

TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
ADAMS TOWN HALL BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoyt at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Bush, Members Blanchard, Duval and Nowak. Town Administrator Green was also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 5, 2019 minutes were presented for approval. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to waive reading and approve the June 5, 2019 meeting minutes as provided, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No public comments were made at this meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation on Open Space Plan and Recreation: Community Development Program Manager Ferguson and Senior Planner Towle presented a draft of the 2019 update to the Adams Open Space and Recreation Plan and reported the results of the Open Space Plan Survey. They advised the electronic survey was distributed to residents and used to compile data from the 230 responses. The majority of respondents across all age categories rated existing park facilities as "not adequate" with the second largest share of respondents reporting "somewhat adequate." This information was also needed for the PARC grant application, which is due in mid-July. Additional feedback is needed on the plan. The top three things that the Town could do to improve existing parks/recreational facilities as provided by survey participants were increasing indoor recreational opportunities, improved maintenance to existing facilities and either adding new or improving existing facilities. Input was received that that Town parks need picnic tables and seating areas to improve user experience. The updated draft of the Open Space Plan was presented to the Board and Board Members were requested to review the "Five Year Action Plan" section to provide input. It was noted that part of the requirement for approval by the Division of Conservation Services is to include a letter of review and support from the Board of Selectmen, signed by the Chair.

Hoosac Valley Girls Basketball Championship Signs at Town Entrances: Member Nowak requested the Board consider having a sign at the Town entrances at Route 8 from North Adams, and on Route 116 at the town line between Adams and Cheshire.

Temporary Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Member, David Rhinemiller. *Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the Temporary Appointment of David Rhinemiller to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a Member, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

2019-2020 Annual Appointments and Ratifications: The appointments were reviewed as follows - *Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste*, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Gregory DeBlois, David Rhoads and Linda Cernik. *Agricultural Commission*, term from 11/2019- 6/30/2022, Wayne Piaggi and Emilie Krzanik. *American with Disabilities Coordinator*, Jay R. Green, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020. *Animal Control Officer*, Kim Witek, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020. *Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission*, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Lisa Gazaille and (Alternate) John Duval. *Berkshire Regional Transit Authority*, Christine Hoyt, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020. *Chief Procurement Officer*, Jay R. Green, term from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020. *COA Board of Directors*, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Robert Joppich, Bruce Shepley, Mary Whitman, Aleta Moncecchi, Pam St. John, Deb Wineberg and Leona Meczywor. *Community Development Director*, Donna E. Cesan, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020. *Conservation*

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Commission, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022, David Lipinski and Tammie Shafer. **Constable**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Thomas Satko and Herman Bishop. **Council on Aging Director**, Erica Girgenti, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020. **Emergency Management Director**, Richard Kleiner, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020. **Fair Housing Officer**, Donna E. Cesan, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020. **Forest Warden**, Richard Kleiner, term from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020. **Hazardous Waste Coordinator**, Jay R. Green, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020. **Historical Commission**, Eugene Michalenko, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022. **Information Technology Consultant**, Rob Wnuk, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020. **Inspection Services**: term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, *Building Commissioner*, Gerald Garner; *Inspector of Plumbing and Gas*, Norman Rolnick; *Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector*, Michael Lahey; *Wire Inspector*, David Rhinemiller; *Assistant Wire Inspector*, Todd Rhinemiller; *Code Enforcement Officer*, Thomas Romaniak; *Local Building Inspector*, Mark Kruzel. **Insurance Advisory Group**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Mary Beverly, Norman Charon, Barbara Lewis, Shawn Briggs, Kathleen Fletcher, and Erica Girgenti. **Mt. Greylock Advisory Board**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Timothy Herrmann. **Preservation Officer**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Eugene Michalenko. **Registrar of Voters**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022, John J. Tarsa. **Right to Know Coordinator**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2022, Jay R. Green. **Safety Committee**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Gerald Garner, Timothy Cota, Robert Rumbolt, Erica Girgenti, Richard Tarsa and Mary Beverly. **Special Police Officer**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Allen Mendel. **Superintendent of Insect Control**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Steven Skrocki. **Town Accountant**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Mary Beverly. **Town Counsel**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Edmund St. John, III. **Town Scholarship Committee**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Kelly Rice, Ashley Satko, Haley Meczywor and George Haddad. **Traffic Commission**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Gregory Onorato, Richard Tarsa, Thomas Satko and Timothy Cota. **Tree Warden**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020, Timothy Cota. **Trench Board**, term from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020, Gerald Garner and Timothy Cota. **Veterans Agent**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Stephen R. Roy. **Weighers of All Commodities**, term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020 for Hoosac Valley Coal and Grain, Kellie Lahey; for Mullen Mayflower, Martin Mullen, Jr.; for Specialty Minerals, Alan Giroux, John Ryan, Patricia Markland, Derek Masse, and Kevin Hubbard. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent**, term from 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020, Robert Rumbolt. **Zoning Board of Appeals**, term from 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2022, Glendon Diehl; term from 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020 Wayne Piaggi. **Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the appointments as presented, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.**

