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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
1st Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoyt at 6:00 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 minutes for November 6, 2019 and November 13, 2019 were presented for approval. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to waive reading and approve the minutes for November 6, 2019 and November 13, 2019 as written, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments made at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District Member, Ed Driscoll. *Chairman Hoyt reviewed the appointment history and explained that Ed Driscoll is looking to serve. Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to approve Ed Driscoll as the Adams Member of the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District, second by Member Duval. Vote: unanimous.*

Appointment of Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District Alternate Member, Jim Bush. *Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint Vice Chairman Bush as the Alternate Member for Adams to the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District, second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Vice Chairman Bush. Voted in Favor: Chairman Hoyt, and Members Nowak, Duval and Blanchard. Motion passed.*

Annual Setting of Dog License Fees: *Chairman Hoyt read a letter provided by Town Clerk Meczywor, who advised there were 945 dog licenses in 2019 and in 2018 there were 786 dogs licensed, which does not include kennel licenses. It was noted that the licensing increase came with the help of the Animal Control Officer, who made a few phone calls, and the Police Chief, who allowed a letter to be sent to non-compliant dog owners. It was noted that there is an ongoing list in the office that is updated daily and lists are received from the veterinarians regarding rabies shots. Those not on file were mailed letters, and people were very compliant. It was clarified that fees cover Town Clerk office expenses, but it is not clear whether they cover the expenses of the Animal Control Office. An inquiry was made why cats are not licensed, and it was noted that they are difficult to license because it is unknown if they need certain shots. The goal of licensing a dog is that if it got loose it is trackable and has updated rabies records in case something happens. Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to approve the dog fees as presented, second by Member Duval. Vote: unanimous.*

License Renewals

All Alcohol Package Store Licenses: O'Geary's Package Store, Inc., 60 Commercial St., Adams, MA; MAZVAR, Inc. dba Oasis Liquor Store, 35 Spring St., Adams, MA; Ambnik, LLC dba Val's Variety, 5 Columbia St., Adams, MA. Motion made by Member Blanchard to ***RB motion to approve the All Alcohol Package Store License renewals for Mazvar, Inc and Ambnik, LLC, second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Vote: unanimous.*** Member Blanchard advised that the business sale fell through but there was a transfer of the license in the process causing the license to be put into the potential new owner's name, which needs to be legally straightened out. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the All Alcohol Package Store License renewal for O'Geary's Package Store, Inc., second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Vote: unanimous.***

Wine & Malt Package Store Licenses: 7-Eleven, 223 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Tri-Petroleum, Inc., 160 Howland Ave, Adams, MA, Myrtle Street Supermarket, Inc., dba Adams Hometown Market, 11 Myrtle St, Adams, MA. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Wine & Malt Package Store license renewals for Tri-Petroleum, Inc and Myrtle Street Supermarket, second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Vote: unanimous.*** ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Wine & Malt Package Store license renewal for J. P. Rose, Inc. dba 7-Eleven pending the Change of Manager and Transfer of License application approvals, second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Vote: unanimous.***

All Alcohol Establishments: Bounti-Fare Restaurant, 200 Howland Ave, Adams, MA, Juljusza Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365 Polish National Alliance dba Julius Slowacki Society dba Polish National Alliance, 13 Victory Street, Adams, MA, AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA, Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA, TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA, Commercial St. Café, dba The Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Haflinger Haus, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Ave, Adams, MA, The Grille, 77 Summer St., Adams, MA, Red Carpet Restaurant, 69 Park St., Adams, MA, Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA, Adams Lodge #1335 B.P.O. The Elks, 63 Center St., Adams, MA, Pine Brook Pub, LLC, 128 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8-10 East Hoosac St., Adams, MA. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the All Alcohol License renewals for Bounti-Fare Restaurant, Juljusza Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365 Polish National Alliance dba Julius Slowacki Society dba Polish National Alliance, AJ's Trailside Pub, Forest Park Country Club, TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, Commercial St. Café, dba The Viking Pub, Haflinger Haus, Adams Turners, Inc., The Grille, Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, Adams Lodge #1335 B.P.O. The Elks, Pine Brook Pub, LLC, Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA., second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Vote: unanimous.*** ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the All Alcohol License for the Red Carpet Restaurant, second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Vote: unanimous.*** Member Blanchard noted that Zing Financial, LLC is not open, and the license was approved until the end of the year. Chairman Hoyt advised that as of 6:00 p.m. the Town still needed a copy of both Workman's Compensation and Liquor Liability insurance which is required. It was noted that Mr. Girard still intends to market the property, as discussed last week. A discussion took place on issuing pocket licenses. It was noted that Mr. Girard missed the deadline for required paperwork and it was recommended to be tabled. Further discussion took place on whether it should be approved for renewal or not. The process was reviewed, as well as the time frame for the renewal process with the state. ***Motion made by Member Duval to table the Zing Financial, LLC license renewal until the next meeting, second by Vice Chairman Bush.*** ***Voted in opposition was Member Blanchard. Voted in favor were Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Bush, Members Duval and Nowak.*** ***Motion passed.***

