

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES APRIL 3, 2019

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, Town Administrator Green.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for February 20, 2019 and February 27, 2019 meetings were presented for approval. *Motion made by Member Blanchard to waive reading and approve the minutes for the February 20, 2019 and February 27, 2019 meetings as presented, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *There was no public comment made at this meeting.*

PUBLIC HEARING: *Transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverage Package Store License from Victor Lampiasi and Patricia Lampiasi, Lampiasi, Inc. dba Val's Pipe & Package, 5 Columbia Street, Adams, to Vivek Sharma and Vandana Kumari Sharma, Ambnik, LLC dba Val's Variety, at 5 Columbia Street, Adams, 7:10 pm. Motion made by Member Blanchard to enter into public hearing for All Alcoholic Beverage Package Store License from Victor Lampiasi and Patricia Lampiasi, Lampiasi, Inc. dba Val's Pipe & Package, 5 Columbia Street, Adams, to Vivek Sharma and Vandana Kumari Sharma, Ambnik, LLC dba Val's Variety, at 5 Columbia Street, Adams, second by Member Bush. Vote: unanimous.*

Attorney Narey from Donovan and O'Conner, and Vivek Sharma answered questions from the Board. They detailed their experience with selling alcohol and advised the business should be turn-key with the same storefront and hours. Member Hoyt advised that the application went to legal counsel and was moved forward as all paperwork was reported to be in good order. A list of the other businesses owned by the applicant was given and it was recommended to be moved forward by the Board. The minimum number of hours required by the Manager of the Alcohol License to be working at the store was reviewed. Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve the All Alcohol License Transfer from Victor Lampiasi and Patricia Lampiasi, Lampiasi, Inc. dba Val's Pipe & Package, 5 Columbia Street, Adams, to Vivek Sharma and Vandana Kumari Sharma, Ambnik, LLC dba Val's Variety, at 5 Columbia Street, Adams, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous. Motion made by Member Hoyt to exit the Public Hearing, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: *Facility Use Request for Adams Memorial School Gymnasium: Adams Lassie League/Greylock Thunder Softball Leagues, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. from April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Motion made by Member Hoyt to take this item off the table, second by Member Blanchard, vote: unanimous.* An inquiry was made about HVAC installation schedule. It was explained that engineering is underway it is anticipated to be late spring into early summer, which will impact use. It was noted that it is the Town's responsibility to keep the building safe and the group will be given advance notice when the building will have work done. Controls on building use, keys and other regulations will be implemented going forward. Key management was briefly reviewed. Lesley Kowalczyk was thanked for her patience with this process. *Motion made by Member Hoyt to approve use of Memorial School Tuesday, Thursday, Sundays from 6pm to 8pm from April 4, 2019 to June 30, 2019, second by Member Blanchard. Vote: unanimous.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Adams Board of Health, Chair David Rhoads: Dr. Rhoads gave the Board a quarterly report and advised that the Board of Health is preparing recommendations for public health for the next year.

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He pointed out that one item is cleaning up the town, and he showed a bag of trash that he picked up on the way into the building for the meeting. There will be promotions on Facebook and at public locations about cleaning up the town. He advised there was a Board of Health meeting today and the crisis issue for people is stepping over dog feces on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. Prevention and enforcement were discussed. He advised that great ideas were brought up and will come forward in the future. He noted there is a 6% tax benefit from rentals, which are a public health issue. He explained that it would be good if the Board of Health and Building Commissioner had oversight on the codes being enforced and regulated. He pointed out he tried to make the budget for Fiscal Year 2020 reasonable and will report out at the Budget Meeting tomorrow. He expressed the need to regularize the board processes and to review the fee schedule. Board Members advised that April 22nd is Earth Day and a suggestion was made to gather Boy Scouts to pick up around town. It was noted that it is difficult to get people to dispose of litter properly. The Board of Health was commended for beginning to come forward quarterly with a report and other Boards were also invited to do the same to keep communication open and build good relationships between boards.

