



Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET

Wednesday, August 02, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Adams Town Hall. Chair Christine Hoyt opened the meeting. Present: Chairman Christine Hoyt, Vice-chairman Howard Rosenberg, and Members John Duval, and Joe Nowak. *Member Rick Blanchard and Attorney Edmund St. John III were absent.* Also present were Jay Green, Town Administrator; Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary; Haley Meczywor, Town Clerk; Bruce Shepley of the Cemetery Commission; and K. Scott Kelley, Chief of Police.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The July 19th, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval.

Member Nowak made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from July 19th 2023 with amended grammatical errors on pages 2, 3, 4, and 5. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hoyt. The motion passed with abstentions from Vice-chair Rosenberg and Member Duval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ratification of Eric Willette as Seasonal Laborer for the Department of Public Works

Chairman Hoyt read the ratification memo that was provided to the Board.

Vice-Chair Rosenberg made the motion to ratify the appointment of Eric Willette to the position of Seasonal Laborer to the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$15.00 an hour. The motion was seconded by Member Duval.

Member Nowak asked if it should be contingent upon Mr. Willette passing his physical exam. Town Administrator Green stated that that is a standard hiring practice and does not need to be included in the motion. No employee will begin their work without first passing the appropriate physical examination.

The motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve updates to the Cemetery Commission Rules and Regulations

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Bruce Shepley from the Cemetery Commission approached the board.

There was an oversight on the perpetual care of cremation lot fees. It was left at \$100 and not increased when Mr. Shepley presented the fee adjustments from the Cemetery Commission at an earlier Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Shepley, on behalf of the Cemetery Commission, requested that the fee for perpetual care of cremation lots be raised to \$300.

Under rules and regulations, section 2.2 sentence 4 language was added to include that if a delay of interment causes unreasonable hardship, interment may happen on such days between 7:30 am and 11:00am. From a historical perspective, there have not been burials requested during Town holidays, but the board has requested that there be an additional \$500 fee added for holidays. This fee is consistent with the fee in place for funerals that take place on overtime on Saturdays. During the severe rain that we received, Mr. Shepley received a call from the DPW asking for delay in interment. According to a local funeral director, the Town of Adams is one of the only towns that does not have language in their rules and regulations that allows them to postpone interments due to weather.

Mr. Shepley requested that the Town of Adams adopt language that allows the Town to postpone and reschedule interment due to severe weather events.

Chairman Hoyt summarized the three requested changes as, an increase in the fee associated with the perpetual care of cremation lots from \$100 to \$300, the addition of language regarding postponement, and then a modification to interments happening on holidays, to include the value of that fee which is \$500.

A motion was made by Member Duval to accept the changes as presented by Mr. Shepley. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg.

Member Nowak stated that cremation lots are smaller than standard lots. Mr. Shepley stated that cremation lots are actually the same as casket burial lots.

Member Nowak brought up the matter of the \$500 fee that is in place for burials that happen after 12:00pm on Saturdays. Mr. Shepley declined to discuss the matter as it was already approved in a previous Board of Selectmen Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Assignment of Street Number: Map 115, Parcel 4, from 49-51 Park Street to 49 Park Street/ Suite A, B, and C. 51 Park Street/ Units A, B, C, D, E, and F.

Chairman Hoyt read the Memo regarding Map 115, Parcel 4, drafted by Building Inspector, Gerry Garner to the Board.

Vice-chair Rosenberg made a motion to change the numbers of Map 115, Parcel 4, from 49-51 Park Street to 49 Park Street/ Suite A, B, and C. 51 Park Street/ Units A, B, C, D, E, and F. The motion was seconded by Member Duval.

Member Nowak is glad to see that they are rented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Assignment of Street Number: Map 108, Parcel 139 from 0 Burnett Street to 3 Burnett Street

Chairman Hoyt stated that this is new growth for the Town of Adams as a new home has been built.

