

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 04/04/2018

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 7:00 p.m. Members Hoyt, Blanchard and Nowak were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the February 28, 2018 Workshop and March 15, 2018 Regular Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion made by Member Hoyt to waive reading and approve the minutes for February 28, 2018 as submitted, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Hoyt to waive reading and approve the minutes for March 15, 2018 as submitted, second by Member Nowak. Member Blanchard abstained. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Member Nowak, and Member Hoyt. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Jeff Lefebvre* announced that April 15th will be the candidate forum at Maple Grove Civic Club and the Board of Selectmen is welcome to come. He told the Board that the first Finance Committee budget meeting went well. He inquired when Chapter 90 funds will be used to fix the streets. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is working with the Town to do a complete list of streets, and some streets have been identified. *Town Clerk Meczywor* announced that the deadline to register for the Town Election is Tuesday, April 17th until 8:00 p.m. Elections will be held on Monday, May 7th and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available through the Town Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House approval of All Alcohol License: Chairman Duval explained that on February 21, 2018 the Board approved the All Alcohol Liquor License for *Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House* contingent upon the applicant meeting Building Commissioner requests for the inspection of the building. The board has received the certificate of inspection on March 26, 2018 expiration date December 3, 2018. The license application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) for their approval. Nathan Girard, owner of the Adams Ale House advised that once the final approval of the license is received from the ABCC there will be a *Transfer of Liquor License* request submitted, once approved is reached in a principle agreement with the other parties. He advised that the other parties are local people wishing to make a significant investment into the property and upstairs for events.

Weekly Entertainment License Application, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8 East Hoosac Street, Adams, MA 01220: The Weekly Entertainment License application for *Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House* was tabled on February 21, 2018. ***Motion made to take this item off the table by Member Blanchard, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.*** Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the Weekly Entertainment License for *Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House* at 8 East Hoosac Street on Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., second by Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

Sunday Entertainment License Application, Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House, 8 East Hoosac Street, Adams, MA 01220. The Sunday Entertainment License application for *Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House* was tabled on February 21, 2018. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to take this item off the table, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the Sunday Entertainment License for Zing Financial, LLC dba Adams Ale House on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.***

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NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Temporary Town Clerk: Chairman Duval read a letter from Town Clerk Meczywor requesting the appointment of Timothy F. Rowley as Temporary Town Clerk. *Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint Timothy F. Rowley for the position of Temporary Town Clerk on Monday, May 7, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

Approval of Town Election Warrant: The Town Election Warrant was reviewed for the number of positions that are open and for the term years. Chairman Duval read the warrant in its entirety. Town Elections will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018 and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was noted that there are five candidates for Board of Selectmen. It was noted that the Housing Authority Member could be a write-in. There is no Cheshire representative for the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District School Committee. Citizens were encouraged to step forward to fill vacant positions. Virginia Duval was commended for efforts to get people to vote. The process for running a write-in campaign was reviewed. Town Meeting Member and other vacancies were announced. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Town Election Warrant, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.*

Change of Manager Application, Forest Park Country Club: An application for Change of Liquor License Manager was received by the *Forest Park Country Club*. All requirements were reviewed and noted as being met. *Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the Change of Manager from Bruce Cardin to John Michael Bradbury for Forest Park Country Club, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

Facility Use Request for Town Hall by Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee (ASCCC): Chairman Duval read a letter from the ASCCC for a Tea Party to be held on May 6, 2018 in the Board of Selectmen Room and Sun Room of Adams Town Hall. Forty guests are expected and there will be a speaker on the topic of Women's Rights. Tickets will be available for \$40. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Facility Use Request for the Town Hall Board of Selectmen Room and Sun Room for the ASCCC on May 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Tea Party event, second by Member Hoyt. Member Nowak abstained. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Members Hoyt, and Blanchard. Motion passed.*

