

TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2013 – 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
2. **READING OF MINUTES**
 - September 18 & 25, 2013
3. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 7:10 PM – Liquor License – Adams Ale House
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Behavior in Public Meetings
5. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Discussion regarding a moratorium for large-scale solar projects
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
C. POLICE DEPARTMENT
 - Departmental Updates from Chief Richard Tarsa**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
E. OTHER DEPARTMENTS
F. TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT

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9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Department of Conservation and Recreation request

10. **APPROVALS**

- WMAC Road Race – November 28, 2013 9 AM – 11 AM – North Summer Street

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Agenda items

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at Town hall at 7:00 PM. Chairman Duval presided, present were Arthur Harrington, Michael Ouellette, Joseph Nowak, Richard Blanchard, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel.

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Chairmen Duval called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

READING OF THE MINUTES

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from September 18th & 25th, 2013 – Unanimous motion passed.

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

Resident Jeff Lefebvre asked if there was a way to get the Veterans Memorial cleaned, Jonathan Butler commented that we can look into it and see how it can be done. Jeff asked if he could place boxes at Town Hall for Soldier On and he commented that they no longer need clothes but are still in need of personal supplies.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. There have been several inquiries from Board Members and others as to the utility status as the Community Center since the Town has moved all of our offices out of the building. I wanted to report that effective this month, the Youth Center is now paying for the electric and natural gas costs to operate the building. The Town remains the landlord until further notice and will continue to maintain the building and care for the grounds.
2. DPW Director, Thomas Satko, has formally filed his retirement paperwork, with the Town. Mr. Satko will be leaving us in March of this coming year after nearly 39 years of service to the Town.
3. Building Inspector, David Pelletier, has formally submitted his resignation for his position, effective at the end of the calendar year. He leaves us on good terms and has made the decision to move onto a new direction with his professional career.
4. I attended a year-end meeting for the Farmer's Market last night at the Adams Visitors Center, in which a few of the participating vendors and representatives from Mass in Motion were present. We had a good two hour meeting, discussing both the successes and the areas for improvement pertaining to this year's Pilot Market. The group is excited about next year, and to expand into a larger initiative both in terms of participating vendors and length of the season. It was agreed that the Tourism Director position, once in place, will be of critical assistance in executing a more ambitious second season, Any local farmers, growers or artisans with any interest in learning more about the market should contact Town Hall.

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PUBLIC HEARING

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

Nathan Girard and Erik Pizani owners of the Adams Ale House discussed with the Board the change in the Manager for their All Alcohol License. Mr. Girard stated that the change in Manager is due to his availability; Mr. Pizani is not as available for the daily running of the business. The Board also needs to approve the change in license from a Wine & Beer to and all Alcohol; this was approved by Town Meeting and the Special Legislation and was signed in as part of the Acts of 2013 by the Governor. This was a transfer of a Seasonal license to an Annual License. Member Blanchard asked if the servers were all TIP Certified, Mr. Girard's employees will be attending a renewal course this coming week for any employees who have been through the TIPs Program for recertification.

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the full Annual Liquor License for the Adams Ale House with the requirement of servers are trained in a server of – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to close the Public Hearing at 7:17 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Behavior in Public Meetings: Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator stated that this item is in response to people, that have reached out to Town Hall in the last week. The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held last week was a very contentious environment which is understandable it is a contentious issue. It's okay to debate and disagree on the points but there are a lot of concerns from Board Members to Town Employees to residents that were in the audience. The Town needs to do something about these issues; meetings cannot be conducted in this manner. The Town can't do business this way we can't give anyone a fair shake on either side of an argument if meetings continue this way. This is a concern because we do a lot of work inside and outside of this building to show that this is a community that is fair, that welcomes ideas and opinions of anything that comes before the Boards. Not speaking to just that one meeting, there has been a series of meetings over the last five to six months where it has been noticed there has been a tone that is going downhill, it seems as though our public meetings are being more tolerant of getting off the topic instead of sticking to the agenda. We need to stay to the policy and stick to the items. The attacks have been getting more personal with no founding to them. People are welcome and will disagree but need to stick to business. Malicious attacks on people with a personal basis all they do is push people away from our community and makes then not want to participate on Boards where they are volunteers and makes people not want to work for the community. He asked for people to hold themselves to a higher standard a how we carry ourselves and how we treat people that we work with, live next to and do business with. Board Members agreed with Mr. Butler.

