



## *Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087*

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING  
8 PARK STREET

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL, 8 PARK STREET, ADAMS, MA 01220  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** On the above date, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Adams Town Hall. Board Chair Christine Hoyt opened the meeting. Present: Chairman Christine Hoyt, Vice-Chairman Howard Rosenberg and Members Rick Blanchard, John Duval, and Joe Nowak were present. *Attorney Edmund St. John III was absent.* Also present were Jay Green, Town Administrator; Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary; Haley Meczywor, Town Clerk; Jacob Tarjick; Scott Kelley, Chief of Adams Police Department.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval.

*Member Blanchard made a motion to accept the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented and waive the reading. Vice-chair Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None*

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **Ratification of Jacob Tarjick as Program Manager in the Community Development Department**

Town Administrator Jay Green offered an overview of the Program Manager position in the Community Development Department. Town Administrator Green read the ratification memo that was prepared.

*Member Blanchard made a motion to ratify the appointment of Jacob Tarjick to the position of Program Manager in the Community Development Department at the Grade 12 Step 1 rate of \$60, 448 annually. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Review and Approve Dog License Fee Proposal**

*This item was supposed to be the Dog Kennel License Fee Proposal. As such, this item will be listed correctly and then taken up at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. No action was taken by the board.*

## **Adams Police Department Grant Update**

Chief Scott Kelley approached the Board of Selectmen. Some of the trainings and education programs that have already happened this year have been mental health, firearms, first aid, and various other trainings. Those are just standard and regulatory trainings.

Mr. Cole Deroches is still in the academy. Chief Kelley has received updates stating that he is doing well. He is still on track to graduate in April which will bring the department up to full staff. The police department has a new Chevy Tahoe, and they are enjoying that vehicle. With all that stated, Chief Kelley wanted to tell the board about a several grants that they have received recently.

With that, the APD has received just short of \$160,000, with two more grants still pending. The grants received have included a Victim's Advocate Grant for \$12,000, a Child Safety Grant for \$4500, a Traffic Safety Grant for \$24,000, a grant for Body Worn Cameras for \$110,000, and an additional grant for \$9,000 that helps the investigators do their work.

*Member Nowak* asked Chief Kelley to place an officer at the crosswalk by Notre dame Church during the winter months when it is dark out at the time when Church gets out. Chief Kelley stated that it would be a great idea and certainly possible due to the Traffic Safety Grant.

*Vice-chair Rosenberg* as for some clarification on what the Victim's Advocate does. Chief Kelley stated that victim's advocates, in partnership with the Elizabeth Freeman Center, will reach out to a victim if they meet certain criteria. The grant helps cover some of the overtime that may be incurred by Victim's advocate. It also pays for additional funding for the Elizabeth Freeman Center to help support victims.

*Member Duval* asked if there is any grant that provides for a program to do traffic stops during the holiday season or during months that there is excessive speeding. Chief Kelley clarified that that is part of the Traffic Safety grant.

## **Request to Allocate Space at Bellevue Cemetery for K9 Memorial and Resting Place**

Chief Kelley stated that the Board has received an email and were notified that the Town of Adams' first K9, Kumar, had to be put down this week. Sergeant Crane is doing okay, but Kumar was certainly more than a work partner for Curtis. Chief Kelley stated that in the south, it is more common to have memorials for K9 officers.

The idea is to honor, not only K9s in Adams, but in other jurisdictions who may not have the space or the availability to honor K9s. There is a spot where everyone parks to go down to the falls at Bellevue. That land is not ever designated to be sold as plots for the cemetery. In the curve of the land, there is a space that is never going to be sold as a plot, that Chief Kelley would like to see a Memorial with the names and years of service of police K9s. Typically K9 handlers take home the ashes of the K9 partners. Several handlers would like to see a portion of the remains to be places in the memorial.

Town Administrator Green stated that Commissioner Shepley of the Cemetery Commission took a poll of the commissioners and they agreed that this would be an ideal spot. Because it is not a burial plot, there is no cost. Additionally, because the remains are cremated, there are no regulations regarding burial of an animal.

*Member Nowak* asked if any other community has a burial place for animals. Chief Kelley stated that no other community has one. Adams would be the first. There is a memorial in Pittsfield, but it is not a resting place.

