

# **TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 10/09/2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 6:31 p.m. Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush as well as Interim Town Administrator Cesan, Police Chief Tarsa.

CLERK

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

*A public hearing to determine whether the alleged vicious dog located at 32 Greylock Avenue in Adams and owned by Mr. Justin Dupee should be destroyed due to several attacks and biting incidents resulting in physical harm pursuant to MGL C. 140 §. 136A, MGL C. 140 § 157-174 and Chapter 14 of the Adams Town Code, or whether other remedial action should be ordered, or whether no action should be taken at all; 6:30 p.m.* The father of Justin Dupee advised that the owner of the dog is working and just received the notice today so is unable to attend with such a short notice. Chief Tarsa advised he was amenable to extending the public hearing another week. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to postpone the hearing for a week, second by Member Nowak. Unanimous vote.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Set Special Town Meeting Date for October 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Hoosac Valley Elementary School Auditorium, 14 Commercial Street, Adams, MA 01220:** At the last meeting the Board made a Declaration of Emergency for September 12, 2018 and identified the need for deficit spending. The Board previously received a list of emergency repairs; the state approved the request, and indicated the Town should not expend any payments until setting the 2019 tax rate. No funding has been spent yet. The Town has started to engage engineers and receive quotes from contractors to ready them to mobilize for emergency repairs. A Special Town Meeting scheduled October 25<sup>th</sup> is recommended, and a draft warrant was proposed for emergency spending up to \$2.5 Million dollars. Hopefully the repairs will not be this much but the Town is getting preliminary numbers and it is prudent to ask for this amount to cover the needs. Assistance was requested from the delegation but the Town has not heard back yet. The high costs were explained and discussion took place about what happens if the Town doesn't get the funding from the state. It was explained that the Town Accountant and Town Treasurer have been in consultation with a Bond Attorney and the Town would take out smaller notes to save money on interest costs, and no full payment would be due until 2020. It was further explained that smaller notes will save \$20,000 to \$30,000 in interest. If a loan is taken out later this month, East Road and Glenn Road are priorities. Engineering is required to fix the Davis Street Bridge and will be a longer term situation. It was noted that the situation is worsening as time goes on. If a note is taken out to address repairs the Board of Selectmen would have to go to the Finance Committee for a Reserve Fund transfer. A clarification was made that some of the expenditures outlined would be for a watershed analysis for Southwick Brook because surrounding areas have experienced a lot of damage there. The Town needs to understand what is going on there to fix it properly. East Road has extended now into the travel lane, and Glenn Street is also getting worse. Concern was expressed about having trouble getting a Town Meeting Member quorum recently, but the Town Clerk is confident about having one. A postcard mailing will be done. ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to set the Special Town Meeting for October 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at C.T. Plunkett School (also known as Hoosac Valley Elementary School) Auditorium, at 14 Commercial Street, Adams, MA 01220, second by Member Bush. Vote: Unanimous.***

**Open Special Town Meeting Warrant:** Motion made by Member Hoyt to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant, second by Member Bush. Vote: Unanimous.

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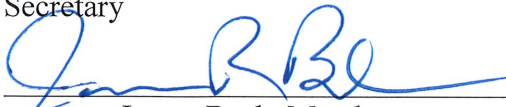
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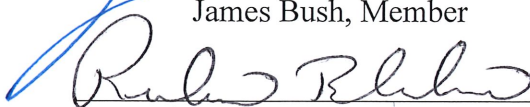
**Set Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:** Member Blanchard read the single Town Meeting Warrant Article. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article to go forward, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous.*

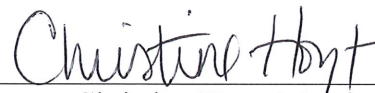
**Close Special Town Meeting Warrant:** *Motion made by Member Hoyt to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous.*


**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,  
Recording Secretary

  
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James Bush, Member

  
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Richard Blanchard, Member

  
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Christine Hoyt, Member

  
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Joseph Nowak, Vice Chairman

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John Duval, Chairman