Vice-chair Rosenberg made the motion to accept the change of Map 108, Parcel 139 from 0 Burnett Street to 3 Burnett Street The motion was seconded by Member Duval. The motion passed unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Member Duval: None

Vice-chair Rosenberg: Attended a Board of Health meeting. There was a discussion regarding the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The Chairman of the Board of Health has spoken to Town Administrator Green regarding the matter. Town Administrator Green offered the Board of Selectmen clarification on the jurisdiction of the Board of Health versus the Solid Waste Advisory Board. The Solid Waste Advisory Board would ultimately be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen via the Office of the Town Administrator.

Member Nowak: None

Chairman Hoyt: Currently the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Board and the Massachusetts Selectmen Association Board are looking for workshop topics for webinars as well as for the MMA Annual Meeting in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Chairman Hoyt: Tomorrow is Coffee in the Court. It is open to the public and this one is sponsored by the United Way.

Friday at 11:00am there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Indica Cannabis located at 127 Columbia Street in Adams. Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies are driven by the business owners and they are a great way to celebrate the new businesses in Adams.

Chairman Hoyt offered thanks to the Adams Street Fair Committee and the Adams Police Department for their great work with the Adams Street Fair and National Night Out, respectively. Chairman Hoyt also offered thanks to the Adams Events Committee for all of their work hosting the Movies Under the Stars and the Concerts on the Lawn.

The Town-wide Tag Sale maps are available. There are 56 houses participating in the Tag Sale this year, which is Saturday August 12.

Member Duval: None

Vice-chair Rosenberg: None

Member Nowak: Thanked Chief Kelley for a great National Night Out. The Street Fair was excellent as well. *Member Nowak* is happy that Jay was able to get in touch with the folks who own the solar farm.

Chairman Hoyt: Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 16th at 6pm.

Member Nowak: Wants to support Town Administrator Green in having the plant manager from Specialty Minerals to come in and speak before the Board in a televised meeting.

Chairman Hoyt stated the Board of Selectmen would now move into Executive session. The Board will come out of Executive Session and will have an agenda item, to approve the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, IUPA, AFLCIO, Local 367 (MASSCOPS Local 367) Contract. That will be the only matter of business that the board will discuss after the Executive Session. After the vote to approve, the Board of Selectmen Meeting will be adjourned.

Vice-chair Rosenberg made a motion to move into Executive Session. Member Duval seconded the motion. Chairman Hoyt called for a rollcall vote. Member Nowak, yes; Vice-chair Rosenberg, yes; Member Duval, yes; Chairman Hoyt, yes.

Chairman Hoyt called for a brief recess at 6:37pm

The board moved into executive session at 6:41pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approve Massachusetts Coalition of Police, IUPA, AFLCIO, Local 367 (MASSCOPS Local 367) Contract
Vice-chair Rosenberg made a motion to approve the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, IUPA, AFLCIO, Local 367 (MASSCOPS Local 367) Contract. The motion was seconded by Member Duval. The motion passed unanimously.

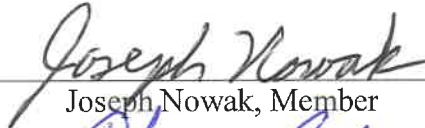
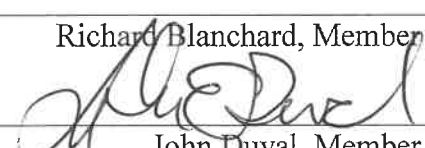
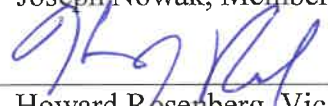

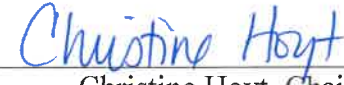
ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Duval. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

List of Materials Referenced:

- July 19th, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
- Ratification Memo, Eric Willette
- Cemetery Commission Rules and Regulations
- Memo: Assignment of Street Number, *Map 115, Parcel 4*
- Memo: Assignment of Street Number, *Map 108, Parcel 139*

Respectfully Submitted by Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary.

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