

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

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 09/05/2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 7:00 p.m. Members Hoyt, Blanchard, Nowak and Bush as well as Interim Town Administrator Cesan.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the August 15, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. *Motion made by Member Hoyt to waive reading of the minutes for the August 15, 2018 Meeting and approve as submitted, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Motion made by Member Nowak to remove from the table the item Appointment of Local Inspector, Don Fitzgerald, and to move it to Old Business, Second by member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous.* It was explained that this item is not ready to go forward, and no action will be taken on it at this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***One Day Wine License Applications:***

**DeMarsico's Wine Cellar, LLC, 16 Anthony Street, Adams MA – Ramblefest, 2018, October 9 (7<sup>TH</sup>), 2018 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Cheryl DeMarsico and Glen DeMarsico, owners, clarified the date should be October 7, 2018, but the hours submitted are the same. An explanation was given about their operation and how the winery makes the wine. *Motion made by Member Bush to approve a One Day License October 7, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Ramblefest, second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Member Hoyt. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Member Blanchard and Member Bush. Motion carried.*

**Adams Turners, Inc., 6 Turners Ave, Adams, September 22, 2018 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This is a yearly event. *Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the One-Day License for Adams Turners, Inc. for the Members Picnic on September 22, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Member Bush. Vote: Unanimous.*

**Bright Ideas Brewing, 111 Mass MOCA Way, North Adams – Ramblefest, October 7, 2018 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Colleen Rafferty, Operations Manager represented Bright Ideas Brewing. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the One Day License on October 7, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Ramblefest, second by Member Bush. Abstention by Member Hoyt. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Member Blanchard and Member Bush. Motion carried.*

***Appointments:***

**Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Wayne Piaggi.** Mr. Piaggi gave his background to the Board and advised he is on the Agricultural Fair Committee, and on the Agricultural Commission. He explained he is active in Town activities and would like to move the Town forward to the future. He emphasized a desire to follow state law and local bylaws, and noted there is no room for opinions. Mr. Piaggi explained that deviating from state bylaws, guidelines and codes invites trouble. He explained that he has time for meetings and training and has no issue with voting with what he feels is right. *Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve Wayne Piaggi to the Alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous.*

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**Agricultural Commission Member, Emilie Krzanik.** It was noted that Ms. Krzanik would be the second member on the Agricultural Commission. Commission Member Wayne Piaggi expressed the challenges with membership. He briefly reviewed some of the initiatives he wished to get started. Once a third member is appointed monthly meetings will ensue. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to appoint Emilie Krzanik to the Agricultural Commission, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous.***

**Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee Member, Cassandra Peltier.** Vice Chairman Nowak advised that he serves on the committee and gave Ms. Peltier's background. He advised that Colleen Jans stepped down, and it is important to have the curator of the museum on the Committee. ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to appoint Cassandra Peltier to the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee as a voting member, second by Member Bush. Abstention by Vice Chairman Nowak. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, and Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.***

**Traffic Commission Board of Selectmen Liaison, Jim Bush.** ***Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint James Bush as Board of Selectmen Liaison to the Traffic Commission, second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Member Bush. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, and Members Blanchard and Hoyt. Motion carried.***

**Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste Board of Selectmen Liaison, Jim Bush.** ***Motion made by Member Nowak to appoint James Bush as Board of Selectmen Liaison to the Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste, second by Member Blanchard. Abstention by Member Bush. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, and Members Blanchard and Hoyt. Motion carried.***

**Zoning Board of Appeals Board of Selectmen Liaison.** Chairman Duval volunteered to take on the Board of Selectmen Liaison position to the Zoning Board of Appeals. ***Motion made by Vice Chairman Nowak to appoint John Duval as Liaison to Zoning Board of Appeals, second by Member Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

**Facility Use Requests:**

**Memorial School – BART Charter School, November 5, 2018 to February 15, 2019** Interim Town Administrator Cesan requested to postpone this request until the September 19, 2018 meeting. She advised there could be a problem with work being done for the HVAC unit and wants to be sure there will be no issue first. She will be in touch with BART Charter School regarding the delay. ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to table the request, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.***

