

TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
ADAMS TOWN HALL BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, ADAMS, MA 01220

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 02/07/2018

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 24, 2018* Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Member Hoyt to waive reading and approve the minutes of *January 24, 2018* as submitted, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *There were no comments made at this meeting.*

PUBLIC HEARING: *New All Alcohol License Application, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8 East Hoosac Street, Adams, MA 01220 7:10 p.m.* Due to a clerical error, a motion was made by Member Hoyt to reschedule the public hearing to February 21st, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous. Nate Girard updated the Board that he has a party willing to lease the business and is applying for the license to go forward with that agreement. He explained why the business closed. The interested party who is local and has a long restaurant business history is willing to reopen the business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Weekly Entertainment License Application, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8 East Hoosac Street, Adams, MA 01220. Motion made by Member Blanchard to table this item until February 21, 2018, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

Sunday Entertainment License Application, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8 East Hoosac Street, Adams, MA 01220. Motion made by Member Blanchard to table this item until February 21, 2018, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

One Day Liquor License Application, BART School: Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the One Day Wine & Malt License for BART Charter School on April 7, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

One Day Liquor License Application, Bright Ideas Brewing: Erin Mucci advised she was representing ProAdams in the request to support Thunderfest on February 24, 2018 in case there were any questions. Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the One Day Malt License for Bright Ideas Brewing on February 24, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

One Day Liquor License Application, Wandering Star Brewing Co., LLC: Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the One Day Malt License for Wandering Star Brewery for Thunderfest from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2018 at Adams Visitors Center, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

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Facility Use Request, Visitors Center – ProAdams, Thunderfest: Erin Mucci gave details on Thunderfest which will be held on February 24, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center. There will be two bands, alcohol vendors, and ProAdams is still looking for retail vendors. The Snow Train will run by the Berkshire Scenic Rail. The Rando-style race will be held in the morning on Mt. Greylock and at Thunderfest the winners of the race will be announced. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Facility Use Request of the Visitors Center by ProAdams from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on February 24th for Thunderfest, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

Facility Use Request, Adams Memorial School, BART Charter School: The request was for BART Charter School to use the Adams Memorial School gymnasium for basketball. Interim Town Administrator Cesan is working with the Building Commissioner to address all the items in his list except the final inspection of elevator. Work is being done and next Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Berkshire Elevator and ServiceMaster will be there to deal with minor hazardous material in the top of the elevator which needs to be addressed. A recommendation was made to go forward with the approval pending the completion of these items. Motion made by Member Hoyt to table this item until the February 14th Board of Selectmen meeting, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment: There were three applicants and there are two openings. The Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals position is a short term opening from today until June 30th and there is a full Zoning Board of Appeals position. Motion made by Member Blanchard to appoint Glendon Diehl to the full Zoning Board of Appeals position, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Hoyt to appoint Jacob Levesque to the Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals position ending June 30, 2018, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

ACRSD Superintendent Search Committee Representatives: Member Hoyt asked the Board to represent them as a liaison. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve Member Hoyt as liaison, second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. A second person is needed from the community. There have been discussions about using one Superintendent for ACRSD and North Adams. Member Hoyt advised that the School Committee voted to investigate having a shared superintendent. The search will continue for a Superintendent simultaneously. The intention is to start the Search during the week of school vacation and to continue as needed. A few people expressed interest and were not able to fulfill the commitment so there is a continued search for volunteers.

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests: Town Clerk Meczywor submitted a Reserve Fund transfer request of \$8,400 for data processing, funds for election workers and overtime for the administrative assistant due to the Primary and another election this year. A request was made by Interim Town Administrator Cesan for a Reserve Fund transfer of \$35,100 some of which was due to the 2018 budget being cut. The request was for natural gas \$10,000 for the hot air unit to keep the Memorial School building from freezing for the remainder of the season, \$6,800 for maintenance of the Memorial School building's boiler, \$9,000 for required elevator maintenance at the Memorial School, \$5,300 for repairs to the main pump at the Harmony Street Pump Station, and a final payment of \$4,000 for the CT Plunkett Boiler Room Roof project. Discussion ensued regarding the Memorial School elevator. An explanation was rendered regarding any future expansion, or decommission, requiring an upgrade to the elevator to enlarge the shaft. There is interest in the building and The Interim Town Administrator will indicate when the Board will be able to declare the building available to solicit requests for proposals.

