

TOWN OF ADAMS SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2012 – 7:00 PM

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

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ADAMS MASS.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM**
2. **READING OF MINUTES**
 - January 4, 2012
3. **CITIZEN'S CONFERENCE**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Discussion regarding vacant seat on the Adams Retirement Board
 - Approval of Dog License Fees
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **A. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
 - B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
 - Ratification of DPW Employee
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - 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**

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff members of individual.
- To conduct strategy sessions in preparation of negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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On the Above date the Board of Selectmen met at Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Chairman Harrington presided, present: Paula Melville, Michael Ouellette, Jason Hnatonko, Scott Nichols, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel.

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Chairman Harrington opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Nichols to waive the reading of the January 4, 2012 minutes and place on file – 3 Yeas, 2 Abstained (PM & MO).

The Board signed the Presidential Primary Warrant on February 15, 2012 that was approved by the Board on February 1, 2012.

CITIZEN CONFERENCE

Resident Jeff Lefebvre asked when the Budget meeting would be starting, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator replied the second or third week in March. He also asked if there was a total cost for the damage done by Hurricane Irene. Mr. Butler replied that all the work has not been completed yet, there are still projects that won't be completed till the spring. The Town is also still working on the reimbursements. The Maple Grove Civic Club will be meeting for a fundraiser on March 4th, 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the PNA on Victory Street. Their regular meeting will be on Sunday, February 19, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the new Town Facilities Request forms and # 1-3 to be in place immediately and # 4 the financial Summary as of July 1, 2012 – Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Harrington announced there was a vacant seat on the Adams Retirement Board if anyone was interested in the position they will need to state their request in writing and those would need to be in the Selectmen's office no later than February 22, 2012.

A motion made by Member Nichols, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve the 2012 Dog License fees – Unanimous

SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Member Melville attended the NBSWMD budget hearing, they discussed raising the cost of the assessment to the Town.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Administrator Butler announced there would be a Capital Improvement Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The ratification of the DPW Employee was removed from the agenda and placed on the following Board of Selectmen Workshop meeting.

TOWN COUNSELOR'S REPORT

I am continuing my work concerning the easements for the Rail Trail extension. This has included communicating with the Commonwealth concerning the easement language.

I am reviewing an application for an all alcoholic beverages license submitted recently by a local business. Written comments are being prepared for discussion at the hearing which is to be scheduled.

At the request of the Community Development office, I am reviewing the recent issuance of a special permit and the advisability of an appeal from the decision.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Member Melville submitted her certificate of completion for the State Ethics test. She also encouraged Town residents to run in the upcoming election for Town Meeting Members.

Chairman Harrington wanted to point out to residents they should confirm which precinct they were located in. In some locations on one side of the street could be in one precinct and the other side in another precinct.

Member Nichols took a tour of the Hoosac Valley School project and it is incredible the progress that has been made. It has been reported it is 60 % completed, it's going to be a beautiful project when it is completed. If you would like to see the progress I Berkshires has been chronologically taking pictures of the progress. It is exciting to see what has been going on and this will be great for the community.

Chairman Harrington also took a tour of the school and commented that it is amazing to see the work that has been done at the school.

A motion made by Member Hnatonko, seconded by Member Nichols to enter in Executive Session at 7:30 PM to come out to adjourn only – Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

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Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary




