



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

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

TOWN HALL BUILDING  
8 PARK STREET

**Wednesday, October 19, 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, Richard Blanchard, and Joseph Nowak. *Town Counsel Edmund St. John was absent.* Also present were Jay Green, Town Administrator; Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary; Peter Gentile, NBCTC; Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires; Eammon Coughlin, Director of Community Development; Haley Meczywor, Town Clerk; Eric Enderle, Bright Ideas Brewing; Yina Moore, and residents of the Town of Adams.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**The minutes for the October 05, 2022 Meeting were submitted for approval.**

*Vice-chair Hoyt moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup> as submitted. Motion was seconded by Member Rosenberg. Member Blanchard abstains. Motion passes with 4 yes votes and one abstention.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Haley Meczywor, Town Clerk announced** the Pumpkin walk from 5:30-7:30 on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> and 5:30-7:30 on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Lions Club is hosting the Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Closing of the Special Town Meeting Warrant; Jay Green.** Special Town Meeting Warrant was opened two weeks ago. The Clerk's office has not received any citizen petitions for the Special Town Meeting.

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Hoyt to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Motion is seconded by Member Rosenberg. Motion passes unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ratification of Mark Pizani as Parks and Grounds Foreman, Adams DPW:** *Jay Green, Town Administrator* stated that the position has been vacant since another employee retired. Mr. Pizani was the only applicant for the position.

*Jay Green* read his ratification letter to the Board of Selectmen.

***Motion by Vice-Chair Hoyt to ratify the appointment of Mark Pizani to the position of Parks and Grounds Working Foreman for the Department of Public Works for the Town of Adams at a Step 7 Union position rate of \$28.43 per hour. Seconded by member Blanchard. Motion passes unanimously.***

**Ratification of Andrew Kechal, as Transfer Station Attendant, Adams Transfer Station:** *Jay Green, Town Administrator* read his ratification letter to the Board

***Motion by Vice-Chair Hoyt to ratify the appointment of Andrew Kechal to the position of part-time per-diem employee at the Adams Transfer Station at the Grade 4/ Step 1 rate of \$16.20 per hour. Motion is seconded by Member Blanchard. Motion passes unanimously.***

## **One Day Liquor License for Adams Theater, November 11th, 2022:**

*Jay Green* stated that he is excited for this event and recommends the approval of this routine event.

Yina Moore, owner of the Adams Theater spoke about the specifications of the event that she is hosting at the Theater.

***Motion from Vice-Chair Hoyt to approve the One Day Malt license for Eric Enderle, under Bright Ideas Brewing for the Adams Theater event taking place on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion is seconded by Member Blanchard. Motion passes unanimously.***

## **Public Entertainment License for Adams Theater, November 11th, 2022**

*Jay Green* stated that this is routine and a required state license. Staff recommend that the license be approved.

***Motion is made by Vice-Chair Hoyt to approve the Public Entertainment License for Adams Theater, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion is seconded by Member Blanchard.***

Yina clarified that they have secured 3 fire marshals for all 4 hours as well as portable restrooms.

***Motion passes unanimously.***

## **Public Hearing Request, Chief Kelley**

Board gives consensus to have Jay Green move forward with the scheduling of the Public Hearing related to a Dangerous Dog case.

The animal control officer has issued a quarantine order as well as a constraint and muzzle order at this time.

## **November 8th 2022 State Election Warrant, Town Clerk, Haley Meczywor**

Haley clarified what would be on the ballot for the November 8<sup>th</sup> State Election, Governor Lieutenant Governor Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Representative in Congress, Counselor, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, and Sherriff, as well as 4 questions.

***Motion from Member Blanchard to approve the state election warrant. Motion is seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt. Motion passes unanimously.***

*Haley Meczywor, Town Clerk* discussed the fact that a lot of folks have received their “vote by mail” ballots. The office has already received some back. You can mail your ballot back, drop it at Town Hall drop box or bring it to the Clerk’s office. The drop box outside of town hall is check on a regular basis.

Haley stated the early voting hours, start Saturday October 22 from 9am-3pm and then week of October 24<sup>th</sup> during regular business hours and Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm. Town Hall will also be open during regular business hours for early voting on the week of October 31<sup>st</sup>. The last day for early voting is Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register to vote.