Position Vacancies: The vacant positions were outlined as follows - **Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste**, 2 Vacancies, 1 year term; **Agricultural Commission**, 3 Full Vacancies, 4 Alt. Vacancies, terms vary; **Animal Control Officer, Weekend**, 1 Vacancy, 1 year term; **COA Board of Directors**, 2 Vacancies, 1 year term; **Historical Commission**, 1 Vacancy, 3 year term; **Northern Berkshire Community Action Council**, 2 Vacancies, 1 year term; **Town Scholarship Committee**, 1 Vacancy, 1 year term; **Traffic Commission**, 1 Vacancy (Planning Board Member); **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 1 Full Vacancies, 3 Alt. Vacancies, terms vary. Those interested in filling any vacant positions were encouraged to notify the Board of Selectmen's office.

Discussion and Appointment of Adams-Cheshire Regional School District Superintendent Search Committee Members (Adams Representatives): *Representative from the Adams Board of*

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Selectmen and At-large Member of the Adams Community. Motion made by Member Duval to appoint Jay R. Green as a representative on behalf of the Adams Board of Selectmen for the ACRSD Superintendent Search Committee as an Adams Representative, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint Martin Bush as the At Large Member of the Adams Community for the ACRSD Superintendent Search Committee as an Adams Representative, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:


Town Administrator's Report: Bellevue Cemetery is moving along. ?? DPW Crosswalks are going to be painted, starting on Commercial Street. East Road Solar Field vegetation removal has begun. Conservation Commission meeting took place to move forward the organic vegetation treatment.

Sub-Committee and Liaison Reports: *Vice Chairman Bush* advised he attended the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition meeting on June 20th and a meeting with the Prudential Committee on June 24th.

Announcements and Good of the Order: *Member Duval* reported the gates on East Road at the red barn were open and asked the Town Administrator to look into it. He advised there was a demonstration at Mullen Mayflower and is reviewing the paperwork and funding. *Member Nowak* advised that hogweed is on the news in New York and is asking for reports. He inquired about overtime for the DPW overnight to do the crosswalks and it was explained that the DPW won't be in during the day that day.

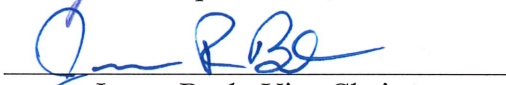
ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary

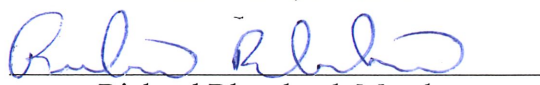


Joseph Nowak, Member

John Duval, Member



James Bush, Vice Chairman



Richard Blanchard, Member



Christine Hoyt, Chairman