Wine & Malt Establishments: Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Rd, Adams, MA, Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc., 13 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Yun Lin Food Service, Inc., dba Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, 131 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Stacy Varellas dba Pizza House, 26 Hoosac St., Adams, MA. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Wine & Malt Restaurant Licenses for Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc., Yun Lin Food Service, Inc., dba Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, Stacy Varellas dba Pizza House, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Wine and Malt license pending completion of paperwork for Bascom Lodge Group and Lee's Dynasty, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

Sunday Entertainment Licenses: Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Rd., Adams, MA, AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA, TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA, Commercial St. Café, dba The Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Ave, Adams, MA, The Grille, 77 Summer Street, Adams, MA, Juljusza Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365 Polish National Alliance dba Julius Slowacki Society dba Polish National Alliance, 13 Victory Street, Adams, MA, Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St, Adams, MA, Polanka Grounds, c/o St. John Paul II Parish, 21 Maple St., Adams, MA, Adams Agricultural Fair, Bowe Field, Adams, MA, Nicholas Enterprises, dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve Sunday Entertainment License after 1:00 p.m., WOJO's, Viking Pub, Pine Brook Pub LLC, Polanka Grounds, Bounti-Fare, and the Polish National Alliance; before 1:00 p.m. AJ's Trailside Pub, Adams Turners Inc, The Grille, Gebirgs Verein dba Mt. Club, Agricultural Fair, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion by Member Blanchard to approve the Sunday Entertainment License for Bascom Lodge Group pending inspection in May 2020, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

Weekly Entertainment Licenses: AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA, Adams American Legion, 160 Forest Park Ave, Adams, MA, Pine Brook Pub, LLC, 128 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Ave, Adams, MA, TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA, Commercial St. Café, dba The Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Haflinger Haus, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Ave, Adams, MA, The Grille, 77 Summer St., Adams, MA, Juljusza Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365 Polish National Alliance dba Julius Slowacki Society dba Polish National Alliance, 13 Victory Street, Adams, MA, Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA, Adams Lodge #1335 B.P.O. The Elks, 63 Center St., Adams, MA, Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare Restaurant, 200 Howland Ave, Adams, MA, Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Rd, Adams, MA, Polanka Grounds, c/o St. John Paul II Parish, 21 Maple St., Adams, MA, Adams Agricultural Fair, Bowe Field, Adams, MA, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8-10 East Hoosac St., Adams, MA. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve weekly entertainment licenses for AJ's Trailside Pub, The American Legion, Pine Brook Pub, Forest Park Country Club, WOJO's, The Viking Pub, Haflinger Haus, Adams Turners Inc, The Grille, The Polish National Alliance, Mt. Club, The Elks, Bounti-Fare, Polanka Grounds, Agricultural Fair, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Weekly Entertainment License for Bascom Lodge pending inspection and Zing Financial, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

Common Victualer Licenses: AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA, Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA, TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA, Commercial St. Café, dba The Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Haflinger Haus, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Ave, Adams, MA, The Grille, 77 Summer St., Adams, MA, Red Carpet Restaurant, 69 Park St., Adams, MA, Juljusza Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365 Polish National Alliance dba Julius Slowacki Society dba Polish National Alliance, 13 Victory Street, Adams, MA, Stacy Varellas, dba Pizza House, 26 Hoosac St., Adams, MA, Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club,

