

TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2013 – 7:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
2. **READING OF MINUTES - August 7th, 10th, 14th, 21st, 2013**
3. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Approval of Economic Development Strategy
 - Approval of Police Chief Contract
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Set date for Trick or Treat – October 31, 2013 - 5:30 – 7:00 PM
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
C. POLICE DEPARTMENT
D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
E. OTHER DEPARTMENTS
F. TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **APPROVALS**
 - Facilities Request – Adams Visitors Center – Franklin County CDC
November 13, 2013 3:00 – 5:00 PM

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11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Agenda items

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

October 16, 2013

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

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

MINUTES

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from August 10th, 14th, & 21st, 2013 – Unanimous motion passed.

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

No one came up for Citizens Conference.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Nowak to approve the final of the Economic Development Strategy document – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve the Police Chiefs contract for Richard Tarsa – Unanimous motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Member Nowak, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the date for Trick or Treat on October 31, 2013 5:30 – 7:00 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Through the Adams historical Society the Town recently received a \$1000 donation from Edward and Allison Wells of Portola Valley, California. The Wells are decedents of one of the first families to settle in Adams. The \$1000 donation was designated to be used specifically for the care and upkeep of the Quaker Meeting House. The Adams Historical Society Board of Directors voted at a recent meeting to transfer this donation into the Town's funds for the preservation of the Quaker Meeting House.
2. Town's Landfill Solar Project – Tecta Solar is beginning final testing of the 1.1 megawatt solar facility next week. The site is expected to be operational and bringing the Town significant savings in the form of discounted electricity likely within the next few weeks.
3. The Mount Greylock Ramble and Ramblefest festival were both daunting successes over the Columbus day Weekend. The Town played a role in helping facilitate these events that were the work of the Adams Events Committee and ProAdams. Other organizations that participated included the Historical Society, Youth Center, Inc. and the Thunderbolt

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Ski Runners. It was truly a collaborative weekend in our community, which saw thousands of visitors fill our streets.

TOWN COUNSELORS REPORT

The following work was performed since my last report:

- Continued communication with legal counsel for Bay State Elevator regarding inspection issues, receipt of decision re fine (which Bay State will pay) and communication with Town Administrator concerning status.
- Continued investigation of status of Gould Road as a public way.
- Meeting with Town officials regarding Planning Board decision, rejecting site plan approval for solar array project, and research applicable law in preparation for appeal.
- Review and edit contract for Police Chief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Conservation Commission is in need of two Members, Member Nowak stated that anyone interested in serving on this board, applications are available at the Town Administrators office.

APPROVALS

The facilities request for the Visitors Center was withdrawn from the agenda and held till the following meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda items: Solar Bylaw and Roberts Rules

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to adjourn at 7:30 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary






