

TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2012 – 7:00 PM

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
2. **READING OF MINUTES:** February 27th & March 7th, 26th, 28th, April 2nd & 11th.
3. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Temporary Visitor's Center Volunteer Plan
 - Health Insurance Reform Proposal
 - Ratification of MOA – Clerical Union
 - Ratification of MOA – DPW Union
 - Ratification of MOA – Police Union
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
 - Approval of new contract for Town Administrator Jonathan Butler

B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

C. POLICE DEPARTMENT

 - Approval of new contract for Police Chief Donald Poirot

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

E. OTHER DEPARTMENTS

F. TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **APPROVALS**
 - Events Planning Committee request the following approval:

- Town Wide Tag Sale – Saturday, August 11th 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Dana Labbee Memorial Road Race – Sunday, August 12th Mill Street Picnic Grounds.
- Susan B. Anthony Days Festivities July 28th – August 3rd, Street Fair, Monday July 30th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM with a rain date of Tuesday, July 31st.
- Cruz Night August 2nd, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Seventh Annual Community Night – Thursday, July 12th Town Common – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Summer Concert Series – July 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.
- Summer Movie Series – July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, August 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th. Rain Dates July 7th & August 25th.
- Main Street Stage Performance – July 28th, Visitor's Center, 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.
- Annual Pedal & Plod – July 29th Town Common 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Agenda items

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.
- To comply with, or act under the authority under of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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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, Jason Hnatonko, Paula Melville, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John IV.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Ouellette to waive the reading and approve the minutes of February 27th – 4 Yeas, 1 Abstain (PM) Motion Passed

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Ouellette to waive the reading and approve the minutes of March 7th - 3 Yeas, 2 Abstain (PM & SN) Motion Passed

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Nichols to waive the reading and approve the minutes of March 26th – 3 Yeas, 2 Abstain (PM & MO) Motion Passed

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Nichols to waive the reading and approve the minutes of March 28th – 3 Yeas, 2 Abstain (PM & MO) Motion Passed

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

Haley Meczywor, Town Clerk reminded residents of the upcoming Annual Town Election on May 5th.

Resident, Jeffrey Lefebvre updated the Board on the clothing drive and asked if he could use space at Town Hall for collections, the Board gave its censuses to allow Jeff to have a collection site in Town Hall. Jeff also commented on how well this year's Town budget was and thanked Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator for all his hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator discussed with the Board an idea regarding the Adams Visitors Center staffing. They would like to have it open for Memorial Day weekend, there is a list of volunteers and he is confident they will be able to staff through a volunteer prospective. He would like to make a plan for the summer to be open during the week. Because it is temporary they feel it would make since to contract out the service for the short term, and have a person in charge for a small stipend and work a couple shifts themselves, doing the general over site and keep a volunteer list for the staffing. Member Melville felt the candidate should have knowledge of the community and the history of Adams. The Board gave their consensus for Administrator Butler and Donna Cesan, Community Development Director to move forward.

I would like to start off by thanking the town for voting me into office here 3 years ago. It has been a privilege to serve the town in this regard. I want to first of all thank my parents for helping me get elected and especially my mother's ability to keep me grounded. I would like to thank the people of Adams for allowing me to live a family life and keep it separate from my business as a town official. It meant a lot to me that you, the citizens of this town, allowed me to live a life that when I was with my family, I was allowed to be a father.

As Jeff commented on two weeks ago, it has been a difficult time in my personal life and as a result of that comment I have had to make comments to people in regards to my personal life. For clarification, I have never been nor am I chronically ill. Yes I have lost over 75 lbs since I took office, but that is a result of diet and exercise, which includes my new love for running. The problems Jeff was talking about, which I thought was made in confidence is the fact I am going through a divorce and the process has been extremely difficult for me and has taken a lot of my energy and concentration over the last two years. In fact, I want to thank Jonathan and Mike for trying to keep me focus especially during the first few months after I filed. I was going through a literal hell and they helped me through.

As I leave office, I look back on my time here in office and I see a lot of improvement that has gone on. The first thing I ever did of any notoriety was when a whole neighborhood's phone service was interrupted and Verizon didn't come out to fix it until I called them out and got the media involved. Another was repeatedly fighting back the implementation of the meals tax. I was the first one to come out against it and led the fight to keep it from passing it. I also fought to reinstate the Summer Parks program so the kids of this town have something to do during the summer time. There has been significant progress in the development of the Greylock Glen as well as to the visual appearance to the downtown, mainly the Mausert Block and Summer St. We also have a new school building set to open in September.

The one thing however that I am most proud of was settling a lawsuit for the town that saved the town hundreds of thousands of dollars and in so doing minimizing the effect to the tax

rate that it would have on the town. That was the settlement with Jim Leitch. The town was put into a horrific situation when this contract was approved back in 2002. It is important to reiterate no one on this board was on that board that approved it. I did take the initiative to lead and negotiate an end to this litigation.

I would like to thank the members on this board as well as former selectman Joe Dean and Don Sumner and the Town Administrator Jonathan Butler. It was a pleasure to get to know this fine people who I have served this fine office with. We may not have always seen eye to eye on every issue, but we have agreed to disagree and for the most part have done a good job at keeping it civil.

I would like to thank my three boys, Landon, Preston, and Evan for allowing me the time needed (not that they could voice a descending opinion) to try and make this a better town for them.

Finally, and most importantly I need to say thank you to my wonderful girlfriend Erinn. She has been my best friend and my strength through everything both personal and with the town. Unfortunately now, you will have to deal with me every Wednesday night now. Thank you for everything.

I would like to wish all the five candidates good luck on Monday. My only advice to the winners is to keep Adams moving forward.

I promised three years ago, that I would make Adams a better place than what it was in 3 years ago and I can honestly say that I believe have done that.