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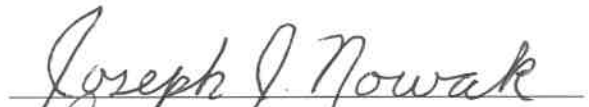

Member Nowak asked if he could place a suggestion box at Town Hall, to allow residents to voice their concerns. He also wanted to wish the Hoosac Valley Middle school good luck in their football game against Northboro for the semifinals for the State Championship. He would also ask the residents to shop local for the holiday season and for everyone to have a Happy Thanksgiving.

With no further business to transact, a motion made by Member Blanchard, seconded by Member Nowak to adjourn at 8:25 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary







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November 8, 2013

Town of Adams, Board of Selectmen
8 Park Street
Adams, MA 01220

Dear Select Board:

In accordance with the provisions of 301CMR 51.00, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), notified the town that DCR has under consideration the acquisition of approximately 102 acres (+/-) of land in the Town of Adams. This land was formerly used for forestry and open space purposes, and is currently used for the same purposes. If acquired by the Commonwealth the land will continue to be used for those as well as recreational purposes and be incorporated into the Savoy State Forest. The approximate location of the land is shown on the enclosed locus map marked "Exhibit A."

The applicable regulations require that an agency proposal to acquire property be made public in a local forum. To comply with this requirement, we had asked that the Board of Selectmen announce the Commonwealth's consideration of this acquisition at its next regularly scheduled meeting and document the announcement on an enclosed form. I have discovered a discrepancy in the Certificate of Announcement; that is the property is thought to be approximately 102 acres, not 150 as written in the Certificate we sent you. Your consideration in executing and returning the 102 acre form is most appreciated. A self-addressed envelope has been enclosed for your convenience in returning the form to us.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Soper, Land Protection Specialist, at (413)586-8706. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Marcos Pittore
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