*Haley* will post the specimen ballot when she receives it from the state.

**OLD BUSINESS, CONTINUED:** *Member Nowak* had three pieces of old business that required attention. First is the matter of the drainage pipe collapse on 12 Cross Street. There was a misunderstanding regarding the location of the draining pipe. Town staff will look at it. The second point of business was the “No Parking Sign” on Friend Street. *Bri Hantman* will refer the issue to the Traffic Commission and have the information cross-checked with the Clerk’s office to confirm that there is a no-parking order in that location. Lastly is the issue of the weight capacity of a local bridge.

*Jay* discussed some of the various state and Federal funding that the Town has received. Mass DOT has been very good to the Town of Adams.

#### **COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

*Member Rosenberg* discussed the fact that he was able to receive a tour of the Water Treatment plant from the superintendent of the Water District. The town has very clean drinking water. The water is extremely clean and is more tightly regulated then bottled water.

*Vice-chair Hoyt:* Sits on the planning board for the MMA. Member Hoyt also sat on a webinar for Charter Review. The other webinar that Christine sat on was regarding mattress recycling and textile disposal. Mattresses can be brought to the Dalton transfer station. There is a fee associated with that, but residents in the Town of Adams can bring their mattresses there as members of the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District.

*Member Blanchard:* None

*Member Nowak:* The new regulations regarding mattress dumping might result in an increase in dumping. Member Nowak attended by (via Telephone) the annual meeting of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership. They are changing the name to the Woodlands Partnership of North Western New England. The reason for the change is that the Mohawk Indians were not actually native to this area. Instead, we want to focus on the tribes that were indigenous to this partnership.

There are ongoing conversations regarding funding and solidifying it so that the group can continue their work.

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

*Member Blanchard: None*

*Member Rosenberg:* The Thunderbolt Ski Runners are doing maintenance at the lower part of the trail by Bellows Pipe this Saturday.

*Vice-Chair Hoyt:* Thank you to the organizers and participants of Ramble Fest and the Greylock Ramble.

*Member Nowak:* Wanted to know why there was digging at the Mobile Station on Commercial Street? Jay clarified that this was for tank remediation.

*Member Nowak* wants to know what is happening regarding the light on Commercial Street. Jay clarified that we have identified the funding and have identified a vendor, all while following procurement law. We should, and I clarify, should, have this project done by the end of this year. It is being worked on and is in progress, but it is a cumbersome process. The loops are an outdated piece of technology and we are approving it. *Member Nowak* wants to know where we stand with taking over a particular parcel of land in Adams. It is in the hands of Town Council and the owners. As of right now, we have no legal claim to it. The community development department has set aside funding to do a study of the property for highest and best use. We will have to pay to secure the building.

A branch came down by the new sign at the Glen. DPW cut it down but they left the debris. Bri will follow up.

*Chairman Duval:* In the first meeting in November, we will be discussing the Winter Parking Ban.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** This will be a roll call vote. *Motion made by Vice-chair Hoyt to move into executive session and only come out of the executive session for the purposes of adjournment. Motion is seconded by Member Rosenberg. Member Rosenberg is in favor. Member Hoyt is in favor. Member Blanchard is in favor. Member Nowak is in favor. Chairman Duval is in favor. The motion passes and the Board of selectmen Moved into Executive Session at 7:56pm.*

**For the purposes of negotiating a purchase and sale and development agreement for 20 East St.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

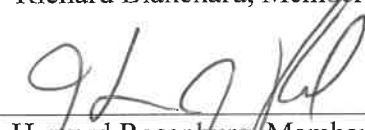
*Motion made by member Blanchard to adjourn. Motion is seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 8:25 p.m.*

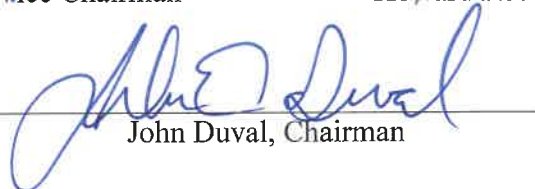
Respectfully Submitted by Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary.

  
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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 Rosenberg, Member

  
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