

TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2012 – 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**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Special Town Meeting
 - Special Municipal Employee Designation
 - Discussion on DCR request
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**
 - Sign permit – Mt. Greylock Ramble
 - Facilities Request – Renfrew Field – Boys Soccer – 10/22, Girls Soccer – 10/4, Football – 10/5 3:00 – 9:00 PM
 - Facilities Request – ProAdams – Visitors Center, Ramblefest Sunday, October 7, 2012
 - One Day Liquor License – ProAdams, Ramblefest – Sunday, October 7, 2012
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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1. Agenda items

12. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

September 19, 2012

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

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

Chairman Harrington asked for the following items to be added to the agenda, Charles Street Bridge discussion and vote, Food Bank Proclamation request for the month of September and minutes for September 5th 7 12th .

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Duval to approve the addition of the above items to the agenda – Unanimous – motion passed.

READING OF THE MINUTES

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Nichols to approve and waive the reading of the September 5th, 2012 minutes – Unanimous – motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Duval to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the September 12th, 2012 minutes – 3 Yeas, 1 abstain (SN) motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Harrington asked for a motion to put on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting regarding the Charles Street bridge repairs, a motion was not made by the Board; the item will not go on the Warrant.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to set the date for the Special Town Meeting for Monday, October 29, 2012 – Unanimous – motion passed.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to open the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting immediately and to close the Warrant on Monday October 8, 2012 at 4:00 PM – Unanimous – motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Nichols to approve to following: the northern Berkshire Industrial Park and Development Corporation is a regional municipal entity and the Town of Adams is a member of the region. For the purposes of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, any person who performs professional services for the Northern Berkshire Industrial Park and Development Corporation on a part-time, intermittent or consultant basis, such as those of architect, attorney, accountant, engineer, planner, or construction,

financial, real estate or traffic expert, is designated and shall be considered a Special Municipal Employee – Unanimous – motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the recent request from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to purchase 394 acres of land located off of 329 East Mountain Road. DCR requested that the proposal to acquire this property be made public in a local forum which the Board has done. DCR also asked if they do decide to purchase this property it may be necessary to complete the transaction in less than the 120 day notice period that is required. They are asking the Board to agree to the reduction in time, the Board wanting more information regarding the reduction decided to wait on this till they were better informed.

Chairman Harrington read a proclamation to announce September as Hunger Action Month.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the Proclamation that September is Hunger Action Month – Unanimous – motion passed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

APPROVALS

Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator asked the Board to table the two ProAdams requests till the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to table the two ProAdams requests till the next Board of Selectmen's meeting – Unanimous – motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Nichols to approve the following: a sign permit for the Mt Greylock Ramble and Facilities request for Renfrew Field, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Hoosac Valley Football. – Unanimous – motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda items:

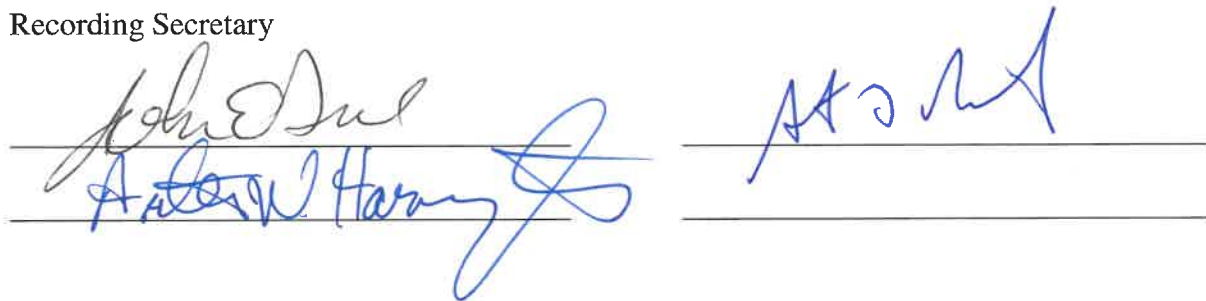
Member Duval asked for an update on the FY13 budget, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator will talk to Mary Beverly, Town Accountant on printing out reports for the Board. Member Duval also requested that Department Heads attend meetings to give updates for their departments. He also would like an update from Administrator Butler on each of the agenda items.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Member Nichols informed residents that there is a program that is open to the public at MCLA, Chris Herring who is a former player for the Boston Celtics who had addiction problems and will be coming in as a speaker on the road to recovery. This event will take place on September 27th at 7:00 PM. Chairman Harrington commented that this past weekend he attended his 50th Class reunion which the School District allowed them to take a tour of the Middle School. The participants commented on what great shape that building was in, with the exception of the roof and heating system. He wanted to thank Mr. Skrocki for allowing them to be in the building, they also commented on how well the Town is maintained.

