

# **TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA**

***WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2013 – 7:00 PM***

**TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
2. **READING OF MINUTES – May 22, June 5, 12, 13 & July 24, 2013**
3. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - Appointment of Police Chief
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Adams Visitors Center - Updates from Carol Cain
  - Council on Aging - Updates from Erica Girgenti
  - Ratification of Arthur Harrington as Acting Town Administrator (August 31, 2013 – September 7, 2013)
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
9. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**C. POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**E. OTHER DEPARTMENTS**  
**F. TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT**
10. **APPROVALS**
  - Artie & Abby Bonneville Benefit – September 21, 2013
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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1. Agenda items

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**August 21, 2013**

On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Chairman Duval presided, present were 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

### **READING OF THE MINUTES**

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> – 4 Yeas, 1 Abstained (JD) – motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from July 24<sup>th</sup> – 4 Yeas, 1 abstained (AH) motion passed.

### **CITIZENS CONFERENCE**

Barbara Meczywor speaking for the Parks Commission asked the Board if the Students at McCann's High school could fabricate the extension of the railings on the bleachers located at Renfrew to help save money. Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator commented that McCann's is an option or if it's a reasonable cost, something under \$1500 we could possibly absorb it in the operating budget. Otherwise there is no capital money for this, unless the Finance Committee wants to appropriate it out of the reserve fund. Member Ouellette asked Ms. Meczywor if this is such a safety concern, why wasn't it not voted to be on the priority list from the Parks Commission Ms. Meczywor replied that she didn't think they took a vote on the list, she thinks because the soccer field needed to be done that was the focus.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion by each Board Member as to who they chose for the Police Chief position.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to appoint Sean Hegeany to the position of Police Chief for the Town of Adams – 2 Yeas 3 Nays ( JD, JN, & AH) motion failed.

A motion made by Member Nowak, seconded by Member Harrington to appoint Richard Tarsa Jr. to the position of Police Chief for the Town of Adams – 3 Yeas 2 Nays (MO & RB) motion passed.

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## **APPROVAL**

A motion made by member Nowak, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve the request for the Artie & Abby Benefit to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 – Unanimous

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Carol Cain updated the Board regarding the Visitors Center, this year they have added hours, they are averaging 60 – 62 hours they are open a week, 7 days a week. It has been a consistent staff and people coming through the Center have increased every month.

Erica Girgenti, Council on Aging Director also updated the Board on events at the COA. Member Blanchard asked if there was a lot of out of Town participants, yes there are some out of Town but the majorities are Adams residents.

## **TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT**

The following work was performed since my last report:

- Review materials submitted by building Inspector's office regarding plan of subdivision and communication with applicant's counsel.
- Continued communication with the Department of Revenue legal staff regarding legality of funding school nurse's position at St. Stanislaus Elementary School.
- Communications with Bay State Elevator regarding inspection issues.
- Respond to inquiry concerning quorum issues.
- Investigate status of Gould Road as a public way.
- Respond to Board request relating to disposition of non-criminal violations of bylaws.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Member Nowak responded to the letter received from Time Warner Cable and announced that they will attend a Board of Selectmen's meeting on September 4, 2013 to address the concerns residents have regarding their cable. He also commented on the Tag Sale signs around Town and asked people to remove them when their tag sale is over.

Chairman Duval commented on the wacky world project. Volunteers have cleaned the playground but it was vandalized again. The volunteers are getting discouraged and are commenting that there are ready to give up. Chairman Duval asked them to not give up and to keep working this is a worthwhile cause.

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to adjourn at 8:27 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Recording Secretary

John E. Dool  
Michael Dool  
Arthur W. Hare

Joseph J. Nowak  
Brenda Dool