*Chairman Hoyt* stated that it is a very special group that handles dogs. Chairman Hoyt stated that prior Town Administrators Mazzucco and Butler offer their condolences.

*Member Duval* stated Kumar was not only a great asset for the police force, but for the community.

*Member Blanchard* asked if the memorial space would be limited to police dogs, or if it would be open to other public safety K9s. Chief Kelley stated that it would be limited to police dogs.

***Member Blanchard made a motion that the board approve the request to allocate space at Bellevue Cemetery for K9 resting place. Seconded by member Duval.***

Member Duval requested an amendment to the motion be made to add that the oversight and management of the burial space be the purview of the Town Administrator and Chief of Police. ***Member Blanchard amended his motion to include this, Member Duval amended his second. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **Annual License Renewals**

### ***1. All Alcohol Package Store Licenses***

- a. Anee Liquor dba O'Geary's Package Store, 60 Commercial St., Adams, MA
- b. Mahant Oasis Liquors, Inc. dba Oasis Liquor Store, 35 Spring St., Adams, MA
- c. Ambnik, LLC dba Val's Pipe & Package, 5 Columbia St., Adams, MA

***Member Blanchard made a motion to approve an All-Alcohol Package Store License for Anee Liquor dba O'Geary's Package Store, 60 Commercial St., Adams; Mahant Oasis Liquors, Inc. dba Oasis Liquor Store, 35 Spring St., Adams; and Ambnik, LLC dba Val's Pipe & Package, 5 Columbia St., Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.***

### ***2. Wine & Malt Package Store Licenses***

- a. 7-Eleven, 223 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- d. Tri-Petroleum, Inc., 160 Howland Ave, Adams, MA
- e. Adams Hometown Market, 11 Myrtle St, Adams, MA

***Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the Wine and malt package store licenses for 7-Eleven, 223 Columbia St., Adams, MA; Tri-Petroleum, Inc., 160 Howland Ave, Adams, MA; and Adams Hometown Market, 11 Myrtle St, Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.***

### ***3. All Alcohol Establishments***

- a. Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare Restaurant, 200 Howland Ave, Adams, MA
- b. AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA
- c. Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA
- d. Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA
- e. Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA
- f. Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA
- g. Jones & Dews WX Restaurant Group, LLC dba Firehouse Café & Bistro, 47 Park St, Adams, MA
- h. Pinebrook Pub, LLC 128 Columbia Street, Adams, MA
- i. Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA

***Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the All Alcohol Establishments licenses for Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare Restaurant, 200 Howland Ave, Adams, MA; AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA; Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA; Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA; Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA; Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA; Jones & Dews WX Restaurant Group, LLC dba Firehouse Café & Bistro, 47 Park St, Adams, MA; Pinebrook Pub, LLC 128 Columbia Street, Adams, MA; and Red's Viking Pub, 77-83***

*Commercial St., Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Wine & Malt Establishments**

- a. Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA
- b. Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, 131 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- c. Stacy Varellas, dba Pizza House, 26 Hoosac St., Adams, MA

*Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the Wine and Malt Establishment License for Bascome Lodge Group LLC, pending completion of required inspections. The Motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the Wine and Malt Establishment license for Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, 131 Columbia St., Adams, MA and Stacy Varellas, dba Pizza House, 26 Hoosac St., Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

**5. Sunday Entertainment Licenses**

- a. Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.)
- b. AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.)
- c. Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.)
- d. Original Seed, 32 North Summer Street, Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.)
- e. Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.)
- f. Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA (Before 1:00pm)
- g. Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA (After 1:00 p.m.)
- h. Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA (After 1:00 p.m.)
- i. Adams Theater, 27 Park Street, Adams MA (After 1:00pm)

*Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.); AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.); Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.); Original Seed, 32 North Summer Street, Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.); Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA (Before 1:00 p.m.); and Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA (Before 1:00pm). The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Nicholas Enterprises, Inc. dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA (After 1:00 p.m.); Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA (After 1:00 p.m.); and Adams Theater, 27 Park Street, Adams MA (After 1:00pm). The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6. Weekly Entertainment Licenses**

- a. AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA
- b. Adams Theater, 27 Park Street, Adams, MA
- c. Adams American Legion, 160 Forest Park Ave, Adams MA
- d. Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA
- e. Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA

- f. Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA
- g. Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA
- h. Nicholas Enterprises dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA
- i. Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA
- j. Original Seed, 32 North Summer Street, Adams, MA
- k. Jones & Dews WX Restaurant Group, LLC dba Firehouse Café & Bistro, 47 Park St, Adams, MA
- l. Pinebrook Pub, LLC 128 Columbia Street, Adams, MA

***Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the weekly entertainment licenses for AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA; Adams Theater, 27 Park Street, Adams, MA; Adams American Legion, 160 Forest Park Ave, Adams MA; Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA; Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA; Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA; Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA; Nicholas Enterprises dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA; Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA; Original Seed, 32 North Summer Street, Adams, MA; Jones & Dews WX Restaurant Group, LLC dba Firehouse Café & Bistro, 47 Park St, Adams, MA; and Pinebrook Pub, LLC 128 Columbia Street, Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **7. Common Victualer Licenses**

- a. AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA
- b. Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA
- c. Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA
- d. Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA
- e. Stacy Varellas, dba Pizza House, 26 Hoosac St., Adams, MA
- f. Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams, MA
- g. Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc., 13 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- h. Nicholas Enterprises dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA
- i. Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA
- j. Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA
- k. Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, 131 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- l. Angelina's Submarine Shop, 34 ½ Columbia St., Adams, MA
- m. Daily Grind, 37 Park St., Adams, MA
- n. Coffee Liberation Front, 1 Park St., Adams, MA
- o. Tri-Petroleum, Inc., 160 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA
- p. Original Seed, 32 North Summer Street, Adams, MA
- q. Jones & Dews WX Restaurant Group, LLC dba Firehouse Café & Bistro, 47 Park St, Adams, MA
- r. Gomez Enterprises DBA McDonald's, 2 Commercial Street, Adams MA
- s. Bapa 177 Columbia St Donuts LLC, DBA Dunkin Donuts, 177 Columbia Street, Adams, MA
- t. Pinebrook Pub, LLC 128 Columbia Street, Adams, MA
- u. Jozon Enterprises, Inc., DBA Domino's Pizza, 80 Summer Street, Adams, MA
- v. Polanka Grounds, 22 Mill Street, Adams MA, c/o St. John Paul II Parish, 21 Maple Street, Adams, MA

***Member Blanchard made a motion to approve the Common Victualer Licenses for AJ's Trailside Pub, 12-14 Pleasant St., Adams, MA; Forest Park Country Club, 41 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA; Red's Viking Pub, 77-83 Commercial St., Adams, MA; Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Avenue, Adams, MA; Stacy Varellas, dba Pizza House, 26 Hoosac St., Adams, MA; Gebirgs Verein, dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony St., Adams,***

*MA; Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc., 13 Columbia St., Adams, MA; Nicholas Enterprises dba Bounti-Fare, 200 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA; Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA; Adams Post #160, Inc. The American Legion of MA, 160 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, MA; Lee's Dynasty Asian Fusion, 131 Columbia St., Adams, MA; Angelina's Submarine Shop, 34 ½ Columbia St., Adams, MA; Daily Grind, 37 Park St., Adams, MA; Coffee Liberation Front, 1 Park St., Adams, MA; Tri-Petroleum, Inc., 160 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA; Original Seed, 32 North Summer Street, Adams, MA; Jones & Dews WX Restaurant Group, LLC dba Firehouse Café & Bistro, 47 Park St, Adams, MA; Gomez Enterprises DBA McDonald's, 2 Commercial Street, Adams MA; Bapa 177 Columbia St Donuts LLC, DBA Dunkin Donuts, 177 Columbia Street, Adams, MA; Pinebrook Pub, LLC 128 Columbia Street, Adams, MA; Jozon Enterprises, Inc., DBA Domino's Pizza, 80 Summer Street, Adams, MA; and Polanka Grounds, 22 Mill Street, Adams MA, c/o St. John Paul II Parish, 21 Maple Street, Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **8. Auto Sales Licenses**

- a. Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc., 69 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- b. Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc., 74 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- c. Gene's Sales & Service, 108 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA
- d. Maple Grove Equipment, 8 Leonard St., Adams, MA
- e. McAndrews- King Inc., 224 Columbia St., Adams, MA
- f. Ronnie's Cycle, Sales & Service, Inc., 150 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA
- g. Ronnie's Cycle, Sales & Service, Inc., 63 Alger St., Adams, MA
- h. B & B Micro Manufacturing, Inc., 201 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA

