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Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 7:00pm. Duval, Blanchard, Hoyt, and Nowak present as well as Town Counsel Ed St. John and Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco. The meeting was broadcast by NBTv.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Duval led the assembly in the pledge and asked members to remain standing for a moment of silence for former library director Debbie Bruneau who passed away recently.

Approval of minutes: Move by member Blanchard to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as read, second by member Nowak. Vote: 3 in favor, 1 (Hoyt) abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Resident Jeff Levafre addressed the board with questions about executive session minutes, and thanked the Board for recognizing the passing of Debbie Bruneau. Resident and Council on Aging Director Erica Girgenti briefed the Board on a number of programs going on at the Council on Aging this summer. Resident Francie Riley addressed the board on the topic of the upcoming events in Adams.

New Business

Chairman Duval announced that there would be no executive session as indicated on the agenda as there was no longer a reason for the executive session to take place.

Recognition of Rita Clarke: The Board recognized retiring employee Rita Clark for her years of service to the Town. Motion by member Nowak, second by member Blanchard to recognize Rita Clarke for her service with a plaque from the Town. Vote: Unanimous.

Maple Street Cemetery Restoration: Resident Bruce Shepley addressed the board on putting together a volunteer group to do cemetery restoration at Maple Street Cemetery in Adams. Members asked questions and discussed the possibility. Mr. Shepley was joined by volunteers from North Adams who have done similar programs. Motion by member Blanchard, second by member Hoyt to support this effort as it goes forward. Vote: Unanimous.

Mobile Farmer's Market through the Food Bank of Western Mass: COA Director Girgenti briefed the Board on the Mobile Farmer's Market. The program would bring a mobile farmer's market to Adams twice a month with no income or other restrictions. The program would need volunteers and is at no cost to the Town. The Board expressed support for this project.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Joint Meeting: The Board was joined by members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Members of the committee present included Greg Deblois, Bruce Shepley, Ed Driscoll, and David Rhoads. The SWAC discussed efforts to date on taking solid waste at the landfill and answered questions from the Board. Board was asked to vote in favor of solid waste by Town Administrator. Member Blanchard requested to wait until the next meeting and member Nowak requested a public hearing. Board members expressed desire to move forward with taking solid waste and to schedule a public hearing and vote at the next regular meeting.

One Day Liquor License Application – St. John Paul II Parish: Chairman Duval explained that the submitters had requested this item be tabled. Motion to table by member Blanchard, second by member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous

One Day Liquor License Application – Bright Ideas Brewery: Amanda Zepka, organizer of event spoke to the Board about this request. Discussion on police presence, Town Administrator stated Town would be providing police presence as this is a new event and events at the Glen are new. Motion by member Blanchard, Second by member Hoyt to approve one day liquor license for Bright Ideas Brewing. Vote: Unanimous.

Facility Use Request – Town Common, Pedal & Plod- Event organizer Myra Wilk explained this event to the Board. Motion by member Nowak, second by member Hoyt to approve the facility use request. Vote: Unanimous

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, Berkshire Family YMCA: Board discussed cleanup costs and how to make sure events cover their cost. Motion by member Nowak, second by member Blanchard to approve the facility use request. Vote: Unanimous.

Facility Use Request – Visitors Center, Representative Gailanne Cariddi: Request by Representative Gail Carridy to host constituent meetings occasionally at the Adams visitor center. Board discussed value of many events in Town and high usage of town facilities. Motion by member Nowak, second by member Blanchard to approve facility request. Vote: Unanimous.

Facility Use Request – Renfrew Field, April Varellas- Request was for use of basketball courts for the Dana Labbee Basketball league. Town Administrator explained the Town was taking this on as a town program to ensure it continues with Town covering insurance. Members discussed electricity costs and Parks Commission approval. Motion by member Blanchard, second by member Hoyt to approve request. Vote: Unanimous.

