



## ***Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087***

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

TOWN HALL BUILDING  
8 PARK STREET

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 7:00 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, Members Howard Rosenberg and Joseph Nowak. *Member Richard Blanchard and Town Counsel Edmund St. John were absent.* Also present were Jay Green, Town Administrator; Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary; Peter Gentile, NBCTC; Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires; Members of the Adams Street Fair Committee; Members of the Adams Ambulance Service; Members of the Adams Forest Wardens Department; Members of the Adams Police Department; Representatives of the Adams Fire District; Residents of the Town of Adams.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**The minutes for the August 17, 2022 Meeting were submitted for approval.**

*Vice-chair Hoyt moves to approve the minutes from August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting as submitted.*

*Seconded by chairman Duval. Members Nowak and Rosenberg abstain. Motion passes.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on Howland Ave. Resurfacing:** *Jay Green, Town Administrator:* Mass DOT has been out doing preliminary work and started working on structures. Hoping to have a base coat done by the fall and a final coat in the spring, but as of right now they do still intend to have it done this fall.

**Update on Roadwork on Commercial Street and Cook Street Areas:** *Jay Green, Town Administrator:* Contractors is in the final stages of work on commercial street. They anticipate a final coat of asphalt this fall. They are also doing work on the retaining walls. There are areas down Commercial street that appear to have wild flowers. Those are storm water catch basins.

The cook street area will be done by the town. Relatively small and compact project. Target is October. We are going to see if we can get some roads done in town ourselves.

Question from member Nowak: What is the status of the Mobile Station? Jay: we have to go through three underground tank removals and asbestos removal. After that, we anticipate demolishing the

building. There are about 18-20k budgeted for to top coat it. We are hoping to have the building removed by the end of this calendar year.

Jay Green: Commercial Street, we have a loop system in the asphalt that recognizes when a car is on the pavement. When those systems go, you have to rip up the roadway. We want to move toward a mask system that recognizes vehicles via camera that picks up movement.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Presentation of Check to First Responders, Adams Street Fair Committee:** *Joe Martin, Chairman of the Adams Street Fair committee.* A majority of the committee was able to attend tonight. The goal of the Street Fair this year was to double what we were able to donate last year. The vendors and attendees seemed to have a great time. There were no major issues this year and we are very pleased. This year we would like to present \$1700 each to the 4 departments of first Responders, Adams Police Department, Adams Alert Hose Company, Adams Forest Wardens, and Adams Ambulance, for a total of -----.

*We were also happy to present a check for \$500 to PopCares.*

*Vice-chair Hoyt noted how nice it was to see everyone there this year. Leanne, Adams Street Fair Committee, noted that it was nice to have the Adams Visitor Center as a space to cool off in, and thanks to the Adams Forest Wardens for handing out free water to the public to help people stay cool.*

*Chief Kelley thanks the Adams Police Department on behalf of all of the First Responders. He is committed to earmarking those funds to benefit our community and our department.*

*Jay Green, wants to thank the first responders and the Adams Street Fair Committee for bettering our town. This year we received a lot of compliments.*

## **Appointment of Natasha Bordeaux to Adams Agricultural Commission**

Chairman Duval: What is the current status of the Commission?

Jay: After the appointment of Natasha, that will bring the committee to two members. It needs to have five members to be a functioning committee.

***Motion made by member Nowak to appoint Natasha Bordeaux to the Adams Agricultural Commission. Seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt. Unanimously passes.***

## **Facility Use Request, Adams Visitor Center and Grounds for Ramble Fest, October 9th, 2022, 10:00am-6:00pm, ProAdams**

Jay Green noted that this is a normal request through the office. Staff at Town Hall recommend the use.

***Motion made by Vice-chair Hoyt to approve ProAdams to use the Adams Visitor Center and Visitor Center Grounds for Ramble Fest on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 10:00am-6:00pm. Motion is seconded by Member Nowak. Motion passes Unanimously.***

**Application for One Day entertainment License, for Ramblefest, October 9th, 2022, 10:00am-6:00pm, ProAdams.**

*Jay Green* noted that this is a routine and in order.

***Motion made by Vice-chair Hoyt to approve the one-day entertainment license for Ramble Fest. Entertainment is from 12pm-5pm. Second by Member Nowak. Motion passes unanimously.***

**Application for One Day Liquor License, for Ramblefest, October 9th, 2022, 10:00am-6:00pm, ProAdams**

***Motion made by Vice-chair Hoyt to approve the one-day liquor license. Second by Member Nowak. Motion passes unanimously.***

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

*Member Rosenberg:* Board of health is in the process of working out the waste-hauling agreement. *Jay Green* noted that it is a good thing that this is being taken back up by the Board of Health with the proliferation of curbside pickup.