**Russell Field – BART Charter School, August 20, 2018 to June 14, 2019.** It was noted that this is an annual request for school physical education classes. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the use of Russell Field from August 20, 2018 to June 14, 2019 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., second by Chairman Duval. Vote: unanimous.***

**Valley Street Field – BART Charter School, August 6, 2018 to November 5, 2018.** Brief discussion took place about the use of facilities and fields and whether a stipend is appropriate. Public school, funding is a concern and BART Charter School has been very supportive of the fee schedule and the school did a spring cleanup to give back to the Town. It was noted that they BART School contributes to the community in ways that are not highly visible. ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the request for use of Valley Street Field by BART Charter School from August 6, 2018 through August 17, 2018 Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and August 20, 2018 to November 5, 2018, Monday through Thursday 3:40pm to 5:50 pm., second by Member Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous.***



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**Reid Field - ACS Girls Softball, September 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018.** It was noted that this is the same request as last year and the ACS Girls Softball League is working in coordination with the Adams Lassie League for scheduling. ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the use of Reid Field by ACS Girls Softball on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and alternating Fridays, in coordination with Adams Lassie League, second by member Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

**Reid Field – Adams Lassie League, August 21, 2018 to December 1, 2018.** ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the use of Reid Field for the Adams Lassie League on Saturdays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.***

**Visitors Center – LC Square, September 6, 2018.** This request is for a community outreach meeting. LC Square has been before the Board of Selectmen and the Town has executed the HCA with LC<sup>2</sup>. A requirement of the Cannabis Control Commission is to have an outreach meeting and they are able to have the meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the use of the Visitors Center by LC<sup>2</sup> on September 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.***

**Declaration of Available Property, 30 Columbia Street, Adams.** It was explained that for any disposition of property of any value, the Town must declare the property available. This is the first step in implementing the intent to redevelop the classroom wing of the building and establish future community use and the future home of the Council on Aging. A clarification was made that the intent is to utilize 25,000 square feet for community use with access to Valley Street. The other portion would be available for the disposition. The community use area would utilize the HVAC section. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to declare 30 Columbia Street for the section known as the Classroom Wing as available, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous.***

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Town Administrator Report:** The Town Hall Roof replacement project is out to bid again. A pre-bid conference was held today. The Town will issue an addendum to provide information to interested bidders and extend the bid due date until Thursday, September 20, 2018. The Town was awarded \$2,800 from MassDEP for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program which directs a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Waste Energy Certificates to recycling programs approved by MassDEP. Linda Cernik, the Executive Director for the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Commission was thanked for developing the grant application that helped the Town increase funding. Brief discussion took place regarding saving the clock tower on the Town Hall building. It was noted that the Visitors Center Parking Lot will be outstanding when it is complete and the Board and Interim Town Administrator discussed that there will be two parking kiosks but not a parking meter in each spot. The plan is for the Council on Aging to be moved to Memorial School was reviewed. Concerns about parking for local businesses had been addressed and worked on by the Interim Town Administrator. Parking spaces and the fee per month will be worked out to the satisfaction of both the Town and the affected businesses. Terms will likely be same terms between Park Street and the parking lot. The cost will be very low, it would keep vehicles moving and the Town would use the investment for the community. The Board of Selectmen is working on ways to use resources to build the community and alleviate pressure on taxes for citizens. Those with concerns were asked to call Town Hall, attend a Board of Selectmen's meeting or to send concerns to the Board. Consensus was reached in a prior meeting to go forward to the kiosk design. Funds will help with maintenance of the parking lot.



