

Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting on the first-floor gymnasium of Adams Memorial School. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Board of Selectmen Chair Hoyt. Present from the Board of Selectmen were Chairman Hoyt, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Members Duval and Nowak. Also present were Town Administrator Green, Finance Director Wojcik, Town Clerk Meczywor, Town Clerk Administrative Assistant Wheeler, Treasurer/Tax Collector Rice, Administrative Assistant Dunlap, Finance Committee Chairman Burdick and Finance Committee Member Cushenette.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 13, 2021 Minutes, April 15, 2021 Minutes, April 20, 2021 Minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to keep the minutes tabled, second by Member Duval. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed.

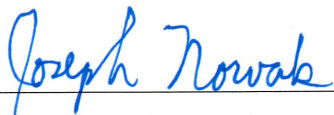
APPROVAL OF FY2021 BUDGET: *Chairman Hoyt* reviewed the sections for approval and requested Board Members to hold any sections for discussion. Anything not held will be approved en masse. Budgets not held were **Executive:** Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Counsel, Moderator and Town Report. **Finance & Technology:** Finance Committee, Reserve Fund, Employee/Retiree Benefits, Accountant, Technology and Property and Liability Insurance. **General Government:** Assessor, Treasurer-Collector, Debt Service, Town Clerk, Elections, Registrar of Voters and Codification. **Community Development:** Community Development, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Historical Commission and Agricultural Commission. **Public Safety:** Police Department, Animal Control Officer, Parking Management, Emergency Management, and Forest Warden. **Public Service:** Council on Aging, Veterans Services, Memorial Day Remembrances, and Library. **Public Buildings:** Police Station, Registry of Deeds, Town Hall, Public Buildings/Property Maintenance, Community Center, Adams Memorial Building and Visitors Center. **Public Works:** Tree Warden/Insect and Pest Control, Public Works Administration, Department of Public Works, Highways, Snow & Ice Control, Flood Control, DPW Garage/Equipment Maintenance, Transfer Station, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wastewater Collection, Cemeteries, Parks & Grounds and Celebrations – Seasonal. **Regional Schools:** Hoosac Valley Regional School District, and Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District/McCann. *Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to approve all budget lines except for the Inspectional Services Budget to include the Board of Health, second by Member Duval. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed.*

Held for separate vote due to recusal by Chairman Hoyt from Inspectional Services were the budgets for **Inspection Services:** Inspection Services, Weights/Measures Inspector, **Public Health:** Board of Health. Chairman Hoyt recused herself from this vote and left the table. ***Motion made by Member Duval to approve the Inspectional Services Budget, second by Member Nowak. Voted in favor were Vice Chairman Blanchard, Members Duval and Nowak. Abstention by Chairman Hoyt. Motion passed.***

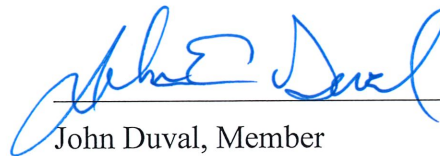
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER – *Chairman Hoyt* thanked the Town Administrator and his staff for working to put together a budget without a large increase to taxpayers and for hard decisions that had to be made. She appreciated the attendance by Department Heads to answer questions, explain services and have robust discussions. She thanked the entire team under the Town Administrator's leadership for putting together this budget. Chairman Hoyt reported that there will be no Board of Selectmen meeting this week. She encouraged Board Members to stay for the Finance Committee Meeting to see if there are any items that need to be addressed and advised that if so she will schedule a meeting. She advised that the Board is in good scheduling time for putting together the warrant for Town Meeting and with the transition in the Town Accountant office there will be enough time to put together the Warrant for the May 19, 2021 meeting. She advised that she is finalizing the Board of Selectmen agenda for the May 5th meeting to be posted in accordance with Open Meeting Law on Thursday as the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Monday for elections. She requested agenda items to be submitted by tomorrow morning. *Town Administrator Green* advised that the topics of quarterly tax billing and the enterprise fund are forthcoming and will probably be on a Special Town Meeting later on in the year as the two topics will require community outreach and the Board needs more information for discussion to be sure the Town is doing the right thing for the community.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Vice Chairman Blanchard to adjourn, second by Member Duval. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah J. Dunlap, Recording Secretary



Joseph Nowak, Member



John Duval, Member



Christine Hoyt, Chair



Richard Blanchard, Vice Chair