

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 02/21/2018

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: *February 7, 2018* Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Motion made by Member Blanchard to waive reading and approve the minutes of *February 7, 2018* as submitted, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glendon Diehl, of the Berkshire Scenic Railroad reminded people that Thunderfest is this weekend, and trains will be running. The trains are decorated in the style of the 1950's ski train as a rolling museum piece. He thanked the citizens of Adams who contributed their antique skis, snowshoes, luggage, and other items for the event. Train rides are 45 minutes long and will launch at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Town Clerk, Haley Meczywor announced that the Annual Town Election takes place in May, and nomination papers are due on Monday March 19th by 5:00 p.m. There are Town Meeting Member positions available. For more information stop by the Town Clerk's office or call 743-8300 x176.

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.**

Motion made by Member Blanchard to enter the Public Hearing, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Nathan Girard, principal owner of Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, addressed the Board,. He advised it is the same exact situation as the past, and with the license he intends to lease out the property and subsequently transfer the license at a future date. He advised he needs the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) in order to complete the lease agreement with his business partner. Board Members inquired about inspections still needing to be done by the Building Commissioner. Mr. Girard noted he had to shut off the phone lines due to an issue with Verizon, and had spoken with the Building Commissioner about what needed to be completed. The sprinkler system test is pending a return call from Lee Audio and Security. Town Counsel St. John III advised the application documents are in order but there is an issue with the inspection requirements. Mr. Girard advised he would have a meeting with the Building Commissioner as soon as possible, and get the process completed in the next thirty to sixty days. He noted he has sent documents to Fire Chief Pansecchi already. Motion made by Member Blanchard to exit the Public Hearing, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. A recommendation was made to provide conditional approval upon the completion of the requirements of the Building Commissioner, to include updating expired fire extinguishers, and having operational fire alarms. Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the application for an All Alcohol License for Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House upon the condition of all requirements of the Building Commissioner being completed with a satisfactory report, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

OLD 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 all Building Commissioner requirements are satisfactorily completed, 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 all Building Commissioner requirements are satisfactorily completed, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Facility Use Request, Visitors Center - Noah Brown Scholarship: Kathy Danis, President of the Board of Directors of the Noah Brown Scholarship, 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization advised this event has been done as a 5K in the past as a major fundraiser. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Motion made by Member Nowak to approve use of the Visitors Center by the Noah Brown Scholarship Organization on May 12, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a 5K run and 1 mile walk, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.

Ratification of Full Time Police Officer: Police Chief Tarsa announced the Police Department is requesting ratification of Michael Rossi to the position of Full Time Police Officer. This was expedited because the Adams Police Department is no longer affiliated with Civil Service. Chairman Duval read the recommendation letters by Chief Tarsa and Interim Town Administrator Cesan. Michael Rossi's background was outlined for the Board. It was noted that Mr. Rossi holds the same opportunity for promotion as officers hired under Civil Service since it will now be done through an assessment center. Mr. Rossi was thanked for stepping into the Full Time Police Officer position. Motion made by Member Nowak to ratify Michael Rossi to the position of Full Time Police Officer, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous. Mr. Rossi was sworn in by Town Clerk Meczywor.

Ratification of Reserve Police Officer: Chief Tarsa announced the Police Department is requesting ratification of Natasha Antona to the position of Reserve Police Officer. He gave the Board a background of Ms. Antona's internship and work to obtain a Masters' Degree in Criminal Justice. Chairman Duval read the recommendation letters by Chief Tarsa and Interim Town Administrator Cesan. Ms. Antona was thanked for assuming the new position and congratulated. The difference between Special Police Officer and Reserve Police Officer was explained. Motion made by Member Blanchard to ratify Natasha Antona to the position of Reserve Police Officer, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous. Chief Tarsa explained the change out of civil service and the smooth transition in the interview and hiring process. Chairman Duval thanked Representative Barrett, Senator Hinds, and Chief Tarsa for their work to remove the Adams Police Department from Civil Service.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Administrator's Report: The CDBG application is due next week, and support has been received from community members. The DPW is working hard on the Thunderfest setup at the Visitors Center. The 50 Commercial Street demolition will take action hopefully within the next week or so. The contractor filed with MassDEP and is still waiting for approval. The LED lighting is going forward. Contract issues are all set and the contractor scheduled other work but will be putting it in the schedule. LED lighting at the Visitors Center, Police Department and eventually Town Hall are being worked on by Rob Wnuk to take advantage of energy efficiency.

