



Town of Adams Massachusetts 01220-2087

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN HALL BUILDING
8 PARK STREET

June 15, 2022, 7:00PM

TOWN HALL, 8 PARK STREET, ADAMS, MA 01220
1st Floor, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 7:00 PM at the Adams Town Hall. Vice Chair Christine Hoyt opened the meeting. Present: Vice Chair Christine Hoyt, and Members Joseph Nowak and Howard Rosenberg. *Chair John Duval and member Richard Blanchard were absent. Town Administrator Jay Green was absent.* Also present were Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary; Edmund St. John, Town Counsel; Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires; Peter Gentile, NBCTC; Kenneth Dedominici, Todd Fiorentino, William Sweeney, and Christin Fetterolf, Applicants; Carol Pasinetti and Scott Lee, Residents of the Town.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: the minutes for the June 1, 2022 Meeting were submitted for approval. *Motion made by Member Rosenberg to waive reading and approve the minutes as written for the June 1, 2022 meeting, seconded by member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. Motion Passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *-There were no comments made by the public.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for Innkeeper License, 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn, LLC located at 17 Commercial street Adams.

The Board Chose to begin new business as they had time before the scheduled time of the first public hearing. The Board invited Mr. Dedominici to come forward and introduce himself to the town. Mr. Dedominici expressed his love for the town and that he was happy to answer any questions. Member Nowak asked if there was plans for other properties owned by Mr. Dedominici and Mr. Dedominici responded that the he was working on them but that they are still in the works. *Motion made by Member Nowak to grant an Innkeeper license to 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn, LLC, located at 17 Commercial Street Adams, Seconded by Member Rosenberg. Vote: unanimous. Motion Passed.*

Application for a Common Victualer License to 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn, LLC, located at 17 Commercial Street Adams

Motion Made by Member Nowak to grant a Common Victualer License to 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn, LLC, located at 17 Commercial Street Adams, Seconded by Member Rosenberg. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Application for a Common Victualer License, Red's Viking Pub, LLC located at 83 Commercial Street Adams

Application for a Weekly Entertainment License, Red's Viking Pub, LLC, located at 83 Commercial Street Adams

Vice Chair Hoyt explained that the applications for these licenses had not made it to the town yet and that the applicants should be allowed to finish their application before the board looks at their case.

Motion Made by Member Rosenberg to table the applications for a Common Victualer License and a Weekly Entertainment License from Red's Viking Pub, LLC, located at 83 Commercial Street Seconded by Member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Approval of the Town Wide Tag Sale, August 13, 2022 from 8 am to 4pm.

Vice Chair Hoyt read a letter from Haley Meczywor that explained the plans for the Tag Sale. The letter explained that the events planning committee had made the application to be part of the Tag Sale widely available, explained the time and date of the event, who was taking care of aspects of the event like advertisements, and asked the board to waive the 7 dollar fee so as to incentive the members of the community to join in the event.

Motion made by Member Rosenberg to approve the Adams Town Wide Tag Sale, August 13, 2022 from 8am to 4pm rain or shine and to waive the 7 dollar tag sale fee seconded by Member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Member Nowak Brought up the concern of traffic and explained that there have been some minor problems in years past. Vice Chair Hoyt responded that it was a good point and noted that she forgot to mention it earlier but that the events planning committee was working with the chief of police to try to alleviate the traffic problems this year.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application for Transfer of All Alcoholic Beverages License from Haflinger Haus Restaurant and Inn, LLC at 17 Commercial Street, Adams to 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn LLC at 17 Commercial Street, Adams, MA. (7:10)

Motion made by Member Nowak to enter Public Hearing seconded by Member Rosenberg. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

The board invited Mr. Dedominici to come before the board again. Vice Chair Hoyt asked Town Counsel if the application was acceptable and the Town Counsel responded that he found no issues with it. Member Nowak asked if Mr. Dedominici had worked

with alcohol in a business before. Mr. Dedominici responded that while he has not worked with alcohol he has had restaurants before and has had a lot of experience working in customer service. Mr. Rhodes asked Mr. Dedominici what the visitors of the restaurant can expect to change with the new ownership. Mr. Dedominici responded that while the plans are not finalized he has a lot of ideas on how to open up the space to create a more inviting atmosphere and how he plans to use social media to give the patrons updates on the location. There were no more questions from those present.

Motion made by Member Nowak to close Public Hearing seconded by Member Rosenburg. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Member Nowak to grant the Transfer of All Alcoholic Beverages License from Haflinger Haus Restaurant and Inn, LLC at 17 Commercial Street, Adams to 17 Commercial Street Restaurant and Inn LLC at 17 Commercial Street, Adams, seconded by Member Rosenburg.

