

TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2013 – 7:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
2. **READING OF MINUTES**
3. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Strategic Plan
 - Adams Memorial School
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
C. POLICE DEPARTMENT
 - Appointment of Administrative Assistant II**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
E. OTHER DEPARTMENTS
F. TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **APPROVALS**
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 1. Agenda items
12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

RECEIVED-POSTER
13 FEB 27 AM 8:46
TOWN CLERK
ADAMS MASS.
CLERK

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigation position, and the Chair so declares.
- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if the Chair declares that an open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board did
not go into
EXECUTIVE
SESSION
No Report -
Jon

January 9, 2013

On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 7:00 Pm at Town Hall. Vice-Chairman Nichols presided; present Michael Ouellette, John Duval, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel.

Vice Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

Resident Jeff Lefebvre spoke to Peter Breen from Hoosac Valley High School regarding their internet access he asked if the Town could negotiate free internet for schools in their next contract negotiations. He also updated the Board that he was able to collect 402 boxes of clothing for Soldier On.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Duval announced that the Strategic Plan is scheduled for March 22nd & 23rd and will be held at the Adams Visitors Center. At this time they will be contacting a list of individuals they have identified to participate.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes

POLICE DEPARTMENT


A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Duval to approve the appointment of Samantha Talora to the position of Administrative Assistant II in the Police Department – Unanimous motion passed.

TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

With no further business to transact, a motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Duval to adjourn at 7:36 PM – Unanimous motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary



RECEIVED-POSTED
13 FEB 27 AM 8:17
TOWN CLERK
ADAMS MASS.
CLERK



Town of Adams • Massachusetts 01220-2087

JONATHAN W. BUTLER
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN HALL
8 Park Street
Tel. (413) 743-8300
Fax (413) 743-8316
e-mail: jbutler@town.adams.ma.us

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator

Subject: Town Administrator's Report

Date: January 9, 2013

JWB

RECEIVED-POSTED
14 AUG -5 PM 2:26
TOWN CLERK
ADAMS MASS.

1. Adams Solar Project – The Solar Project planned for the Adams Landfill is moving forward. After what has seemed like a year of stagnancy, the approvals required through National Grid are all in place. We've recently met with the engineers for Tecta Solar and were informed that they have re-submitted to DEP for approval of the actual site design. There were some changes made to the initial site design that require DEP approval due to their being placed over a capped landfill. We have informed the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board of these minor changes, and they are expecting DEP to confirm approval within the next few weeks. We have been told that this project will be under full construction in March.
2. The Adams Visitors Center will be expanding its hours in anticipation of the Thunderbolt Ski Race and Thunderfest. In order to make the Thunderbolt Ski Museum more accessible to visitors to Town, the facility will now be opened additional hours to include Friday evening's up until 6:00 PM, and Saturday and Sundays from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. People can continue to view the Museum during any weekday hours that the facility itself is open.
3. Community Development Strategy Meeting – There was a CD Strategy meeting last night in Town Hall where we had around 30+ folks in attendance. We reviewed the 19 projects currently in the Town's queue and also had some lively discussions about the CDBG process and several other community projects. It was a wonderful turnout for an important meeting to solicit feedback.





Town of Adams • Massachusetts 01220-2087

JONATHAN W. BUTLER
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN HALL
8 Park Street
Tel. (413) 743-8300
Fax (413) 743-8316
e-mail: jbutler@town.adams.ma.us

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator

Subject: Town Administrator's Report

Date: January 9, 2013

JWB

RECEIVED
TOWN OF ADAMS
14 SEP - 8 AM 9:19
CLERK

1. Adams Solar Project – The Solar Project planned for the Adams Landfill is moving forward. After what has seemed like a year of stagnancy, the approvals required through National Grid are all in place. We've recently met with the engineers for Tecta Solar and were informed that they have re-submitted to DEP for approval of the actual site design. There were some changes made to the initial site design that require DEP approval due to their being placed over a capped landfill. We have informed the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board of these minor changes, and they are expecting DEP to confirm approval within the next few weeks. We have been told that this project will be under full construction in March.
2. The Adams Visitors Center will be expanding its hours in anticipation of the Thunderbolt Ski Race and Thunderfest. In order to make the Thunderbolt Ski Museum more accessible to visitors to Town, the facility will now be opened additional hours to include Friday evening's up until 6:00 PM, and Saturday and Sundays from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. People can continue to view the Museum during any weekday hours that the facility itself is open.
3. Community Development Strategy Meeting – There was a CD Strategy meeting last night in Town Hall where we had around 30+ folks in attendance. We reviewed the 19 projects currently in the Town's queue and also had some lively discussions about the CDBG process and several other community projects. It was a wonderful turnout for an important meeting to solicit feedback.

* Purple Mountain Majesty

"Home of Mt. Greylock"



Edmund R. St. John III

Admitted in MA and CA
Pittsfield office: 85 East Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Attorney at Law

2 Center Street
P.O. Box 228
Adams, MA 01220
Tel: 413-743-0990
Fax: 413-743-3702

Email: estjohn1@albany.twcbc.com
Website: www.stjohnlawoffice.com

January 9, 2013

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT

The following matters were reviewed since my last report:

- Meetings with the Housing Department concerning zoning issues.
- Review of conflict of interest law summary forwarded by Town Clerk.
- Discussion of conflict of interest issues with Town Administrator.
- Renewal of site access agreement with Berkshire Gas.