Certified Mail Return
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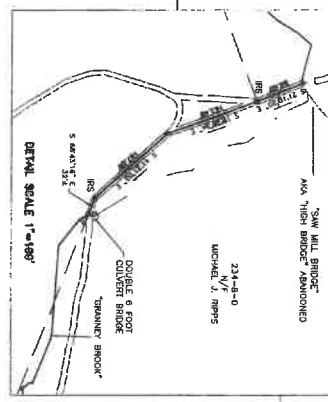
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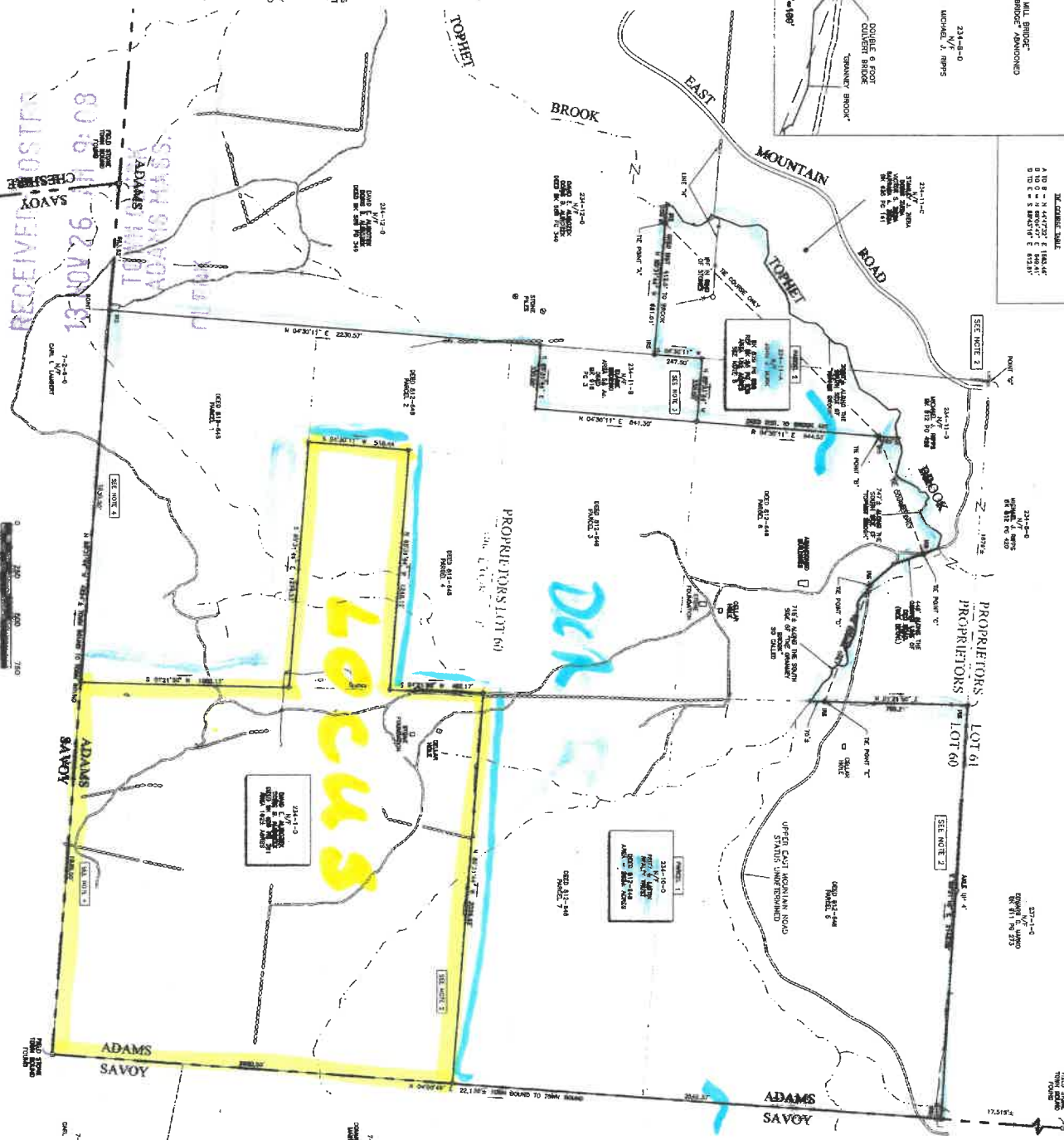
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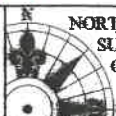


SAVOY STATE FOREST

PLAN OF LAND IN ADAMS, MA
NORTH BERKSHIRE REGISTRY
PREPARED FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND
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SURVEYOR:	D.F.S.	ENGINEER:	-
DRAFTING:	N.F.A.	DESIGN:	-
FIELD WORK:	J.D.G. J.M.P.	HORIZ. SCALE:	1" = 250'
PROJECT NUMBER:	13-007	VERT. SCALE:	-
DRAWING NAME:	13-007.DWG	DATE:	05-29-2013

BOUNDARY SURVEY



**NORTHEAST
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CERTIFICATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with 301 CMR 51.00, et seq., the Town of Adams hereby certifies that on November 20, 2013, a public announcement was made at a regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting of the Commonwealth's interest in acquiring approximately 102 (+/-) acres of land, or other property interest, in the Town of Adams. A locus map marked "Exhibit A" showing the proposed acquisition is appended hereto.

Date: November 26, 2013

Nancy A. McLaughlin
Clerk, Town of Adams

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