



## *Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087*

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

TOWN HALL BUILDING  
8 PARK STREET

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

**TOWN HALL, 8 PARK STREET, ADAMS, MA 01220  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** On the above date, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 7:00 PM at the Adams Town Hall. Chair John Duval opened the meeting. Present: Chair John Duval, Vice Chair Christine Hoyt, and Members Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, and Howard Rosenberg. *Town Counsel Edmund St. John was absent.* Also present were Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary; Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires; officers from the Adams Police Department; Lisa Mendel, Residents of the Town.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** the minutes for the June 15, 2022 Meeting were submitted for approval. *Motion made by Member Rosenberg to waive reading and approve the minutes as written for the June 15, 2022 meeting, seconded by member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. Motion Passed.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lisa Mendel explained that she was working to clean up her property but that the property next to her has been having problems for a long time and that she would like an update on how that is being improved. She was specifically upset about the multiple cars that were on the property and the state of disrepair for the adjacent apt. Town Administrator Jay Green responded that the building commissioner is working on the property with the Adams Police Department. Chief Kelley added that the multiple cars problem would reach its conclusion next Tuesday. Jay mentioned that he would make sure that on Tuesday the building inspector spoke with Ms. Mendel about the progress of the project. Chairmember Duval recommended to the board to have this added as something that can be discussed on the agenda for the next meeting. Member Nowak asked for clarification on whether the property owner had applied for participation into the Housing Rehab Program through CDBG.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Application for a Common Victualer License Red's Viking Pub, LLC located at 83  
Commercial Street Adams**

Vice Chair Hoyt explained why the licenses were tabled last week mentioning that the town needed a few more things from the applicants.

*Motion made by member Nowak to bring the application for a Common Victualer License Red's Viking Pub, LLC located at 83 Commercial Street Adams and the application for a Weekly Entertainment License, Red's Viking Pub, LLC, located at 83 Commercial Street Adams back onto the table seconded by Vice Chair Hoyt.*

*Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.*

*Motion made by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the application for a Common Victualer License Red's Viking Pub, LLC located at 83 Commercial Street Adams seconded by member Blanchard.*

*Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.*

**Application for a Weekly Entertainment License, Red's Viking Pub, LLC, located at 83 Commercial Street Adams**

*Motion made by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the application for a Weekly Entertainment License, Red's Viking Pub, LLC, located at 83 Commercial Street Adams seconded by member Blanchard.*

Vice Chair Hoyt asked to move the application for a Sunday Entertainment License, Red's Viking Pub, LLC, located at 83 Commercial Street Adams be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

*Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Application for a Weekly Entertainment License for 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn LLC at 17 Commercial Street.**

Vice Chair Hoyt explained that the applicant was before the board the previous meeting and had answered questions about their business at that time then explained that the applicant unfortunately could not make it to this meeting for further questions but hoped that the questions answered would suffice.

*Motion made by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the application for a Weekly Entertainment License for 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn LLC at 17 Commercial Street seconded by Member Blanchard.*

*Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.*

**Application for a Sunday Entertainment License for 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn LLC at 17 Commercial Street.**

*Motion made by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the application for a Sunday Entertainment License for 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn LLC at 17 Commercial Street seconded by Member Blanchard.*

*Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.*

**Ratification of Brianna Hantman as Administrative Assistant III, Office of the Town of Administrator & Select board.**

Town Administrator Green explained that the previous administrative assistant had left the position a little while ago and that the town needed to fill the position to get back up to staff. He also mentioned that Ms. Hantman was a qualified applicant and would be an asset to have on the town staff.

Chair Duval read a letter to the board that was written by Town Administrator Green that went into greater detail outlining the work that Ms. Hantman has done in in her time in the work force and the skills she possesses.

***A motion by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the ratification of Brianna Hantman (also known as Bri) as Administrative Assistant III, Office of the Town of Administrator & Select board at the grade pay step 5 level for 46,114 dollars as an annual salary seconded by member Blanchard.***

Vice Chair Hoyt expressed her appreciation to Ms. Hantman for applying. Vice Chair Hoyt explained that she and Ms. Hantman had worked on and around projects together before and was impressed by Ms. Hantman's abilities.

***Vote Unanimous. Motion Passed.***

**Ratification of Michael Strizzi, Patrol Officer, Police Department.**

Chair Duval opened the floor to the town Police Chief Kelley. Chief Kelley read a letter distributed to the board about Mr. Strizzi's background and abilities. The letter explained that Mr. Strizzi truly loved the Town of Adams and had received experience serving in the Town of Williamstown and the City of Bennington, Vermont. Town Administrator Green thanked everyone for their time in the process and explained how Mr. Strizzi had made it though the process this far with flying colors. Chief Kelley mentioned that this would be the next in a line of hires of young officers that are going to be the future of the department. Chief Kelley explained the time line that Mr. Strizzi would follow if ratified tonight. Chair Duval read a line from the letter distributed to the board that explained that this hire shows that the culture and work environment was a successful one.

***A motion by Vice Chair Hoyt to approve the ratification of the appointment of Michael Strizzi, Patrol Officer, Police Department at a rate of step 3 rate of 25.17 dollars an hour per the collective bargaining agreement seconded by member Blanchard.***

***Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.***

**Ratification of Chad Wagenknecht, Assistant Electrical Inspector, Department of Inspectional Services.**

Chair Duval read a letter submitted by Town Administrator Green to explain the background and skills of Mr. Wagenknecht. Town Administrator Green explained that the position is paid for by a fee that is administered when an inspection occurs. Member Nowak mentioned that he knew Mr. Wagenknecht for a long time and thinks he does a great job at his work.

***A motion by member Nowak to approve the ratification of Chad Wagenknecht, Assistant Electrical Inspector, Department of Inspectional Services per diem for 45 dollars per inspection paid for by a 60 dollar fee that is administered on inspection seconded by member Blanchard.***

***Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.***

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

Member Nowak explained that he had attended a general government review committee meeting and explained that they will soon be coming before the board to show some of the work that they have done.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Chair Duval announced that there would be no Select Board meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> for the holiday and that the next meeting would instead be at July 20<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair Hoyt announced that the visitor center is still looking for volunteers, that the town's Under the Stars movie night was starting up showing the movies Sing 2 and Up in the coming weeks and mentioned that there would be more information on the town events Facebook page. Vice Chair Hoyt also thanked the library for the amount of wonderful programming coming out.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn, second by Vice Chair Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted by Isaiah Moore,  
Recording Secretary

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Joseph Nowak, Member

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Richard Blanchard, Member

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Christine Hoyt, Vice Chairman

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Howard Rosenburg, Member

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John Duval, Chairman