*Member Blachard made a motion that the Board approve the Auto Sales Licenses for Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc., 69 Columbia St., Adams, MA; Alternative Motors of Adams, Inc., 74 Columbia St., Adams, MA; Gene's Sales & Service, 108 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA; Maple Grove Equipment, 8 Leonard St., Adams, MA; McAndrews- King Inc., 224 Columbia St., Adams, MA; Ronnie's Cycle, Sales & Service, Inc., 150 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA; Ronnie's Cycle, Sales & Service, Inc., 63 Alger St., Adams, MA; and B & B Micro Manufacturing, Inc., 201 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **9. Inn Holders and Lodging Licenses**

- a. Bascom Lodge Group, LLC, 1 Summit Road, Adams, MA (Lodging)
- b. The Trail, 10 Pleasant St., Adams, MA (Lodging)
- c. Mount Royal Inn, 99 Howland Avenue, Adams, MA (Lodging)

*Member Blanchard made a motion that the Board approve the Inn Holders and Lodging License for The Trail 10 Pleasant St., Adams, MA. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Rosenberg. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Member Blanchard made a motion that the Board approve the Inn Holders and Lodging Licenses for Bascom Lodge Group and the Mount Royal Inn pending a final inspection. The motion passed unanimously.*

Businesses that will not be renewing their Liquor Licenses are as follows:

*The Following Businesses will not be renewing their Liquor Licenses:*

- a. Adams Tavern and Inn, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA
- b. TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA
- c. Chee's Chinese Cuisine, Inc., 13 Columbia St., Adams, MA

*The Following Businesses will not be renewing their Common Victualer Licenses:*

- a. Adams Tavern and Inn, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA
- b. TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA
- c. Miss Adams Diner, 53 Park Street, Adams, MA
- d. Adams Agricultural Fair, Inc., PO Box 124, Bowe Field, Adams, MA

*The Following Businesses will not be renewing their Public Entertainment/ Sunday Entertainment Licenses:*

- a. Adams Tavern and Inn, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA
- b. TAWJRW, Inc. dba WOJO's, 27 Spring St., Adams, MA
- c. Adams Agricultural Fair, Inc., PO Box 124, Bowe Field, Adams, MA

*The Following Businesses will not be renewing their Inn Keepers/ Lodging Licenses:*

- a. Adams Tavern and Inn, 17 Commercial St., Adams, MA
- b. Topia Inn, 10 Pleasant St., Adams, MA

The Common Victualer Licenses and Seasonal Liquor License for Poseidon Coffee, 3 Hoosac Street, Adams MA and Common Victualer License for The Rainbow Shack, 85 Summer Street, Adams MA, will be taken up at the time of seasonal renewals in March.

Member Nowak stated that he is sad to see the Agricultural Fair go. The Board questioned when it would be happening. Ms. Hantman stated that she had received an email from a member of the Agricultural Fair. They intend to dissolve effective December 31, 2023

## **SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

*None*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Member Blanchard: None*

*Member Nowak:* Inquired what the status is of the Mobile Station Parking lot. Town Administrator Green stated that the parking lot is not ready for service. Member Nowak also asked why the Cook Street Park project has come to a halt. Town Administrator Green stated that the structure on the site was flagged by the DEP and additional mitigation steps needed to be taken to continue that project.

*Member Duval:* Thank you to Adams Community Bank for sponsoring the Tree Lighting

*Chairman Hoyt:* Team of Judges going out on Sunday night for the Adams Hone Decorating contest. Please do not trespass. Please only view the lights from your vehicle.

Santa will be at the Adams Police Station as part of the Winter Scavenger Hunt on Saturday the 16th. Families are being asked to come in, get a passport for the day, and go around to participating businesses to get their passports stamped. There will be prizes for anyone who comes back with a full passport.

Member Nowak stated that there have been some reception issues with the last show. Peter Gentile from NBCTC stated that if anyone experiences any issues hearing the broadcast, they should call 663-9006.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Blanchard made a motion to adjourn. Vice-chair Rosenberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12

## Documents Referenced

- November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes
- Ratification Memo, Jacob Tarjick
- 2024 License Renewal Memo

Respectfully Submitted by Bri Hantman, Recording Secretary.

 _____ Joseph Nowak, Member	 _____ Richard Blanchard, Member
 _____ Howard Rosenberg, Vice Chairman	 _____ John Duval, Member
 _____ Christine Hoyt, Chairman	