Town Counsel Report: The license application for Zing Financial, LLC was reviewed and a Special Legislation question was answered. As long as the license remains at the same location it can go forward. A response was made to a request for information from a citizen regarding a motor vehicle stop and work was done on a lien issue for the Town.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: *Member Nowak* reported he attended the Finance Committee meeting where Chairman Duval, Interim Town Administrator Cesan and Town Accountant Beverly represented the Town. He advised all warrant articles were approved. He noted he attended a ballet sponsored by the Susan B. Anthony Celebration Committee, which was well received. A \$10,000 donation was given to the group by the Susan B. Anthony Foundation Museum. People in the community will receive a letter asking for support for a celebration in 2020, and donations are appreciated. A statue will hopefully be erected in her honor, with a parade and fireworks. *Member Hoyt* thanked Chief Tarsa and Officer Cunningham for providing opportunity to do a ride along. She explained that during the 5.5 hours it was eye opening what is expected of the officers and the minute to minute changes of calls. It was helpful to understand their roles and responsibilities. The Police Department was thanked for all they do. *Chairman Duval* advised he attended one of three interviews for the BRPC Director. The entire commission will be selecting a new Director tomorrow and he will be attendance for that.

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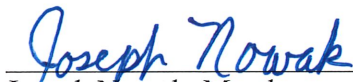
Massachusetts Municipal Association is offering Legislative Breakfast meetings throughout the state. There will be a breakfast in Pittsfield on March 16th for Board Members to speak with the Legislators. There is an Age Friendly Berkshires event at Berkshire Hills Country Club in Pittsfield on March 13th. The National Read Across America Day celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday is on Friday, March 2nd and guests are invited to read to students in the school. To participate please call the Main Office. It was noted that many Selectmen and community leaders have read Dr. Seuss books to the students in the past.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: *Member Nowak* expressed concern about trailers parked at the Dellaghelfa property. He noted the lot should not be used for anything and he would like to get this resolved quickly because it is not fair to other residents in the community. He noted as the snow is melting there is an abundance of trash on the sides of the road and sidewalk and encouraged people to clean it up and discard it. Chairman Duval noted the Dellaghelfa property issue is going to take time as it goes through the court system and legal counsel. The Board needs to make a decision whether to take on the property with the chemicals there. Town Counsel St. John III explained there are serious discussions on forming a resolution regarding the Dellaghelfa property. The Board will work with Legal Counsel on this. Member Hoyt announced that March 5th will be a Special Town Meeting. Thunderfest will be held on Saturday from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the Snow Train will be there. She noted that the Government Channel was changed on Spectrum to Channel 1303 today. She thanked the Maple Grove Civic Club for the invitation on Sunday. They will be celebrating 80 years and they provide scholarships. She encourages people to give to the Maple Grove Civic Club and to attend meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *There was no Executive Session held.*

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Hoyt, Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary

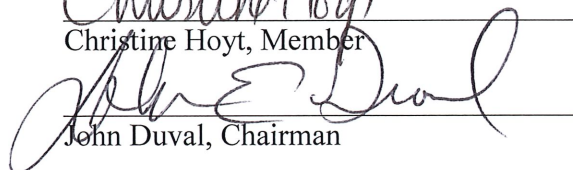


Joseph Nowak, Member

Richard Blanchard, Vice Chairman



Christine Hoyt, Member



John Duval, Chairman