Ms. Brewer as she has helped out in the past with tobacco programs. He noted that he welcomed the appointment and she would be a good addition to the Board. *Board of Health Member Rhoads* pointed out the crisis around vaping and stated Ms. Brewer was extraordinarily helpful on how to craft messages. He noted that the new tobacco law has superseded that work, and he is impressed with her dedication to public health and in an educational sense. It was explained that it is important that people in the public health realm provide valuable and correct information in a way that doesn't make people feel bad, is positive and enlightening and encouraging to take the steps that they need. ***Motion made by Board of Health Member Rhoads to appoint Joyce Brewer as a Member to the Board of Health, second by Board of Health Acting Chair Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Member Rhoads, Acting Chair Hoyt. Motion Passed. Motion made by Board of Selectmen Member Blanchard to appoint Joyce Brewer for the position of Member of the Board of Health for the term of one year, second by Board of Selectmen Member Rosenberg. Voted in favor were Board of Selectmen Chair Duval, Board of Selectmen Members Blanchard, Nowak, and Rosenberg. Abstention by Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Hoyt. Motion passed.***

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:17 p.m. *Motion made by Board of Selectmen Member Blanchard to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting, second by Board of Selectmen Member Rosenberg. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed. The Board of Selectmen Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.*

At 6:18 p.m. *Motion made by Board of Health Acting Chair Hoyt to adjourn the Board of Health meeting, second by Board of Health Member Rhoads. Roll Call Vote: Board of Health Acting Chair Hoyt and Member Rhoads. Motion passed.* The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Dunlap, Recording Secretary



David Rhoads, Member



Peter Hoyt, Member