

TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

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RECEIVED-POSTED BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 14, 2019

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TOWN CLERK
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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoyt at 6:00 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Bush, Members Duval, Blanchard, Nowak and Town Administrator Green.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 31, 2019 and August 7, 2019 Minutes were presented for approval. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to waive reading and approve the July 31, 2019 and August 7, 2019 meeting minutes as provided, second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Member Duval. Voted in favor were Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Bush, Members Blanchard and Nowak. Motion passed.*

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointment of Election Workers (See attached list): *Chairman Hoyt* read the letter provided by Town Clerk Meczywor, which included the list of proposed Election Workers, which was published on the Agenda. *Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the appointment of Election Workers as presented, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to authorize the Town Clerk to make emergency Election Worker appointments, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

Approval of ACO/Parking Attendant Job Description: *Chairman Hoyt* reported the updates requested at the prior meeting have been wordsmithed. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the updated version of the ACO/Parking Attendant Job Description, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

Facility Use Requests:

Russell Field, BART Charter Public School, March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020, for Ultimate Frisbee. Motion made by Member Blanchard to put this item on the table, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Jennifer Choquette, Athletic Director for BART Charter School explained the rules for Ultimate Frisbee, described it as a combination of Frisbee and Football, and requires cleats. She noted that it doesn't tear up the fields because the kids are running. The intensity of the college-level sport versus what BART Charter School is doing was considered. It was clarified that it is easier on the field than soccer. Athletic Director Choquette was advised there may be a spring construction schedule and if so there would be notification. The use would be for practice only, and games are at a different location. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the use of Russell Field by BART Charter Public School from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020 from Monday through Thursday, 3:40 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. for Ultimate Frisbee, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

Valley Street Field, BART Charter Public School, August 5, 2019 to August 19, 2019 Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and August 20, 2019 to October 31, 2019 Monday through Thursday from 3:40 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. for soccer practice. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to put this item back on the table, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.* It was noted that concerns expressed about parking were clarified by the Parks Commission. Athletic Director Choquette advised the kids will be hiking over. It was noted that the application had a start date of August 5th and it was confirmed that the Parks Commission had approved the use prior to today's date. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to approve the use of Valley Street Field by*

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BART Charter Public School from August 5, 2019 through August 19, 2019 on Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and August 20, 2019 to October 31, 2019 on Monday through Thursday from 3:40 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. for Soccer Team Practice, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made to move Conservation Commission Application up on the Agenda by Member Duval, Second by member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

Ratification of Appointments:

Review of Application for Conservation Commission Membership, *Natasha Bordeaux*. Ms. Bordeaux gave a brief background of her interest in animals and agriculture, working the dairy farm and making a business at Burnett Farm. She expressed a desire to continue the generation of service on the board with her application. She was advised of potential repercussions from decisions made by the Conservation Commission and asked if she would attend conferences for continuous learning. Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the appointment of *Natasha Bordeaux* as a member of the Conservation Commission with a term ending in 2021, second by member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

One Day Wine & Malt License Application: *David W. Nicholas, Jr., Nicholas Enterprises, Inc.* September 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Bowe Field for a concert fundraiser. Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to approve the One Day Wine & Malt License Application for *David W. Nicholas, Jr., Nicholas Enterprises, Inc.* for September 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Bowe Field for a concert fundraiser, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

Reserve Officer, *Christopher Lampiasi*. Chairman Hoyt read the letter from the Town Administrator recommending the ratification of the appointment of Christopher Lampiasi as proposed by Chief Tarsa. Chief Tarsa gave a brief history of Mr. Lampiasi's career and credentials and enthusiasm. It was explained that he had completed the Reserve Police Academy. It was noted that his position would be per diem and only affects the budget when he is working for the department. The difference between Reserve and special Police Officers was outlined, and it was noted that a Reserve Officer is one step below Patrolman. Weapon carrying authorization was briefly discussed. Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to ratify the appointment of *Christopher Lampiasi* to the position of Reserve Officer for the Adams Police Department, effective August 15, 2019, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