Facility Use Request for the Greylock Glen and Train Station by ProAdams: Chairman Duval read the event description for the MAGICon event on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at the Greylock Glen. Shuttles will take participants to the event and the use of the Train Station for entertainment was also requested. Insurance documents are forthcoming and a request was made for the Board to earmark the date and time for the event. *Motion made by Member Nowak to table this request until the insurance binder is in place but to earmark the July 21, 2018 date at these locations for this event, second by Member Blanchard. Member Hoyt Abstained. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Members Nowak and Blanchard. Motion carried.*

Facility Use Request for Valley Street Field by Celia Norcross of the Adams Cheshire Savoy Youth Soccer: It was noted that more field space in town is needed to accommodate the youth sports. *Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the use of Valley Street field April 9, 2018 to June 30, 2018 and August 1, 2018 to November 24, 2018 on Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

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Facility Use Request for Renfrew Field, Russell Field, and Reid Field by Hoosac Valley Athletics: Chairman Duval reviewed the request for spring sports practices and night games as approved by the Parks Commission. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the use of Renfrew Field by Hoosac Valley Athletics on April 30, 2018 and May 2, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for lacrosse night games, second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve use of Renfrew Field by Hoosac Valley Athletics on May 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for night baseball games, second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous.* Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve use of Russell and Reid Fields from April 1, 2015 to June 15, 2018 and on May 17, 2018 for a night game at Russell field by Hoosac Valley Athletics, second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous.

Facility Use Request for Renfrew Field by Chris DeGraaf: Paper was briefly reviewed by the Board Members. *Motion made by Member Nowak to approve use of Renfrew field by Chris DeGraaf for the Berkshire Adult Baseball League games on Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from May 6, 2018 through August 15, 2018, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

Facility Use Request for Beaver Bard Park by Brian Astorino, Adams Cheshire Little League Baseball: Chairman Duval reviewed the paperwork. *Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the use of Beaver Bard Park for games and practices by Adams Cheshire Little League Baseball from March 2018 through August 31, 2018 Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., second by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous.*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Administrator's Report: *There was no Town Administrator Report submitted.*

Town Counsel Report: *There was no Town Counsel Report submitted.*

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: Member Hoyt reported that the Adams Cheshire Regional School District Search Committee interviewed a number of candidates and are meeting tomorrow to narrow down the list of candidates. The School Committee is exploring the concept of having shared Superintendent services with North Adams. Discussion will continue with the North Adams School Committee on Monday evening. She advised that the Town Administrator Screening Committee met earlier this week and is looking at the pool of applicants. They will meet next week and are looking at mid-July for an applicant to start. Member Hoyt also reported that she attended the Finance Committee meeting and the Board of Selectmen was requested by them to review an item that was previously approved by the Board. Member Nowak requested a copy of all of the resumes of the Town Administrator candidates. The Town Administrator and DPW Director Search Committee processes were reviewed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: Member Hoyt advised that on Saturday the Spring Fling will be held at the high school from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a free health and wellness program being offered by Berkshire Health Group, and session locations and details were given.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

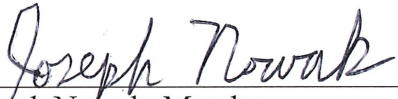
- LOCAL #204, STATE COUNCIL #93, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO (Clerical Unit)

At 7:59 p.m. a Motion was made by Member Nowak to enter into Executive session for Reason #3, second by Member Blanchard. Roll call vote: Duval, Nowak, Hoyt, Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

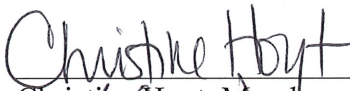
At 8:40 p.m. a Motion was made by Member Nowak to exit Executive Session, second by Member Blanchard. Roll call vote: Duval, Nowak, Hoyt, Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Member Nowak to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Blanchard, Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary



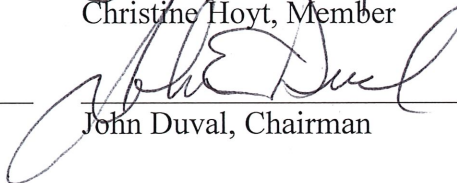
Joseph Nowak, Member



Christine Hoyt, Member



Richard Blanchard, Vice Chairman



John Duval, Chairman