6 Anthony St., Adams, MA, Adams Lodge #13345 B.P.O. The Elks, 63 Center St., Adams, MA, Pine Brook Pub LLC, 128 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc. 13 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare Restaurant, 200 Howland Ave, Adams, MA, Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Rd., Adams, MA, Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Ave, Adams, MA, Jason Donuts, Inc., dba Dunkin Donuts, 177 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Original Submarine Corporation, dba Angelina's Submarine Shop, 34 ½ Columbia St., Adams, MA, Daily Grind, 37 Park St., Adams, MA, James 4:10, LLC dba McDonalds, 2 Commercial St., Adams, MA, Corner Variety and Luncheonette, 50 Summer St., Adams, MA, Jozon Enterprises, Inc. dba Dominos Pizza, 80 Summer St., Adams, MA, Topia Inn, 10 Pleasant St., Adams, MA, Coffee Liberation Front, 1 Park St., Adams, MA, Tri-Petroleum, Inc., 160 Howland Ave, Adams, MA, Yun Lin Food Service, Inc., dba Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, 131 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Myrtle Street Supermarket, Inc., dba Adams Hometown Market, 11 Myrtle St., Adams, MA. ***Motion by Member Blanchard to approve AJ's Trailside Pub, Forest Park Country Club, TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, Commercial St. Café, dba The Viking Pub, Haflinger Haus, Adams Turners, Inc., The Grille, Red Carpet Restaurant, Juljusza Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365 Polish National Alliance dba Julius Slowacki Society dba Polish National Alliance, Stacy Varellas, dba Pizza House, Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, Adams Lodge #13345 B.P.O. The Elks, Pine Brook Pub LLC, Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc., Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare Restaurant, Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, Original Submarine Corporation, dba Angelina's Submarine Shop, Daily Grind, James 4:10, LLC dba McDonalds, Corner Variety and Luncheonette, Jozon Enterprises, Inc. dba Dominos Pizza, Topia Inn, Coffee Liberation Front, Tri-Petroleum, Inc., Myrtle Street Supermarket, Inc., dba Adams Hometown Market, Second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion by Member Blanchard to approve the Common Victualer license renewal for Bascom Lodge pending inspection, Jason Donuts Inc, pending tax confirmation, Yun Lin Food Service, Inc. dba Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, pending liquor liability insurance, and Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House pending paperwork second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

Auto Sales Licenses: Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc., 69 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc., 74 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Gene's Sales & Service, 108 Howland Ave., Adams, MA, Maple Grove Equipment, 8 Leonard St., Adams, MA, McAndrews-King, Buick, GMC, Inc., 224 Columbia St., Adams, MA, Ronnie's Cycle, Sales & Service, Inc., 150 Howland Ave, Adams, MA, Ronnie's Cycle, Sales & Service, Inc., 63 Alger St., Adams, MA. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve Alternative Motors 69 Columbia Street and 74 Columbia Street, Gene's Sales & Service, Maple Grove Equipment, McAndrews-King, Buick, GMC, Inc., Ronnies Cycle 150 Howland Avenue and 63 Alger Street, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

Inn Holders and Lodging Licenses: Bascom Lodge Group, LLC., 1 Summit Road, Adams MA (Lodging), Haflinger Haus, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA (Innkeeper), Mount Royal Inc., dba Mount Royal Inn, 99 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA (Lodging), Topia Inn, 10 Pleasant St., Adams, MA (Lodging). ***Motion made by Member Blanchad to approve the Inn Holder and Lodging Licenses for Haflinger Haus and Topia Inn, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Lodging License for Bascom Lodge pending inspection in May 2020, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to table the lodging license renewal until proper paperwork is in hand for Mt. Royal Inn, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

It was noted that there are a couple of other licenses pending. Common Victualer licenses for Cumberland farms and Racing Mart were recommended by the Code Enforcement Officer to come into compliance with other establishments of similar food sales. The Original Seed, an adult only cigar lounge is planning to open in the new year and only has a couple of last administrative items to complete the process.

Adams may be the first to have this business. B & B Micro Manufacturing paperwork was not sent in the same timeframe and because of that it was not received in time. The expectation is to have the 4 establishments license approvals on the December 18th meeting for action to be taken at that time. Appreciation was given to those that did the inspections and administrative work to make this process happen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator: *Town Administrator Green* thanked the Building Commissioner for building cohesiveness in the processes with the inspection requirements of the Fire Department to streamline, collaborate and coordinate. Code Enforcement Officer Blaisdell was also praised for his work. The Information Technology Department is updating computer systems for most departments. An update was made to the Windows 10 operating system and there are a few glitches still. Winter arrived with 25 inches of snow for Adams. The longest duration on duty for the DPW was 16 hours and the crew was thanked. Walt Gerry from the Wastewater Treatment Plant was thanked for coming out and plowing with the repurposed DPW truck. The Free Parking bags are over the parking meters and there will be free parking through January 2nd. Park Street is scheduled for snow removal next week and it was noted that the DPW is out there and Park Street is complicated and the Town has to lease dump trucks to create efficiencies. Snow banks are high and DPW is systematically going through town and working on them. Primary streets are being taken care of first. He noted that he is still interviewing several open positions, for Wastewater Treatment Plant, the DPW, Council on Aging and the DPW Director position, so time has been spent recruiting. The Animal/Parking Control Officer will be filled pending pending interviews this month but was delayed due to a discussion on whether to keep the position under the Police Department. There will be a Rail Trail meeting tomorrow with J. H. Maxymillian and hopefully there will be information provided for businesses affected by the project. He explained they hope to start supporting work this winter and he will keep businesses informed on the scheduling. Board Members inquired about when the medical marijuana business and cultivation will open in the mill. The retail marijuana business is scheduled for early 2020 in the former Ronnie's Cycle building. LC Square is still on track, getting architectural work done and having discussions on whether to demolish the building and build greenhouses or renovate it. Two other businesses recently inquired. The first payment from the former Mission Massachusetts has been received. It was pointed out that the Town banned plastic bags in the community and didn't like to see plastic bags on the meters.