Approval of Application for Class I Auto Sales License, B + B Micro Manufacturing, Inc., 201 Howland Avenue, Adams MA: Town Administrator Green advised that the applicants came in for meeting and requested a postponement while waiting for one document. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to table the application for the Class I Auto Sales License for B+B Micro Manufacturing, Inc, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.***

Appointment of Temporary Electrical Inspector, Todd Rhinemiller: Both primary and secondary Inspectors are taking vacation at the same time and this appointment will assure continued service for the month of May. The Building Commissioner confirmed that all licensing requirements are in place. ***Motion made by Member Hoyt to ratify the appointment of Temporary Electrical Inspector Todd Rhinemiller for the month of May, second by Member Bush. Vote: unanimous.***

Resolution Adopting the Adams Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan: Town Administrator Green advised that Senior Planner Towle requested a postponement for a more comprehensive presentation. Chairman Duval asked that the Senior Planner and others involved be invited to the meeting for discussion or questions. ***Motion made by Member Blanchard to table the Resolution Adopting the Adams Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.***

Facility Use Requests: *Adams Memorial School, Berkshire Mountaineers Girls Basketball*, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. from April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 on Monday and Wednesday, and *Adams Memorial School, Northern Berkshire Hurricane Youth Lacrosse*, Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for evening practice from April 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019. It was noted that the requests to use the Adams Memorial School Gymnasium were for the same time periods. Alternate use schedules were suggested. It was noted that there was damage to the floor last season from lacrosse as the flooring is designed for basketball. The cost to the Town to refinish the floor was \$2000 after lacrosse last year. Discussion took place about whether rubber lacrosse balls cause damage to the floor. A suggestion was made to table the requests to allow for communication with the two parties involved regarding schedules. The warmer weather may deter a conflict if the groups are able to go outside. ***Motion made by Member Nowak to table the two requests, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.***

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Set Town Meeting Date and Open Warrant: *Town Administrator Green* advised that June 24, 2019^h was the suggested date for Town Meeting, and the warrant would be open until April 17, 2019. ***Motion made by member Blanchard to set the Town Meeting Date for June 24, 2019 and to open the Town Meeting Warrant from April 3, 2019 to close April 17, 2019, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: unanimous.***

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Counsel Report: *There was no Town Counsel report at this meeting.*