There has been an uptick in an amount of chemical in the water table, but it does not constitute a health concern at this time.

*Member Nowak* asked who did the testing? *Member Rosenberg* clarified that the testing is a part of the routine testing done by the water district. It is well within the amount that the state deems safe.

*Chairman Duval:* None

*Member Nowak:* Would like to have a list of the liaison committees for the next meeting.

*Vice-Chair Hoyt:* Board Members should be aware that the BRPC will be putting out an invite to their annual meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Jay Green:* The Visitor Center Bike Rack and repair stations. The town has received a number of grants. A bike repair station and manual handpump have been installed and secured. Additionally, there is a bike rack that has been installed that spells out "ADAMS". There have also been some Adirondack chairs installed behind the Visitor Center.

*Town Council* met with *Jay Green* regarding the lease to Poseidon Coffee regarding the amendment of their lease to include the sale of alcoholic beverages. Poseidon Coffee has gotten their liquor License approved by the ABCC. We are hoping that Town Council will have the amended version of that lease ready for the Select board Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Volunteer Town Beautification Efforts, *Jay Green*: There have been some well-meaning folks who would like to see some increased beautification efforts at select areas around town. We thought it would be wise to empower these folks to act and help (due to size and capacity of the DPW). We are grateful to those folks, and they are augmenting what we can do. We would like to thank them for the efforts.

Transfer Station Thursday Hours will end September 15<sup>th</sup>. We are currently recruiting for a transfer station attendant. We currently pull one of our Facilities Crew out of the buildings. We are looking for someone who will work no more than 19 hours a week. Transfer Station will remain open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Board has a workshop on Tuesday at 6:30pm regarding Tax Classification. This workshop is helpful for the board to have prior to the meeting wherein the board must act regarding the tax rate. The process by which the Town of Adams collects taxes will remain the same. The new thing this year is that the Town will collect the taxes of the Adams Fire District. This change is happening after the Fire District was ordered to make this change following a court order.

The three-person Prudential Committee must meet in a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding the tax rate on how they intend to raise funds for fire suppression. While this process is not new for the State of Mass, it is new for the Town of Adams.

*Member Nowak*: Matt Koperniak was player of the month in the St. Louis Cardinals Minor League. Secondly, something needs to be done about the junk pile at Duquette's property along the big trail. *Jay Green* clarified that DEP has been notified and he is under an enforcement order.

*Member Nowak* would also like to thank the Seasonal DPW Employees. They are doing a lot of great work. *Member Nowak* would like to see the Mausert block filled with people getting into apartments and store fronts. The disrespect of Susan B. Anthony doesn't seem proper and I wish that the owners would live up to their end of the bargain. *Jay Green* clarified that *Gerry Garner* has contacted them on multiple occasions to say that we are ready to inspect and issue a certificate of occupancy. Now it's on them to move forward as private property owners. We have done everything we can to assist them and are willing to continue to do everything we can to get them open, but it needs to be a two-way street.

*Vice-chair Hoyt*: First, thank you to our *Town Clerk, Haley Meczywor* to work to pull off early in-person voting as well as election day. Secondly, Town Administrator *Jay Green* and Chairman *Duval* did a great job pulling off the Greylock Glen Ground Breaking. It was a great day and a lot of logistics to pull off and required a lot of planning and navigating


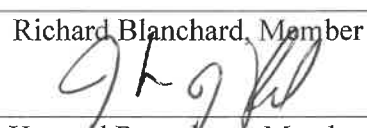
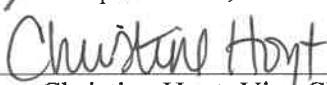
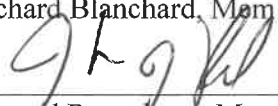
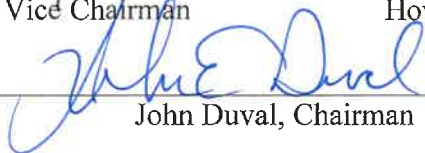
*Member Rosenberg*: The town is entering a new phase. *Jay* and his team have done an amazing job during a stage of stagnation to stabilize us and work with the budget. We are now being poised for major growth and we have to prepare for that. We have to look at expenditures that we can make now that are going to pay off ten-fold in the future.

*Chairman Duval* noted that it takes years and lots of persistence to make change in government. Donna Cesan has been consistent in her efforts. It takes a lot and we will continue to do this. Chairman Duval extended thanks and gratitude to those who have stuck around and continued their positive contribution. The next meeting will be important and very informative.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion made by Christine to adjourn, second by Chairman Duval. Vote: unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary.

 _____ Joseph Nowak, Member	 _____ Richard Blanchard, Member
 _____ Christine Hoyt, Vice Chairman	 _____ Howard Rosenberg, Member
 _____ John Duval, Chairman	