Town Counsel: *Town Counsel St. John III* was not present.

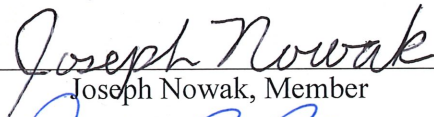
SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: Member Nowak advised of a Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership meeting with the head of the U.S. Forest Service, Victoria Peterson, and the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Kate Theorides. A mutual agreement was signed with the U. S. Forest Service and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to do technical work for private land owners to enhance forest products and it will help to use natural resource base for recreational purposes. Member Nowak advised he was honored to be the spokesman for 21 communities representing the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership and he hopes with this partnership that perpetual funding can be created. He announced that the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee still needs volunteers and there is a lot of work ahead to make it successful. *Vice Chairman Bush* announced that the Council on Aging is looking for volunteers to drive the car. He noted that Thanksgiving Dinner was well attended, and the Holiday Party will take place on December 10th with DJ Bizz. There will be only one Mobile Food Bank held on the 2nd Tuesday in December. He reported that there was a Prudential Committee meeting and also an Outdoor Recreation meeting at the Freight Yard Pub. The Hathaway Christmas party will take place at Hoosac Valley. *Town Administrator Green* advised that Tinseliner tickets sell out fast because Santa is there. *Member Duval* advised that he intended to attend the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission meeting but the Planning Board delegate showed up. Chairman Hoyt advised that Northern

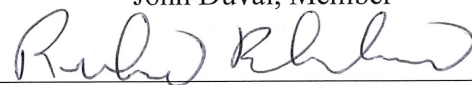
Berkshire Community Coalition hosted an Outdoor Recreation forum and was in collaboration with Senator Hinds at the Freight Yard Pub. She noted she heard from a number of different organizations and outdoor enthusiasts that were talking about the opportunity that exists in this area for other trails to be increased.

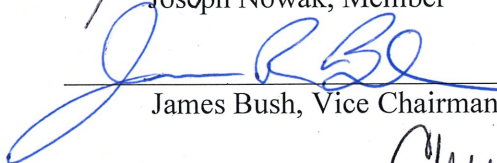
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: *Member Nowak* thanked Dr. Bush on Park Street and the hair salon on Summer Street for being very festive looking and thanked them for making it nice. With the closing of the Red Carpet he requested a citation for all the Haddads have done for the community, and to wish them well in retirement. *Member Blanchard* commended the DPW for doing their part with cleanup and noted that the roads were really good from the storm. He asked citizens to clear fire hydrants, sidewalks, and storm drains. *Member Duval* announced that he and Town Administrator Green attended the opening at the former St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Don Sommer Center and Academy for Advanced Musical Studies this afternoon. He noted that the new music academy is expected to opening August of 2020, and was founded by the Sommer family. Students from ages ten through eighteen will have the opportunity to study music, and jazz and contemporary music will be the focus. More information will be available at www.adamsanthonycenter.com/baams. He explained that Don Sommer purchased the church and invested his own money. William Kolis and Michael Mach invested money in jazz concerts and in this community. A gathering took place at the Haflinger Haus, where there was a roundtable discussion with Richard Bolger on what musical education can do. It will be a tuition school but there will be ample scholarships and the goal is to not reject anyone who applies to get into the school. For economic development it was pointed out that it is beneficial to see an architecturally beautiful building being put to good use. There is a lot of work to do but it is great to see such passion and have a recipe for success. *Chairman Hoyt* advised that DPW Director interviews are scheduled for Monday and have been posted. Town Administrator Green will bring both candidates around separately to the DPW, Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as department heads to meet the candidates. It was explained that this process was beneficial to the Town Administrator and this is an important process. Mr. Tober responded and Mr. Markland will confirm pending other obligations. Chairman Hoyt noted recognition for "shop local" campaigns and reminded people to shop local at local services, restaurants, and businesses. She noted that Bella Sky was packed and requested people to continue to support local businesses when possible.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


Joseph Nowak, Member

John Duval, Member

Richard Blanchard, Member


James Bush, Vice Chairman


Christine Hoyt, Chairman