The Board expressed their thanks and gratitude for to Mr. Dedominici for working with the Board on the process and wished him the best of luck.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Application for a Seasonal All-Alcoholic Beverages License, Poseidon Coffee, 3 Hoosac Street Adams, MA. (7:20)

Vice Chair Hoyt began by explaining that Mr. Fiorentino had come before the Licensing Sub-Committee previously. The board invited Mr. Fiorentino to come before the board and share his story and reason for application. Mr. Fiorentino, began by explaining that he had started working at the kiosk last summer and that he thought that it was a very successful venture. He explained that he felt the next step for creating an atmosphere would be to proceed Irish Coffees or a glass of wine. Member Nowak asked the Town Counsel for his opinion on the application. Town Counsel explained that the application is legal because the property is technically private property since the town is leasing the property. The applicant would need to and had provided specific plans for where those partaking in the beverages would need to be well defined and clearly marked. Town Counsel explained if the application was to be approved that there would need to be adjustments made on to the current lease agreement to ensure that the town would not be held liable in the event of an accident. Member Nowak expressed that he was not in favor of this idea as he felt the location should be seen as more of a park. Mr. Fiorentino explained that there has been alcohol served there before and that there are other parks where alcohol is served like the North Adams baseball field. Member Rosenburg expressed he was in favor of the idea saying he saw this as more a cultural endeavor and an increase of the town atmosphere. Mr. Fiorentino expressed that with applications like this the application should be seen as approving the person not the product and then explained that he was someone that is prepared to do this. Vice Chair Hoyt asked town counsel what the difference was between the season and the regular All-Alcohol licenses were. Town counsel responded that it was a timing thing and that seasonal ones did not count against the total licenses available. Vice Chair Hoyt expressed that she would like

to see the servers take a few more classes to make sure that they are prepared for the work. Those included classes on crowd control, and TIPS certification. Mr. Fiorentino responded that he would be happy to comply and have his servers take those classes. He also said that the classes would be beneficial, he mentioned that when he received his bartender certification that this was described as best practices. Vice Chair Hoyt explained her concern was that with the coffee being homemade it would be hard to do crowd control while also making these drinks and think it would be better to have two people working so that watching the people would come easier. Vice Chair Hoyt asked if there was any plan with the hours of the serving alcohol. Mr. Fiorentino answered that he would just follow whatever the town rules were. Member Nowak asked if he would be using the restrooms of the visitor center. Mr. Fiorentino answered that he would as it would already in the lease agreement. Member Nowak expressed concerns and reiterated his point he thinks it should be a considered a public place and not be allowed. Member Rosenberg expressed that this would be a great opportunity to provide people a real artisan experience for the town and its visitors that will attract people to the town. Member Rosenberg also explained that if this could be seen as a test run and if it doesn't work out than the town would not have to renew the license. Miss Pasinetti asked how the process of the lease agreement renegotiation would go. Town Counsel responded that the town would make the adjustments to the lease if this license was approved but that it would wait until all the other steps were completed. Mr. Rhodes asked if the there has been demand for these products. Mr. Fiorentino explained that there has, highlighted by a time he shared a Facebook post about it and the post getting a lot of traction. Mr. Lee asked how many people get more than one cup of coffee when visiting the kiosk and Mr. Fiorentino responded that it is very rare that people do. Mr. Lee then asked if it was likely that people would get more than one cup of alcoholic coffee and Mr. Fiorentino again responded that it would be quite rare. Mr. Lee expressed that he saw no problem with the business if this was the case.

Motion made by Member Rosenberg to close Public Hearing seconded by Member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Vice Chair Hoyt asked if the board of the Mr. Fiorentino if they would like to have the application tabled until there is a fuller board. All were okay with voting that night.

Motion made by Member Rosenberg to grant the application for a Seasonal All-Alcoholic Beverages License, Poseidon Coffee, 3 Hoosac Street Adams, MA.

Vice Chair Hoyt asked for the motion to be amended to include the following conditions:

1. Mr. Fiorentino receive his TIPS certification
2. Mr. Fiorentino receive his crowd manager certification
3. A new lease gets put forward dependent on if Mr. Fiorentino gets the license
4. Changes to the application that reflect the information from the police chief
5. To be include the town on liquor liability insurance

Member Rosenberg amended the motion to grant the application for a Seasonal All-Alcoholic Beverages License with conditions to Poseidon Coffee, 3 Hoosac Street Adams, MA.

Member Nowak proposed another condition that when serving alcohol to require there to be two people working. Member Rosenberg chose not to amend the motion and add the condition because he did not want to put too much hardship on the business. Vice Chair Hoyt strongly recommended that there be two people working any time there is a planned event near the location.

Vote: Vice Chair Hoyt and Member Rosenberg vote affirmative, Member Nowak vote oppose, 2-1. Motion Passed.

Application for transfer of All Alcoholic-Beverages License from Commercial Street Café, Inc. dba Viking Pub, 83 Commercial Street, Adams to Red's Viking Pub, LLC, 83 Commercial Street, Adams MA, (7:30pm intended start time 8:10pm actual start time)

Motion made by Member Nowak to enter Public Hearing seconded by Member Rosenberg. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

The Board invited the applicants to step forward and introduce themselves to the board and the community.

