

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/ADVISORY BOARD**  
**OLD POINT AVENUE FACILITY, MADISON, MAINE**  
**April 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM**

A. Roll Call. Present were Jack Ducharme, Mike Edgerly, Paul Fortin, Cyp Johnson and Albert Veneziano. Advisory Board members: Calvin Ames, Robin Dimock, Jeff Drew, Jim Ireland, Louis Milton Jr, Ronald Moody, Kenneth Moore, Lewis Oulette, Roger Sabourin, Robin Turek and Cathy Wilson.

Town Manager gave an update for those Advisory Board members who were not present for the first budget meeting. He reported that he, Bill VanTuinen, and Skowhegan Town Manager have introduced emergency legislation to allow the State to use our current valuation. If it passes, it will not help us in this budget cycle but will help next year.

B. Operational Budgets:

- 1. Community Service: Community Programs/Contract Services (35-01);** Town Manager Curtis explained that he reduced all community service organization requests by 5%. With regard to Hospice Volunteers, Town Manager made no recommendation as he has a conflict of interest – he's President of the Board of Directors for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. Selectman Edgerly made a motion to recommend \$80,485. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Town Manager explained programs: 1) Tree Warden: Road Commissioner is our Tree Warden - no stipend budgeted and bulk of tree work will be done this year; 2) Curbside recycling - budget reduced by 5%; 3) Misc Government expenses are down 5% (A question was raised with flags for the American Legion – can it be cut? Town Manager to find out.); 4) General Assistance reduced to \$15,000. Motion carried. Advisory Board – Calvin Ames made a motion to recommend \$80,485. Roger Sabourin seconded. Motion carried. **Library (35-05);** Town Manager Curtis stated that savings was primarily in heating fuel. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to recommend \$102,730. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Advisory Board: Roger Sabourin made a motion to recommend \$102,730. Jeff Drew seconded. Motion carried. **Service Organizations (35-10);** Town Manager reviewed requests from organizations with both boards. He recommended a 5% cut. Board discussed not funding those organizations least impacted by our contribution. Selectman Fortin made a motion to recommend \$13,300 (Madison-Anson Senior Citizens - \$4,500; Somerset Humane Society - \$7,300 and Hospice Volunteers - \$1,500). Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried. Advisory Board: Roger Sabourin made a motion to recommend \$13,300. Jeff Drew seconded. The Advisory Board asked the Town Manager to write these agencies explaining the lack of funding. Motion carried.
- 2. Town Owned Property-Old Point Avenue (40-01); Main Street Building (40-02); Weston Avenue (40-10).** Selectman Edgerly made a motion to recommend \$23,400. Selectman Fortin seconded. Town Manager explained that the largest savings to Old Point Avenue is in heating fuel. The other savings is that we only have one tenant – Channel 11. The parking lot/playground budget includes maintenance, inspection of equipment and portable toilets. The Weston Avenue Ice Rink budget includes electricity and water, repairs to the building. Motion carried. Advisory Board: Roger Sabourin made a motion to recommend \$23,400. Jeff Drew seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Capital Expenditures.** Town Manager Curtis said that he has not budgeted for any capital projects. Highway will be working on River Road and Old County Road (funds to be paid from TIF). Town Manager discussed the possibility of borrowing from the Line of Credit and recommended three ideas: 1) borrow up to \$300,000, put that same amount of money in the Capital expenditure budget; 2) wait until closer to Town Meeting and place article on Town Meeting Warrant that asks for \$300,000; or 3) wait until doing the commitment and factor in overlay (up to 5% of amount to be raised by taxation). Selectman Ducharme stated that one of the Credit terms is a two year interest only period. Once our valuation stabilizes, we could pay back the loan. The Board prefers to use overlay to make up that interest payment. Ken Moore thought the people should see it in the budget. The Board discussed putting in an article for \$10,000 for interest payment for the Line of Credit. Town Manager said we could put it in the capital line. Selectman Fortin made a motion to put \$10,000 into the Capital budget for interest payment on possible borrowing of \$300,000 from the Line of Credit. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Selectman Ducharme suggested putting it in line 60-03 Administrative expenses. Motion carried. Advisory Board – Calvin Ames made a motion to recommend \$10,000 in Administrative capital. Roger Sabourin seconded. Motion carried.
- 4. Public Safety (05-03);** Advisory Board wanted to make a recommendation on Public Safety. The Selectmen had recommended \$481,000 on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Calvin Ames made a motion to recommend \$569,845 for the Police Department giving the voters a choice at Town Meeting. Jeff Drew seconded. Motion carried.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.