



Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL, 8 PARK STREET, ADAMS, MA 01220
1st Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

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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. Also present were Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary; NBCTC Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires; Eammon Coughlin, Community Development Director; Haley Meczywork, Town Clerk, members of the Adams Agricultural Commission, and residents of the Town of Adams. *Town Administrator Jay Green and Town Counsel Edmund St. John were absent.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 5th Meeting were presented.

Member Blanchard made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as submitted from April 5th, 2023. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Timothy F. Rowley as Temporary Town Clerk: *Town Clerk, Haley Meczywor, approached the Board and read into the record memo to Chairman Duval stating that a Temporary Town Clerk is needed for only Monday, May 1st, 2023 as it is the Town Election and she is on the ballot as a candidate for Town Meeting Member. As such, a temporary Town Clerk must be named for that day.*

Vice-Chair Hoyt made the motion to Appoint Timothy F. Rowley as Temporary Town Clerk specifically for Monday, May 1st, 2023. The motion was seconded by Member Blanchard. The motion passed unanimously.

Close Town Meeting Warrant

Town Clerk, Haley Meczywor stated that no citizen petitions were received.

Member Blanchard made the motion to Close the Town Meeting Warrant. The motion was Seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Jenna Harding as Seasonal Laborer with the Adams Department of Public Works

No action was taken on this item as it was added to the agenda late this afternoon.

Review and Approve Agricultural Commission Mission Statement

Sonia McWhirt, Chair of the Adams Agricultural Commission approached the board as Chairman Duval read the proposed mission statement into the record.

Vice-Chair made the motion to approve the Mission Statement for the Adams Agricultural Commission as it was submitted to the board. The motion was seconded by Member Blanchard.

Sonia thanked the Community Development Department for all of their help getting the Agricultural Commission up and running.

Member Nowak thanked the Agricultural Commission for their work.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Fisk Street Dam

Eammon Coughlin, Community Development Director approached the Board. There are three tiers of dams relating to their hazard level. This dam is considered a tier 3 hazard due to a number of factors including its location upstream of housing and utility companies. The Community Development Department looked into ownership of the dam and found that it is owned by an LLC with a singular PO Box in the Bahamas. The owner of the parcel currently owes around \$50,000 in taxes. The tax bill is returned every year as undeliverable. We can't move forward with repairing it prior to getting permission from owners. The Community Development Department has also been in conversations with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regarding its status as a cold-water fishery. Mr. Coughlin will approach Town Counsel regarding the fact that the dam presents a potential danger to the public and will also continue to seek out other methods of contacting the owners.

Update on Greylock Glen Water System Construction Project: After a public bidding process the project was awarded to a company from Troy, New York. The majority of the funding for the project comes out of an EDA grant.

Eammon summarized the flow control systems that would be in place. *Member Nowak* asked for a breakdown in funding for the Water System. *Eammon* will provide that to the board.

Review and Approve Common Victualer License for Poseidon Coffee, 3 Hoosac Street, Adams, MA: Vice-chair Hoyt stated that all paperwork is in order.

Motion from Vice-chair Hoyt to approve the common victualer license. The motion was seconded by Member Blanchard.

Member Nowak asked if the food would be prepackaged. It likely will be.

The motion passed with four yes votes and one abstention from Member Nowak.

SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Member Rosenberg: None

Vice-chair Hoyt: The Pine Brook Pub had some discrepancies with the paperwork that was submitted for their renewal. That has now been cleared up and their license has been issued.

Member Nowak: Attended a zoning board meeting. He gave the details regarding the conversation happening with a right of way hearing with the Hinton property. *Eammon Coughlin* stated that it is not appropriate to give too many details regarding the public hearing at this time. *Member Nowak* attended a historical commission meeting and participated in discussions regarding the Quaker Meeting House and the Coal and Grain building. *Eammon Coughlin* stated that a study was done a few years ago regarding the preservation of the building, but it did not address the foundation of the building. *Member Nowak* attended a Conservation Commission meeting where there was a discussion regarding new power lines being installed. A determination was made that this will not be detrimental to wetlands. The lines that come into town from the Savoy side are the ones that will be replaced.

Chairman Duval: None

Member Blanchard: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Member Rosenberg: Tomorrow from 7:30-9:30 there is Coffee in the Court at Armory Court on Park Street.

Vice-chair Hoyt: There is a household hazardous waste collection this weekend. You do need to preregister for this. Please contact Linda Cernik.

Member Nowak: LC Square, a marijuana growing operation, is now operational. Member Nowak offered his support of the Adams Theater.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Member Blanchard to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Hoyt. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary.

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