

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

***WEDNESDAY, April 17, 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 – March 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**
3. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - Designation of Economic Opportunity Area (41 Printworks Drive)
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Appointment for Mt. Greylock Advisory Council
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
**B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**C. POLICE DEPARTMENT**
  - Appointment of Reserve Officer**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**E. OTHER DEPARTMENTS**  
**F. TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT**
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **APPROVALS**
  - Entertainment & Sunday License:
    - Adams Ale House
    - Mill Street, Polanka Grounds

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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 Harrington Presided, present were Michael Ouellette, Scott Nichols, John Duval, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel.

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

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Chairman Harrington asked for a moment of silence for the Boston victims of the recent tragedy that accorded in Boston. .

Chairman Harrington asked for a motion to make the following changes to the agenda:

1. To add under Public Works the Appointment of Seasonal Employees.
2. Move item 10 – Approvals to follow Citizens Conference.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve both requests – Unanimous motion passed.

### **READING OF THE MINUTES**

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Duval to approve and waive the reading of the March 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> minutes – 2 Yeas, 1 abstained, (SN) motion passed.

### **CITIZENS CONFERENCE**

Resident, Jeff Lefebvre announced that the Maple Grove Civic Club will be meeting on Sunday and the candidates for the annual Town election will be present for a forum, the public is invited. Jeff also asked if there was any progress on a Bylaw for Wind & Solar. There is a major solar project being developed on East Road and he asked the Planning Board by they can't regulate this project because there isn't a solar bylaw it will be regulated by the States guidelines. Jeff stated that there is already a major problem with drainage and this will amplify it. He also asked about the medical marijuana laws and if the Board could speak to Donna Cesan about it.

### **APPROVALS**

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the Entertainment & Sunday License for the Adams Ale House – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Duval to approve the Entertainment & Sunday License for the Mill Street, Polanka Grounds - Unanimous motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion by the Board regarding the proposed designation of the 43 Printworks Drive EOA. The area proposed for designation is a 5.34 acre site located within the Town of Adams known as the Renfrew Center within the Adams Corporate Park and zoned Industrial Park. The Existing 79,000 square foot industrial building on the site was constructed in 1997 to

relocate the former Novtex Company. With the relocation of TOG Manufacturing, Inc. to the EOA, the building will reach full capacity for the first time. The following votes were taken by the Board:

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the proposed designation of the 43 Printworks Drive Economic Opportunity Area as described in the EOA application – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Nichols to approve the commitment to authorize the use of tax increment financing or special tax assessment for each qualified Certified Project located within the 43 Printworks Drive EOA – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Duval, seconded by Member Ouellette to authorize staff to submit the 43 Printworks Drive EOA application to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council for approval – Unanimous motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion by the Board of an appointment to the Mount Greylock Advisory Council. A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to appoint Tim Herrmann to the Mount Greylock Advisory Board – Unanimous motion passed.

## **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

A motion made by Member Nichols, second by Member Ouellette to ratify the Seasonal employees for the Department of Public Works – Unanimous motion passed.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the ratification of Colby Clark to the position of Reserve Officer – Unanimous motion passed

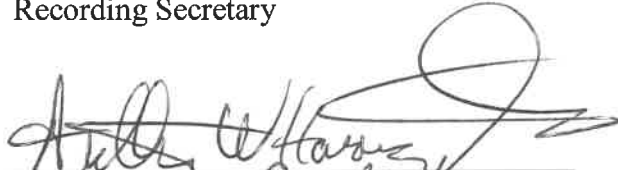

## **TOWN COUNSELS REPORT**

The following report was submitted by Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel

- Assist the Town Administrator in the draft of the interim Chief's contract.
- Advise the Building Department regarding a zoning issue.
- Draft motions in a Housing Court matter.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. – Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted  
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## Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen  
From: Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator  
Subject: Town Administrator's Report  
Date: April 17, 2013

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1. The ACRSD holds crisis Management Team meetings with Police/Fire/EMS several times a year, and had recently identified the purchase of Ready/Set Go kits as a recommended safety improvement. These kits are backpacks supplied with 25 space blankets, 25 particulate masks, first aid kits and a variety of other emergency items. The Police Chief and his Assistant, Samantha Talora put together a proposal to Western Regional Homeland Security that required them to present a formal plan in Northampton and have just been informed that they are approved for \$19,000 for the purchase of 220 kits. These kits will be placed in the classroom of each teacher in the ACRSD.
2. The Town has fielded some questions about the large coils of cable wire hanging on utility poles around the community. I wanted to confirm that what people are seeing is the first stages of the Massachusetts Broadband installation being done by Axia. This installation will be connecting several town facilities with fiber-optic cable that will dramatically improve their access to higher speed internet. Any local businesses within the downtown corridor that have interest in their own installation should reach out to Town Hall and we can connect you with the proper resources.
3. Police Chief Search – Just wanted to inform the Board that the Search Committee has the position formally posted by the State Police Chiefs Association, Western MA Police Chiefs Association and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. In addition, it is being advertised through BerkshireJobs.com, Berkshirecareers.com, Monster.com and will be running over two weekends in the Berkshire Eagle and North Adams Transcript. The deadline for applicants is June 15<sup>th</sup>.



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