Ms. Fetterolf started by explaining how she and her partner got to the Berkshires after retiring and moving during Covid. She explained that she became friends with the owner and the customers. The current owner was looking to sell and the applicants felt like it made sense for them to try it. Mr. Nowak asked if there was a plan to change anything. Ms. Fetterolf responded that there would be some small changes with the example being more hours and an inhouse food option but that they wanted to keep the larger business model intact. Member Rosenberg welcomed them to the town and said he liked their story. Vice Chair Hoyt asked town counsel if the application looked in order. Town Counsel responded that he thought it was acceptable. Mr. Rhodes asked if there was going to be a new sign to replace the current damaged one. Ms. Fetterolf announced that there was going to be a new updated sign to reflect the new ownership.

Motion made by Member Rosenberg to close Public Hearing seconded by Member Nowak. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the Application for transfer of All Alcoholic-Beverages License from Commercial Street Café, Inc. dba Viking Pub, 83 Commercial Street, Adams to Red's Viking Pub, LLC, 83 Commercial Street, Adams MA, seconded by Member Rosenberg. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Annual Appointments (see attached)

Vice Chair Hoyt read aloud the list of appointments and how long they would be serving.

Motion made by Member Nowak to approve the names listed for certain departments or offices for the town of Adams as was written terms that were signified during the reading of the names seconded by Member Rosenburg. Vote: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Annual Ratification (see attached)

Vice Chair Hoyt read aloud the list of ratifications and how long they would be serving.

Motion made by Member Rosenburg to approve the annual ratification as presented to the Select Board, seconded by Member Nowak. Vote: unanimous. Motion Passed.

SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIASON REPORTS:

Member Nowak explained that he attended a Parks meeting and concluded that the town needs more fields.


Member Rosenburg gave an update on the board of health and explained that they were currently looking at what the next steps to Covid preventions should be.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Vice Chair Hoyt announced that there would be a ribbon cutting on June 16th to unveil the new incubator space on park street. She also announced that there was going to be an event on June 24 to recognize the Lions Club donation to Russell Field. It was also announced that the coffee in the court was going to begin again with the first one being the 23rd of June.

With no further business before the Board, Member Rosenburg made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM, seconded by Member Nowak – Unanimous.

Isaiah Moore,
Recording Secretary



Joseph Nowak, Member

Richard Blanchard, Member



Christine Hoyt, Vice Chairperson



Howard Rosenburg, Member

John Duval, Chairperson

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F. Annual Appointments

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| a. American with Disabilities Coordinator: | Jay R. Green | |
| b. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: | Michael Mach | |
| c. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: | John Duval (alternate) | |
| d. Board of Survey: (architect member) | Brian Eseppe | |
| e. Council on Aging: | Barbara Fiske | |
| | Robert Joppich | |
| | Barbara Lagowski | |
| | Elizabeth Mach | |
| | Leona Meczywor | |
| | Aleta Moncecchi | |
| | Pamela St. John | |
| | Bruce Shepley | |
| | Mary Whitman | |
| f. Conservation Commission: | David Lipinski | (3-year term) |
| | Steve Melito | (3-year term) |
| g. Constable: | Herman Bishop | |
| | Thomas Satko | |
| h. Cultural Council of Northern Berkshires: | George LeMaitre | |
| (Do not re-appoint - terms expires 2024) | Erica Wall | |
| i. Fair Housing Officer: | Eammon Coughlin | |
| j. Fence Viewer: | Susan Denault | |
| | Andrew Goyette | |
| | Timothy Ziemba | |
| k. Hazardous Waste Coordinator: | Timothy Cota | |
| l. Measurer of Wood & Bark: | Bruce Shepley | |
| m. Mt. Greylock Advisory Board: | Timothy Herrmann | |

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- n. Preservation Officer:** Eugene Michalenko
- o. Registrar of Voters:** John J. Tarsa (3-year term)
- p. Right to Know Coordinator (Haz Mat):** Jay R. Green
- q. Special Police Officers:** David Dean
Timothy Sorrell
Scott McWhirt
- r. Town Counsel:** Edmund R. St. John, III
- s. Town Scholarship Committee:** George Haddad
Haley Meczywor
Kelly Rice
Ashley Satko
Chrissy Satko
- t. Traffic Commission:** Timothy Cota (DPW)
Lisa Gazaille (Planning Board)
Scott Kelley (Police Department)
Gregory Onorato (citizen)
Thomas Satko (citizen)
- u. Trench Board:** Timothy Cota
Gerald Garner
Robert Wojcik
- v. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Glendon Diehl (3-year term)
Raymond Gargan (3-year term)
David Rhinemiller (alternate)

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G. Annual Ratifications:

a. Department of Inspectional Services:

Gas Plumbing & Appliance Inspector:	Norman Rolnick
Assistant Gas Plumbing & Appliance Inspector:	Michael Lahey
Plumbing Inspector:	Norman Rolnick
Wire Inspector:	David Rhinemiller
Local Building Inspector:	Mark Kruzel