

**TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**ADAMS TOWN HALL BUILDING, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 11/15/17**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 7:00 p.m. Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Nowak were present as well as Town Administrator Mazzucco and Town Counsel St. John III.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and Workshop Minutes were presented for approval. Move by Member Nowak to waive reading and approve the minutes of November 1, 2017 for the Regular Meeting and Workshop as submitted, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Jeff Lefebvre* advised the "No Parking Beyond This Point" sign at the end of East Jordan Street has been taken down. He inquired whether the Grant Street project had been advertised for an engineering study, and was advised the Town is already working on the engineering study and getting detailed options and estimates. He noted the Maple Grove Civic Club is meeting at the Polish National Alliance (PNA) at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. State Representative John Barrett will be the speaker. He inquired about the electric rates changing. The Town Administrator will get the information out to the public. *Bill Kolis*, President of the Adams Anthony Center advised the Tinselinier of Berkshire Scenic Railroad is going to begin running and is looking for volunteers. 2000 people are expected in the next four weeks expected, and sales have been substantial. Parking will be at the at Visitors Center beginning Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. ProAdams, the Downtown Adams group, the Adams Arts Advisory Board and the Adams Anthony Board are inviting people into town. Maps will be handed out for the local shops and eateries and people are asked to be Ambassadors. To volunteer, contact [adamsanthonycenter@gmail.com](mailto:adamsanthonycenter@gmail.com) or call (413) 776-7548. *Randy Cormier* thanked the Town for working with him and is opening his business, Bohemian Road, at 57 Park Street on Saturday. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Change of Manager Application, Juljusz Slowackiego Soc. Grp 1365, Julius Solowacki Society d/b/a Polish National Alliance, 13 Victory Street, Adams, MA 01220 to Thomas Prokopowicz:** The Board reviewed the application. Move by Member Nowak to approve the change of Manager to Thomas Prokopowicz, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment, Francie Riley, Park Street, Adams:** Francie Anne Riley is already an Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and has served two of the three year term as an Alternate Member. Board Members noted that when decisions are made by the ZBA under MGL there could be repercussions to the community. It was recommended that the ZBA retain an attorney for zoning situations. It was noted that Alternate Members don't have the same access to information as regular Members. Ms. Riley was briefly asked about her interest in the ZBA. The requirements of training offered for Zoning and Planning Boards were briefly reviewed. Move by Member Nowak to approve Francie Anne Riley as a permanent Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment, Jacob Levesque, Simon Ave, Adams:** Town Administrator Mazzucco asked to table this item. Move by Member Blanchard to table this item, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

**Library Aide/Cataloguer Appointments, Deborah (Maloney) Sala, and Elizabeth Erdeski:** Chairman Duval reviewed the letters from Director Jayko and Town Administrator appointing Elizabeth Erdeski and Deborah Sala. Move by Member Blanchard to appoint Elizabeth Erdeski to the position of Library Aide/Cataloguer, Second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. Move by Member Blanchard to appoint Deborah (Maloney) Sala to the position of Library Aide/Cataloguer, Second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Town Administrator's Report:** The Town is still having problem with flushable wipes in the sewer system. Baby wipes and cleaning wipes that say they are flushable on the label are not flushable. He noted the Town spent \$20,000 of taxpayer money on the problem, wear and tear on equipment and staff time. He strongly encouraged citizens to discontinue use of these wipes.

**Town Counsel Report:** Town Counsel is available to provide the ZBA and Planning Board legal assistance if needed. He advised he worked on the Demolition Order for 50 Commercial Street, the MJD lawsuit and reviewed a proposal regarding the opioid issue.

**SUB-COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:** *Member Hoyt* attended the School Committee meeting Monday and Principal Colvin spoke. She advised she attended Budget, Personnel and Licensing Sub-Committee meetings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOOD OF THE ORDER:** **Chairman Duval** read a letter from the Town Moderator appointing Mark Chittenden, Sandy Kleiner, Leon Parrott, Joan Smigel and Rachel Tomkowicz as Finance Committee Members until 2020. Christmas lights are up and a tree has been received. Lights on the Town Common are the new ones that were purchased. The MA Agricultural Fairs Association Media Award for First Place<sup>®</sup> was received for the Agricultural Fair Park Street banner, and congratulations were given to the Adams Agricultural Fair. It was announced that this is the Town Administrator's last public meeting; he was thanked for his service to the community and wished best of luck in his new position. *Member Hoyt* announced the institution of the Red Ribbon Cutting Program to celebrate and take pride in businesses that open in town. The first official ribbon cutting with a new business will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at 57 Park Street to celebrate the opening of Bohemian Road. Other businesses interested in doing a ribbon cutting for an opening or anniversary are encouraged to contact the Board of Selectmen. *Member Nowak* announced that Saturday the HVHS Football Team is going to the semi-finals at Westfield State University at 11:00 a.m. He displayed the award-winning banner and gave a brief history of the Agricultural Fair, which is the only remaining Agricultural Fair in Berkshire County. Agricultural Fair Committee Members were acknowledged, as well as the businesses that have helped support them. *Board Members* personally thanked the Town Administrator for his service and time. Congratulations were expressed to State Representative John Barrett, who was sworn in today. There will be no workshop next Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Move by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,  
Recording Secretary

  
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Joseph Nowak, Member

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Richard Blanchard, Vice Chairman

  
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Christine Hoyt, Member

  
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John Duval, Chairman