Special Police Officer, *Robert Mallet*. Chairman Hoyt read the letter from the Town Administrator recommending the ratification of the appointment of Robert Mallet as proposed by Chief Tarsa. Chief Tarsa gave a brief background on Mr. Mallet's training and credentials. Mr. Mallet was noted as being a former provisional Police Officer for the Adams Police Department and had served with the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department for 39 years. It was explained that he would be per diem for both desk duty and details. Weapon qualification and carrying was briefly discussed and it was noted that weapon qualification is good for one year and recertified annually. Motion made by Member Duval to ratify the appointment of *Robert Mallet* to the position of Special Police Officer for the Adams Police Department, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

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Renfrew field, Adams Cheshire Youth Football, September 1, 2019 to October 27, 2019 on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for games. It was noted that the League schedule is expected to be finalized in the next week and provided to the Parks Commission and DPW. Use of the concession stand and cooking on gas grills outside of the building was briefly reviewed. ***Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to approve the use of Renfrew field by Adams Cheshire Youth Football from September 1, 2019 to October 27, 2019 on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for games, second by member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.***

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Administrator's Report: *Town Administrator Green* advised he will be on vacation next week, but available by cell phone for emergencies. He assigned Community Development Director Cesan as the signing authority and Town Accountant Beverly will handle administrative and budgetary concerns. An inquiry was made about the status of the pocket park, which is going out to bid. The grant application has not gone out. A request was made for the DPW to address trees near Adams Hometown Market overhanging and obstructing the signs for Route 8 North. It was noted that the trees are in the wires.

Sub-Committee and Liaison Reports: *Member Nowak* advised he attended the Zoning Board meeting and the person that wished to start the organic coffee shop withdrew their application as it was too costly to revamp the bathrooms. He explained that the Zoning Board tabled it without prejudice so they can reapply at a future date. He recommended creation of a bylaw for the tiny homes as the business that builds them is in Adams. It was explained that the bylaw creation is on the list of items being addressed by Community Development. It was noted that the Zoning Board is still looking for one full member and two alternates, so interested people are encouraged to apply. *Member Blanchard* advised that the Licensing Sub-Committee met and coming before the board next week are two applications for a Transfer of Alcohol License. A review was done on the license renewal procedure and there was a discussion on pocket licenses. Legal Counsel has been asked to draft a letter to invite a licensee to a board meeting. *Vice Chairman Bush* advised that there was a Parks Commission Meeting. He advised that Adams Hometown Market will be having a Grand Opening on August 23rd. *Member Duval* advised he also briefly attended the Zoning Board meeting.

Announcements and Good of the Order: *Member Nowak* announced that a T-Ball field is being put in at the Hoosac Valley Elementary School playground by Larabee Landscaping for the PTG. He advised that tomorrow three finalists for the Superintendent of Schools position will be interviewed at 6:00 p.m. at the high school library. *Chairman Hoyt* advised that Berkshire Regional Planning

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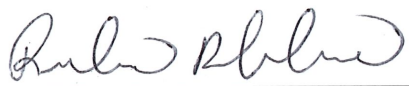
Commission's 5th Thursday Dinner will be held on August 29th and the topic is the 5G Network. She suggested the Board send a letter of congratulations to the new members noting that the Board is looking forward to working with them in the future. ***Motion made by Member Duval to send the letter to the new Cheshire Board of Selectmen Members, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*** Chairman Hoyt announced that Bruce Shepley resigned from the Board of Health effective last week and she is working with the Town Clerk's office and Legal Counsel on the steps to fill the vacancy which was to end in 2021. Mr. Shepley served since 2015 and will continue with other roles with the Town. The Board of Health will connect with Town Counsel on this as well. It was noted that filling of the Board Members would be done according to Massachusetts General Law and coordinated between the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen until the next annual election. Town Counsel will advise on the process and next steps.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary.



Joseph Nowak, Member




Richard Blanchard, Member



John Duval, Member



James Bush, Vice Chairman



Christine Hoyt, Chairman