

Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
1st Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room
MEETING MINUTES

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting minutes for December 4, 2019, the December 9, 2019 5:45 p.m. meeting and the December 9, 6:00 p.m. meeting were presented for approval. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to waive reading of the December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019 minutes and approve them as submitted, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No members of the public came forward to comment.*

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of DPW Maintenance Technician/Operator I: James Shea. *Chairman Hoyt* reviewed the letter from Town Administrator Green recommending James Shea be ratified to the position of DPW Maintenance Technician, Operator I position. Mr. Shea was introduced to the Board, gave a brief background of his qualifications and experience and thanked the Board and Town Administrator for the opportunity. *Member Nowak* advised Mr. Shea is very polite and will be a good addition to the DPW. He praised the work ethic and positive attitude that Mr. Shea has put forth. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to ratify James Shea as DPW Maintenance Technician, Operator I at D03 Step 1 rate effective January 13, 2020, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

Traffic Commission Appointment: Lisa Gazaille, Planning Board. *Chairman Hoyt* gave background information on the Traffic Commission having a representative from the Planning Board. Town Administrator Green gave the Board information about the structure of the Traffic Commission as outlined by the Town Charter. *Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint Lisa Gazaille as a Planning Board representative to the Traffic Commission, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

Appointment of Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Representative: Joseph Nowak, Board of Selectmen. *Chairman Hoyt* gave the history of Member Nowak's service on the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership and noted, with the new structure, his desire to continue on. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Bush to appoint Joseph Nowak as the Adams representative to the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership, second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Member Nowak. Voted in favor were Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Bush, and Member Blanchard. Motion passed.*

Approval of Agreement between Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum and the Town of Adams regarding Adams Station: *Community Development Director Cesan* gave updates on the Town working collaboratively with Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum over the last few years, and gave the

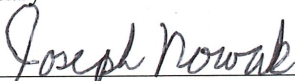
background that the building was expected to become a fully functional Train Station space. This agreement outlines responsibilities to both the Town of Adams and Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum. A revised draft with changes made from input from the workshop meeting were reviewed. Clarification on snow removal was made, and ownership of improvements were changed to outline permanent and removable improvements. A question of insurance was clarified as a single limit of \$1Million and \$3Million in aggregate. It was noted that Town Counsel reviewed the document. Community Development Director Cesan requested approval and permission to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town. It was noted that this is a five-year agreement but either party may call for a review after twelve months. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the agreement between Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum and the Town of Adams to include the Station and surrounding complex, second by Vice Chairman Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: *There were no Sub-Committee or Liaison reports.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chairman Hoyt reported the upcoming Northern Berkshire Community Coalition Martin Luther King Day of Service, and announced the 2020 Peacemaker Award recipient as Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Jim Bush. She encouraged available Board Members to attend and reached out to Kathy Keeser for Adams specific sites for a project. She noted that this is a nice honor of Vice Chairman Bush and he was congratulated. Regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meetings will resume next Wednesday. Next week Community Development Director Cesan will go over zoning on January 22nd the Tax Collector will update the Board with a presentation on tax collection.


ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary

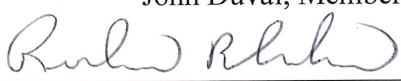


Joseph Nowak, Member

John Duval, Member



James Bush, Vice Chairman



Richard Blanchard, Member



Christine Hoyt, Chairman