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**Town Counsel Report:** *There was no Town Counsel report given.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:** *Member Blanchard* advised that the Memorial School Sub-committee met and reviewed the Declaration of Available Property on today's agenda. *Member Hoyt* advised she attended the ACRSD meeting last Monday and the startup of school was discussed. Chief Tarsa was thanked for meeting with the new Superintendent for a smooth student drop off and pick up. Questions were fielded about busing and the schedule, and the School Committee will have an update at the next meeting. Maintenance of C.T. Plunkett School was discussed and work is being done with the School Committee members on a maintenance program. The chimney has been completed before school started and was repointed, capped and is not in use. Member Hoyt and Interim Town Administrator Cesan will be meeting again to discuss the large projects. Member Hoyt advised she attended the Board of Health forum and John Barrett from the Water District was in attendance. She advises a local business owner attended and had a number of questions. She thanked John Barrett for being available to address the questions. The Water District is working with Town Hall on communications. *Vice Chairman Nowak* advised the ASCCC signed a contract with the sculptor for the Susan B. Anthony bronze statue for the Town Common. They are moving along with the fundraiser and are meeting the challenge. *Member Bush* advised that the DPW fixed the backstop at Russell Field. The DPW also painted the crosswalks to make them much more visible and he commended them for doing a very nice job. *Chairman Duval* added that C.T. Plunkett also added air conditioning on the third floor. He advised that a BRPC Executive Meeting will be held tomorrow.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER:** *Member Hoyt* thanked those who worked at the polls for the Primary Elections and also thanked those who voted and ran for public office. She thanked Interim Town Administrator Cesan for the wonderful train platform and ribbon cutting event and noted it was wonderful having Lt. Governor Polito in Adams. She advised that Senator Hinds appointed her to a sub-committee run by 1Berkshire to look at the Berkshire Flyer 2.0 train service being brought to the county as the Northern Berkshire elected official, and there will be monthly meetings. Vice Chairman Nowak thanked Virginia Duval for her hard work in encouraging people to vote. He noted there was a spirited Northern Berkshire District Attorney race in which 23% of voters turned out. He advised Virginia Duval's goal is to get 50% of voter turnout. *Chairman Duval* reviewed that a Boil Water Order was received and that Water District Superintendent John Barrett took leadership and informed the Board. Some improvements may be able to be made regarding communications between the Water District, Board of Selectmen and Board of Health, and to have a communication plan ready. They are working together as a team going forward. He noted that in the past for emergencies the Town has always come together. He addressed social media statements that were made and expressed that in the event of an emergency in the future and he hopes that citizens, responders, and the government come together.

**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;*

*At 8:09 p.m. a Motion was made by Member Blanchard to enter into Executive Session for Reason #3, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.*

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*At 8:39 p.m. a Motion was made by Member Blanchard to exit the Executive Session, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.*

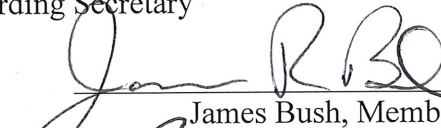
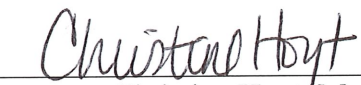
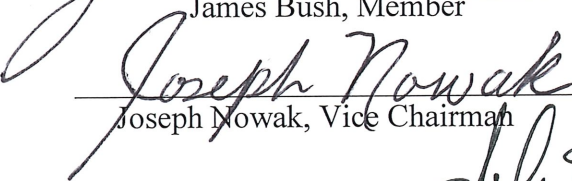
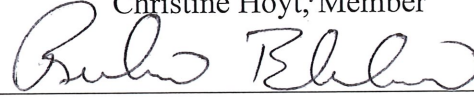
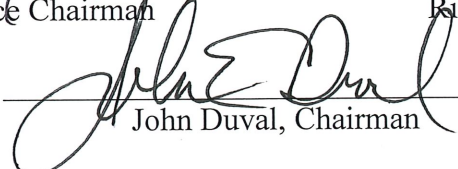
*At 8:39 p.m. a Motion was made by Member Blanchard to reconvene the regular meeting, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:**

**Memorandum of Agreement with Local #204, Council #93, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (DPW Unit):** *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the newest amendment based on changes made to page two, and the scale. as outlined to the Memorandum of Agreement with Local #204, Council #93, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (DPW Unit) retroactive to July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous.*

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

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,  
Recording Secretary

 _____ James Bush, Member	 _____ Christine Hoyt, Member
 _____ Joseph Nowak, Vice Chairman	 _____ Richard Blanchard, Member
 _____ John Duval, Chairman	