## TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUESTTS ADAMS TOWN HALL BUILDING, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, 8 Park Street, 2nd FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MINUTES 9/26/17**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 6:00 p.m. Blanchard, Hoyt and Nowak were present, as well as Town Administrator Mazzucco and Community Development Director Cesan. The Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee Members were also in attendance.

Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee: Chair Pam St. John introduced the members of the Committee to the Board. Bill Kolis, Chair of the Statue Sub-Committee gave historical information to the Board about Susan B. Anthony and advised them of plans for the celebration and events in 2020. The options for statue location were explained in depth to the board with pros and cons for each location. Cost estimates, time variability, quality and location importance were outlined in detail. Possible locations were the Town Hall lawn, the small area in front of Greylock Federal Credit Union by the Susan B. Anthony stone that currently exists, the vacant lot on Park Street that is under private ownership, and the Town Common. The Statue Sub-Committee consensus was that the Town Common was the best location. Details were given about a possible statue design and size. The intent to memorialize the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment and Susan B. Anthony quotes in the same area with the installation of benches was expressed. Director Cesan advised this may be an option to enhance and design the Town Common space to work well with the future plans. A history was given of the property of the Town Common, and the accessibility of schools was noted. A concern was expressed about potential vandalism with a low-profile statue with stairs, but a statue on a granite base would lose visibility. A security system could be looked into if vandalism is an issue. It was pointed out that the gazebo was donated by a family and the history needs to be preserved and addressed. A request was made for the Board to make a decision at a future meeting.

**Policy Guidelines Handbook:** A review was done of the updated version, including how the Board acts, and Section 1 changes to make it more manageable. The Board will do a first review next week, make changes and hold a second reading, including the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.

## Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Member Blanchard, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,

Recording Secretary

oseph Nowak, Member

Richard Blanchard, Vice Chairman

Christine Hoyt, Member

John Duval, Chairman

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