Assignment of Street Number – Map 107, Parcel 17 Sayles Street: Chairman Duval read a letter from the building inspector regarding assigning a street number of 2 to 2 Sayles Street, a change from 0 Sayles Street. Motion by member Blanchard, second by member Nowak to approve. Vote: Unanimous.

Council on Aging Van Driver Job Description: Town Administrator presented a change to the job description for Council on Aging Van Drivers to remove references to a Commercial Driver's License being required, to remove references to the size of the van, and to add a commitment to public service. Members discussed changing federal landscape and questioned COA Director Girgenti on how the vans are procured and maintained. Motion by member Hoyt and second by member Blanchard to approve changes as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

Ratification of Council on Aging Van Drivers: Chairman Duval read three letters from the Town Administrator regarding appointments part time and per diem van drivers. Motion by member Hoyt, second by member Blanchard to appoint Charles Gebauer to the position of substitute van driver for the Council on Aging at grade 4, step 1. Vote: Unanimous. Motion by member Nowak, second by member Blanchard to appoint Amy Sinopoli to the position of permanent part-time van driver for the Council on Aging at grade 5, step 1. Vote: Unanimous. Motion by member Nowak, second by member Hoyt to appoint Eric LaRoche to the position of substitute van driver for the Council on Aging at grade 5, step 1. Vote: Unanimous. Member Nowak questioned the number of drivers being appointed recently. Director Girgenti responded that in the past year there has been two retirements which are being replaced with part timers and two part timers had medical issues that prevented the from working creating the high level of turnover.

Ratification of Special Police Officer: Chief Tarsa presented a letter to the Board requesting appointment of Michael Rossi as a special police officer. Member Blanchard asked why there was no letter from the Town Administrator. Town Administrator responded that he was in fact appointing the individual, the process just happened late and a formal letter was not ready. Chief Tarsa explained special police officer duties and responsibilities. Motion by member Blanchard, second by member Hoyt to appoint Michael Rossi as a special police officer, subject to background check and all required Town processes. Vote: Unanimous.

Subcommittee/Liaison reports:

Member Nowak reported he attended the most recent school committee meeting and complemented the staff for preparing for the new year and indicated there was an attitude of cooperation and excitement about new possibilities. Member Nowak complimented food service director Shultz for bringing free breakfast and lunch to all ACRSD students beginning next year.

Member Hoyt reported that she attended the Susan B. Anthony Centennial committee with member Nowak and thanked them for doing a great job.

Town Administrator's Report:

Town Administrator gave a report on events and activities of the Town: The Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival is June 17th, and the MAGI-CON is the 18th. We sold all 12 properties at tax auction this past week! This will go along way to helping remove slum and blight in Town.

Kudos to the treasurer for her efforts. We were awarded a \$20,000 climate change hazard mitigation grant by the state. Visitor center staffing is in place for weekends going forward. Movies under the stars will be returning this year with 6 movie nights, at the visitor center. We will have the dates out next week. Kudos to April Varellas for volunteering to take this on. The Town Wide Tag sale returns this year! August 12th from 8:00am-4:00pm/. All participants must register. The cost of registration is \$1. Deadline to register is July 20th and a map of the tag sale locations will be provided beginning August 7th at local businesses. The Planning Board approved the project on Howland ave, a new gas station and convenience store will be constructed. Town Meeting Workshop is tomorrow night at 6pm at the visitor center. Town meeting is June 19th, 7pm, at CTP auditorium.

Town Counsel report: Town Counsel reported on his activities over the last several weeks.

Action Items: Member Nowak questioned what these were as he has not seen it on the agenda. Chairman Duval explained this was his list of items that the Board had been working on.

Announcements & Good of the Order: Member Hoyt congratulated graduating members of area schools. Member Nowak expressed a desire to have more staff support at the Glen.

Motion to adjourn by member Blanchard, second dby member Nowak. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

John E. Duval
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Joseph Nowak
Christine Hoyt