

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING

8 PARK STREET

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting on the first floor of Adams Town Hall and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board of Selectmen Chairman Hoyt. Attending were Vice Chairman Blanchard, Member Duval, Interim Police Chief Bacon, Bernie Martin from The Elks, Town Counsel St. John III, Town Administrator Green, Town Clerk Meczywor, Building Commissioner Garner, DPW Director Tober, Northern Berkshire Community Television, and Jack Guerino of iBerkshires. Member Nowak arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Chairman Hoyt 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 is available for anyone who wishes. Rule of 10 in place according to Code Enforcement for the size of the room in accordance with the Governor's order and NBCTC will post a link soon after the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting minutes for November 18, 2020 and November 24, 2020 were submitted for approval. *Motion made by Member Duval to waive reading and approve the minutes for November 18, 2020 and November 24, 2020 as submitted, second by Chairman Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Member Duval. Abstention by Vice Chairman Blanchard. Motion passed.*

PUBLIC CALL-IN:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98358810258?pwd=U254dmRsVXJWUFJDcE9NSkhRVUQ5dz09>

Meeting ID: 983 5881 0258; **Passcode:** 121620

Dial In: 1 (929) 436-2866 US (New York); **Meeting ID:** 983 5881 0258; **Passcode:** 121620

There were no public comments made during this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Change of Club Officers Application: *Adams Lodge #1335 B.P.O. The Elks, 63 Center St., Adams, MA. Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to take the Change of Club Officers Application off the Table, second by Member Duval. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard, and Member Duval. Motion passed.* Town Counsel St. John III advised there was some back and forth on paperwork regarding the Certificate of Vote and all is now in order.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to approve the Change of Club Officers Application for the Adams Lodge 1335 B.P.O. Elks, second by Member Duval. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard and Member Duval. Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Assignment of Street Number, Map 223, Parcel 3.G from 0 Kingsmont Lane to 8 Kingsmont Lane. Building Commissioner Garner advised that both the address changes are new addresses for new homes in subdivisions which have been approved. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to approved the Assignment of Street Number on Map 223, Parcel 3.G from 0 Kingsmont Lane to 8 Kingsmont Lane, second by Member Duval. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Members Duval and Nowak. Motion passed.*

Assignment of Street Number, Map 218, Parcel 57 from 0 Hoxie Brook Road to 1 Hoxie Brook Road. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to approve the Assignment of Street Number on Map 218, Parcel 57 from 0 Hoxie Brook Road to 1 Hoxie Brook Road, second by Member Duval. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Members Duval and Nowak. Motion passed.*

Holiday Home Decorating Contest: *Town Clerk Meczywor* advised that 49 parties have signed up for the contest. Voting will take place Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Votes must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2020. The map of the contestants is available on the Town of Adams website under Town News. The votes will be tallied on Monday and on Tuesday the winners will be released to the press.

Renewal of Common Victualer License: Miss Adams Diner, 53 Park Street, Adams, MA. *Vice Chairman Blanchard* advised that this was missed on the December 2, 2020 agenda. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to approve the renewal of the Common Victualer License for the Miss Adams Diner, 53 Park Street, Adams, MA, Second by Member Duval. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Members Duval and Nowak. Motion passed.*

Renewal of Motel License: Mt. Royal Inn, 99 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA. It was noted that the renewal paperwork had not been submitted by this establishment, and a request was made of the Board to take no action while awaiting the paperwork.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator: *Town Administrator Green* advised that with the looming storm the Town has declared a Winter Storm Emergency today at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to aid the DPW. He noted he has reached out to the media locations, but did not use Reverse 911. He explained that if the police department reports the need for it he may look into using it for the next storm. He reported that the holiday hours for Town Hall would be a half day on December 23rd, closed on December 24th, December 25th and January 1st. Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Santa will return via the Alert Hose Company. There will be a Facebook itinerary for Santa. There will be an informal contest on the public safety vehicles being decorated. He noted that the Town has a Police Chief and he is negotiating the details and the paperwork. He explained the Town is in the final process of hiring a Community Development Director. He noted that there has been a key retirement of DPW Administrative Assistant Marilyn Kolis, and he thanked her for her service. He noted he is restructuring the position. *Chairman Hoyt* commended Town Administrator Green and Town Staff on the recruitment during the pandemic and having to do it remotely to rebuild the team in the most cost-effective way.

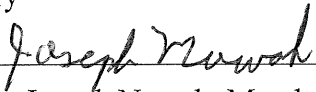
Town Counsel: *Town Counsel St. John III* advised that since his last report on December 1, 2020 he attended the December 9, 2020 Board of Health meeting, reviewed and commented upon a question presented by the Board of Health, reviewed and commented on a question raised by a property owner concerning citations for State Sanitary Code violations, and completed a further review of the Elks application for a change of officers. He reported that the Northern Berkshire District Court changed the date of the hearing of the dog case to January 20th per order of the State Trial Court due to restrictions on hearings. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: *There were no Sub-Committee or Liaison Reports made at this meeting.*


ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: Board Members wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Member Nowak asked about the status of the Board Members' submission of the evaluation of Town Administrator Green and asked what the next steps were. Chairman Hoyt advised that she received the submissions and is working with Labor Counsel on how to put forward the evaluation. She noted she doesn't expect to get it back until after the second meeting in January, and then to have a discussion on the contract. Member Nowak asked residents to take heed of the Covid-19 infections and spike in cases in Adams, Berkshire County and the country. He thanked Town Administrator Green for keeping the topic at the forefront and the safety of the public is first and foremost. Chairman Hoyt noted that there will be no other meetings during this calendar year and the next meeting will take place on January 6th. She thanked the Board Members for adapting to the remote meeting process to remain safe and healthy and expressed appreciation for the Board dedication. She noted that meetings did not slow down and there was a considerable amount of time spent in hiring, licensing, and phased reopening. She noted it has been a pleasure to work with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Duval. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Members Duval and Nowak. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary

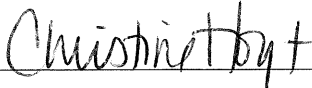


Joseph Nowak, Member



John Duval, Member

Richard Blanchard, Vice Chair



Christine Hoyt, Chairman