

TOWN OF MADISON - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Inhabitants of the Town of Madison are hereby notified of a public meeting,
The time, place and purpose of which are as follows:

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OLD POINT AVENUE FACILITY, 108 OLD POINT AVENUE, MADISON
Monday, April 28, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Paul Fortin, Bruce Bristow and Cyp Johnson.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #67 (3/24/14), #68 (3/24/14), #69 (3/31/14), #70 (4/14/14), Payroll Registers: Week #13 (3/27/14), #14 (4/3/14), #15 (4/10/14), #16 (4/17/14) and #17 (4/24/14). Selectman Bristow made a motion to accept the warrants and payroll registers. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Discuss Project Certification which authorizes Glenn Conners to make applications for financial assistance on behalf of Abnaki Sno Riders. Selectman Bristow made a motion to authorize the project certification to Glenn Conners. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss meeting minutes of April 14 and April 16, 2014. Selectman Bristow made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction: April 14 – page 2 the paragraph above #3 public works, the amount of \$17,700 should be changed to \$16,700. It was a mistake in math. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. Town Manager gave copy of letter from Somerset County – scheduling a District 2 caucus to fill a vacancy on the county budget committee. Nomination meeting on May 5. Town Manager plans to attend.
 - 2. Smoking on the playground is an on-going issue. Town Manager gave the Board a handout on a proposed policy.
 - 3. Madison Business Alliance is interested in putting up 20 banners on the utility poles along Main Street from the traffic light down to the railroad tracks. They are requesting that the Town purchase the mounting brackets – cost not to exceed \$2,000.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. Discussion with SAD 59 regarding bus funding. At the last budget committee meeting, the school discussed asking the Town to loan the SAD \$170,000 to purchase two buses this year. Superintendent Todd LeRoy was present to discuss the schools request. Fund balance will need to be used to keep the school budget down. The school has been approved to purchase up to three buses. The term of the repayment was discussed. The Town buys the buses, the next year with reimbursement from aid from the state, they pay us back. Mr. LeRoy would like to pay back one bus and have the other as a rolling fund to purchase buses for the next 6, 8 – 10 years and then make the final payment back to the Town. The school would need to establish a reserve fund to purchase future buses from state reimbursement/budgeted revenue. Mr. LeRoy thinks the schools fund balance will be approximately \$320,000 at year end. Because the State approved SAD 59 for three buses, purchasing

three buses was discussed. Selectman Bristow made a motion to add a warrant article to the Town Meeting Warrant requesting three buses. Selectman Fortin seconded. Funds (\$255,000 for three) to come out of surplus. Motion carries.

2. Discuss and approve non-monetary items for Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Bristow made a motion to approve Articles 1 and 2. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve Article 14 at \$600,000. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried – four in favor, one opposed – Selectman Bristow. Selectman Bristow made a motion to approve Articles 15 through 28, Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried. The Town Manager will add two more articles – school bus purchases and a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).
 3. Update on Property Maintenance Ordinance. We've got judgment on four properties: 24 Otter Road, 51 John Street, 84 Pine Street, and the MV Block (burned out). We're taking 51 John Street back for contempt of court because they haven't cleaned it up. We've got an attachment on the Robbin's property for failure to pay fines. We've sent notices and are waiting on court dates on 7 other properties. Selectman Ducharme would like to be kept apprised of these properties on a quarterly basis. He also asked if there was anything missing or needing strengthening in our ordinance to make the job easier.
 4. Review 2014-2015 budget (expenses, revenues, capitol). Changes to the Police Department budget in the payroll lines were noted – for a revised total of \$532,000. Town Manager reported that expenses to date are down \$203,000 from last year. Revenues are \$853,000 which is \$96,000 more than last year.
 5. Discuss open and closed cemeteries. Town Manager has had a request to purchase a lot in the Kincaid Cemetery. We do not have good records on what lots may be available for sale in our older cemeteries. We haven't sold any lots in these cemeteries for a long, long time. He would like the Board to support only selling lots out of the Forest Hill Cemetery. Selectman Fortin made a motion to sell lots only out of the Forest Hills Cemetery. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
 6. Tax-acquired property. Town Manager said we have 4 – 6 properties that we may have to dispose of. He is working to collect the taxes on a few of them. Town Manager would like Board approval to proceed with going to auction on these properties if necessary. Selectman Johnson made a motion to go to auction on up to seven tax-acquired properties. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- H. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Fortin had none. Selectman Johnson asked about the office help. Town Manager is hoping to make an offer by the end of the week. Selectman Bristow asked about the natural gas conversion at MPI. Town Manager said it was up and running as of April 14th. Selectman Ducharme asked where we were at on Weston Avenue. Town Manager said we got the report back on the asbestos and lead. A bid package should be going out in the next few days.
- I. Citizen's Concerns. None.
- J. Executive Session to update the Board on labor negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(d). Selectman Fortin made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Johnson seconded. The Board went into executive session at 8:24 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. No action taken.
- K. Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(a). Selectman Bristow made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Fortin seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:53 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:23 p.m. No action taken.
- L. Adjournment. Selectman Fortin made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Bristow seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.