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Nichols to adjourn at 8:06 PM – Unanimous – motion passed

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary



Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are written over horizontal lines. The signature on the left is 'John Dine' and the signature on the right is 'Andrew Harrington'.



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JONATHAN W. BUTLER
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

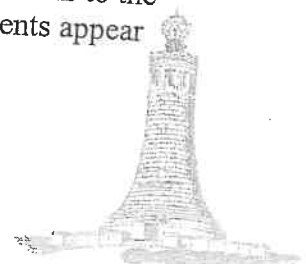
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Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator
Subject: Town Administrator's Report
Date: September 19, 2012

JWB

1. Code Red - In response to recent concerns over our having a "first alert" system in the instance of Town emergencies, the Town of Adams is in the process of finalizing a contract with the Code Red Emergency Communications Network. Code Red is a web based service that databases all Town of Adams public numbers (residences, businesses, anything in the phonebook) and allows for voluntary participation for cell phone users. The system allows certain Town officials to place town wide calls to alert the general public. Alerts can range from actual emergency notices, to projects that may cause traffic delays, to Town events. The Town will be paying right around \$7,000 a year for this service, and will be doing it as a collaboration with the Fire District.
2. The Board of Selectmen asked at the last meeting I attended for some updates pertaining to the Solar Project at the landfill. To date, we're continuing to work with Tecta Solar. The Interconnection Agreement that they must receive through National Grid has been the primary holdup to this project breaking ground. Long story short - it is not a quick nor expeditious process to go through - and is something that the Commonwealth really should attempt to improve in the future. Currently, Tecta is close to completion with this agreement, and as a result has come back to the Town with a few business items that have to be sorted out before construction can begin. Ultimately, it is our hope that they begin construction before the end of the calendar year. The project is still very much in the queue, but interconnection obligations have slowed the process, substantially.
3. The Council on Aging began its move to the Adams Visitor's Center this past Monday, and will be open there for business next Monday. The renovations to the conference space have come out beautifully, and both the staff and clients appear very excited about this new location.



4. The Thunderbolt Ski Museum display will also be unveiled at the Adams Visitor's Center during the Ramblefest event on October 7th. There will be a ribbon cutting as well as some special guests. This project was a collaboration between members of the Thunderbolt Ski Runners, the Town of Adams, and there have also been some donations made from the Adams Historical Society. The project will highlight the history of the Thunderbolt, as well as its intriguing connection to the 10th Mountain Infantry Division during World War II. This has the potential to become a truly unique attraction right in our downtown.

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Town Counsel Report

I received a telephone call from the Secretary of State's office concerning an appeal by a private citizen over a public records request. I provided a response to a question raised by that office. I would be happy to provide specifics to the Board concerning this matter in an executive session as it involves a pending criminal investigation and it requires that I provide you with legal advice.

I reviewed a request made by the Conservation Commission to establish a system of rules and procedures for the assessment of fines for wetlands violations. A response to that request has been provided.

I met with the Zoning Enforcement Officer concerning the commencement of an action to enjoin a local business from zoning violations. I am currently reviewing the applicable law and drafting the complaint.