Town Administrator's Report: *Town Administrator Green* thanked everyone for a warm welcome, support and guidance. He advised that he attended the Municipal Managers' meeting, and met with Cheshire Town Administrator St. John IV to work collaboratively with Cheshire. Meetings are being scheduled with the ACRSD Superintendent to stay on top of all items as they come forward. Conversations with Community Development Director Cesan will continue to work together to complete projects and initiatives that had been started.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: *Chairman Duval* advised he attended the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting where there was discussion about the road and bridge projects approved by the MPO for the next several years. He reviewed the status of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail project in Adams spanning to Hodges Cross Road in North Adams. He noted that \$1Million dollars was enough to get the project started but not enough to complete the project. He briefly reviewed the \$5Million plan to resurface the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail by Massachusetts Department of Transportation. He advised that the Route 8 Pavement Rehabilitation will begin in early 2020 from McDonalds south to the Grove Street Bridge. The cost of the \$5.5Million project has increased now to \$6Million. He explained that this is not money from the Town of Adams but federal or state funds. The Town of Adams invests money for engineering and design. He clarified that communities need to do engineering studies with their own funds before they move forward. The project will be moving forward in February 2020. *Vice Chairman Nowak* advised he attended the Conservation Commission meeting where Developer Jeff Cohen got authorization to take down the building in front of the Mill on Hoosac Street. Mr. Cohen will attend a Board meeting to reintroduce himself to the Board and community and to discuss his plans. He advised he attended the Adams Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee meeting and plans are moving ahead. The Committee received a nice contribution of \$1,500 from the Adams Hometown Market and invited anyone interested in assisting with the Celebration to contact the Town Administrator's office. *Member Bush* advised he attended the Council on Aging meeting last week and reported that card making is growing in popularity. He explained they celebrated National Potato Chip Day and on St. Patrick's Day there was good attendance for lunch. Events and meetings were reviewed and Organ Donors will be added in the fall. A farewell party took place for departing staff Eric LaRoche and Dennis Kingsbury. He also announced that Phantom of the Opera tickets are still available. He reported back from the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Committee that Earth Day cleanup will be held on April 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the playground, on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and some of the fields. April 11th there will be a guest speaker from the Conservation Law Foundation. *Chairman Duval* advised the Board of Selectmen has been meeting to review the budget for Fiscal Year 2020 and will meet with the last group tomorrow before voting on the budget. The budget process was briefly reviewed and once the Board votes on the budget it will move forward to the Finance Committee before going to Town Meeting for final approval.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD OF THE ORDER: *Member Hoyt* outlined collaborations with neighboring towns and businesses in the last couple weeks, and described a tour with Crane & Company tour with North Adams. She advised she represented the Board at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition (NBCC) government session with community outreach. She reported that there was a Ribbon Cutting Event at Adams Hometown Market last Friday. She noted that the store has a good feel and their staff had done a wonderful job getting ready. She expressed appreciation to the Town Administrator for the attention given to the building to make sure all inspections were in order. She reported that Saturday will be the five year anniversary at Cutting Edge Fitness from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Board Members are invited to the celebration. She announced that there will be a Pancake Breakfast in Cheshire next weekend. *Vice Chairman Nowak* echoed appreciation for Adams Hometown Market, for the speech made by Chairman Duval and having the new Town Administrator out meeting the public. He advised that there was a correction to a previous statement made and in 2003-2004 Season there was a State Championship also celebrated in Adams for the Nordic Ski Team. *Member Bush* advised that the Hoosac Valley Basketball Team banquet will take place on April 9th at the Cheshire Rod and Gun Club, and tickets are \$20 per person. He advised that NBCC will hold a meeting on April 12th. *Chairman Duval* advised he attended the Crane Stationary North Adams event and praised the very professional employees and leadership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

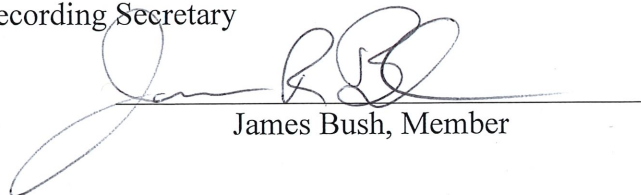
#6. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;

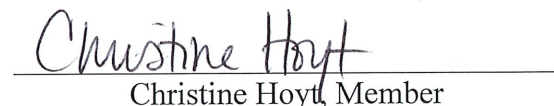
At 7:34 p.m. Motion made by Member Blanchard to enter into Executive Session for Reason #6, second by Member Hoyt. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.

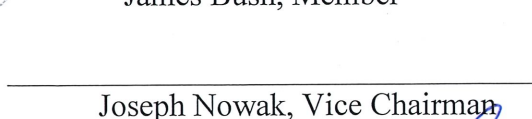
At 8:46 p.m. a Motion made by Member Blanchard to exit the Executive Session, second by Member Bush. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Duval, Vice Chairman Nowak, Members Blanchard, Hoyt and Bush. Motion carried.

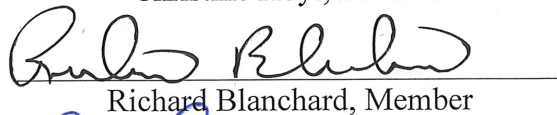
ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Hoyt. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.*

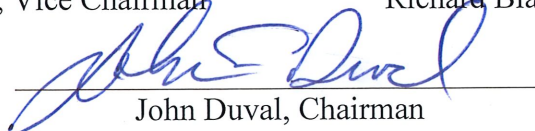
Respectfully Submitted by Deborah J. Dunlap,
Recording Secretary


James Bush, Member


Christine Hoyt, Member


Joseph Nowak, Vice Chairman


Richard Blanchard, Member


John Duval, Chairman