

TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

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

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2019

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the February 13, 2019 Workshop and February 13, 2019 Meeting were submitted for approval. *Motion made by Member Hoyt to waive reading and approve the February 13, 2019 Workshop and February 13, 2019 Meeting minutes as submitted, second by Member Bush. Abstention by Member Blanchard. Voted in favor were Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *There was no public comment made.*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Administrator Report: No report submitted.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: *Member Hoyt* advised there was a Berkshire flyer 2.0 article in the iBerkshires, and the work is completed. She advised of the upcoming press conference. *Chairman Duval* advised that there was a meeting with Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) yesterday. Discussion took place regarding resurfacing the Ashuwillticook Bike Trail from the Visitors Center in Adams to the Lanesborough Mall in the next fiscal year. The Route 8 Project is on the schedule to begin in spring of 2020 from Grove Street Bridge to the McDonalds area. *Interim Town Administrator Cesan* advised that March 6th there will be a meeting with VHB engineers in response to a letter sent to abutters inviting them to come in regarding the Right of Way. *Chairman Duval* also updated that there is a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) on the bridge for approximately \$525,000. Railings will be replaced and it will look like a nice entrance to the community. The Bike Trail from Lime Street to North Adams is going through engineering and waiting for a contract with Federal Highway currently. VHB has provided a detailed scope of services and schedule, which is being reviewed. Once signed and the Town is able to secure a million dollars in design money it will get going. *Vice Chairman Nowak* advised he stopped by the Visitors Center and thanked the five people manning the Emergency Shelter. He noted that it was not used but it was activated and made available to the public. *Chairman Duval* noted that he also stopped by that evening, and Chief Tarsa, Emergency Management Director Kleiner, EMS and a few Fire Wardens staff were there. On East Road where the power was out the Forest Wardens and the Fire District stopped at homes to check on the elderly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: *Member Hoyt* advised that in the Board Members' mailboxes are the Berkshire Blueprint and ACRSD preliminary budget. A hearing will be held on Monday in the Hoosac Valley High School auditorium and the School District will be voting on it on the 11th. The Board Members will meet with them in the regular budget meeting and the Finance Committee Chair should be contacted to schedule a finance committee meeting with School District. *Vice Chairman Nowak* commented on how moving the funeral was for Trooper Michael Kleiner.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

#2. *To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Administrator.*

#6. *To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;*

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At 7:10 p.m. Motion made by Member Blanchard to enter into Executive Session for reason #2, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, and Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.


At 8:26 p.m. Motion made by Member Blanchard to exit the Executive Session for reason #2, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, and Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.

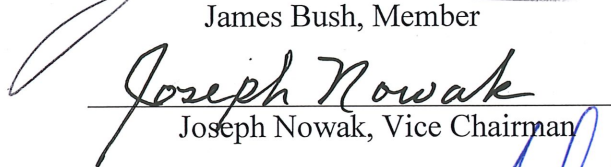
At 8:26 p.m. Motion made by Member Blanchard to exit the Executive Session for reason #6, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, and Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.

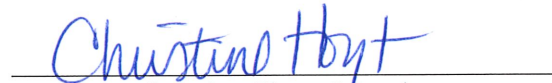
At 8:51 p.m. Motion made by Member Hoyt to exit the Executive Sessions for reason #6, second by Member Bush. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, and Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.

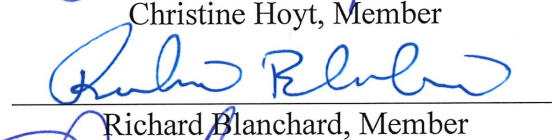
ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Member Hoyt to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.*

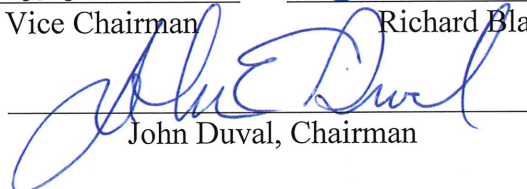
Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


James Bush, Member


Joseph Nowak, Vice Chairman


Christine Hoyt, Member


Richard Blanchard, Member


John Duval, Chairman