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The CT Plunkett boiler room roof costs were not budgeted and this is the last unanticipated cost. \$16,000 was paid for engineering and this final amount will complete the \$20,000 for the engineering plan. The cost determination of an engineering project was noted as variable due to the need for support and construction supervision depending on the complexity of the project. Board Members inquired about the needs of the Harmony Street Pump Station, and a request was made for the standing balance of the Reserve Fund for next meeting. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Reserve Fund transfer of \$8,400 as requested by the Town Clerk, second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Reserve Fund transfers for \$34,000 as outlined, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: A Public Hearing will be held next week at 7:15 p.m. to consider the Town's request for funding on the Community Development Block Grant for the 2018 application. A pre-construction conference was held for the Platform Project. DCR Staff and EDM will provide oversight. Sommer Electric, Town Staff, the winning bidder and others attended. The project will hopefully be executed next week. The trail may need to be temporarily shut down for safety and an individual familiar with the railway equipment will be part of the process. The Town expects to begin construction on the site February 26th. A pre-demolition conference on 50 Commercial Street was held and the Town expects the contractor to begin work on February 24th.

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT: Town Counsel St. John III advised he reviewed and commented on a bankruptcy matter and its impact on the collection of taxes; he reviewed several issues regarding a pending liquor license application; he reviewed, researched and commented on One Day Liquor License issues; he reviewed and commented on Executive Session minutes; and he reviewed issues relating to the stop of a motorist following a reported shooting in Adams.

SUB-COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORT: Chairman Duval announced that Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is holding public interviews to replace the departing Executive Director. A vote on the hiring of the new director will take place in a couple weeks. There are three finalists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: *Member Hoyt* announced that there is an Age Friendly Berkshires event on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Adams Visitors Center which includes Adams, Cheshire, Savoy, and Clarksburg. She also advised that Spectrum, formerly known as Charter, sent a letter indicating that after February 20th they will be removing analog channels from the lineup and requiring a switch to digital equipment. Channels are relocating to a Public Affairs Neighborhood to 1301-1303. A request was sent out to find out what impact this will have. *Vice Chairman Blanchard* reminded citizens to fill out their census for the town, and explained that it dictates Town funding for the state. *Chairman Duval* issued a reminder to please clear snow and ice from sidewalks in front of homes, businesses and fire hydrants.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Member Blanchard to enter into an Executive Session for Reason #2 reason regarding the release of minutes, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Member Nowak and Member Hoyt. Motion made by Member Blanchard for Reason #8 regarding the release of minutes, second by Member Hoyt, Roll Call vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Member Nowak and Member Hoyt. There will be no business after the executive session except to adjourn.

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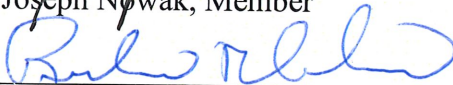
At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Member Hoyt to exit the Executive Session, second by Member Nowak. Roll Call vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Blanchard, Member Nowak and Member Hoyt.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Member Nowak to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Hoyt.
Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

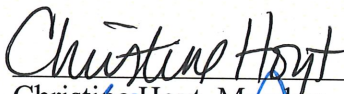
Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary



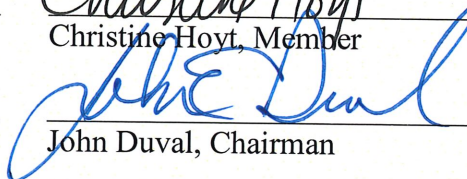
Joseph Nowak, Member



Richard Blanchard, Vice Chairman



Christine Hoyt, Member



John Duval, Chairman