

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**  
**Monday June 22, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Nominations and vote for Board Chair/Vice Chair. Selectman Ducharme nominated Albert Veneziano to be Board Chair for the coming year. Selectman Fortin seconded. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to cease nominations. Motion carried. Selectman Fortin nominated Jack Ducharme to serve as Vice Chair. Selectman Johnson seconded. No other nominations. Motion carried.
- C. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Paul Fortin, Cyp Johnson and Mike Edgerly.
- D. Consent Agenda.
- Warrants dated: #39 (06/02/15 - \$61,687.91), #40-Library (06/02/15 - \$1,733.84); Payroll Registers #23 (06/04/15 - \$17,446.78); #24 (06/11/15 - \$35,286.20). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the warrants. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of May 14, 2015 and June 2, 2015. The Board also reviewed the Town Meeting minutes of June 8, 2015. No motion or second was made. The Board approved the minutes all in favor.
- F. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- G. Items of Communication.
1. Ella VanHusen sent a thank you card for the dedication of the Town Report and ceremony to honor the late Carl VanHusen.
  2. LD 281 is moving slowly – no update.
  3. Town Manager, Selectman Ducharme met with Russ Drechsel of Madison Paper on Friday. Had a good conversation regarding the future of the mill: 1) fight for lower energy costs, 2) continue efforts between the Commerce Dept and the Canadian Government – to issue tariff's and duties against Port Hawksbury, and 3) adjust their products to remain competitive.
  4. Regarding broadband Internet throughout the area, Fairpoint is working on expanding their area (not by geographic coverage, but rather focusing on population areas first).
  5. IT costs for internet and technology were discussed - \$6,000 in computer upgrades; \$9,500 to re-wire the Town Office for phone/internet service; \$5,600 was spent at Highway; IT maintenance was \$5,000.
  6. Using the ice rink area for volley ball courts and horseshoe pits were discussed. We received a grant from New Balance Foundation to pay for this work. We're looking to have it done by first of August.
  7. East Madison Boat Landing – Town Manager has scheduled a site visit.
  8. KVCOG fees were discussed – they will revisit fees which are based on valuation. Selectman Ducharme agreed to be the Town's representative for their general assembly (one meeting each year).
  9. Bill VanTuinen gave the Town Manager an update on the CMP Substation on East Madison Road. He has put a valuation on that property for this year at \$13,000,000. He says CMP will contest that figure as being too high.
  10. Department Head reports – Board agreed to keep reports to a monthly basis.
  11. Crosswalks – Road Commissioner has been having a hard time getting the crosswalks and parking spaces painted. We hope to have them done by the end of June.
  12. Putting up American flags on utility poles outside the downtown area was discussed. Town Manager to look into it.

13. Checkbook balance is \$1.1 million. TIF balance is \$496,000 before transfers - \$300,000 after transfers.

#### H. New Business.

1. Discuss Town Manager Search. Selectman Edgerly made a motion to hire Tim Curtis as Town Manager at a salary of \$65,000 with benefits based upon the Town of Madison Personnel Policy. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried.
  2. Discuss Joint Committee with Madison Business Alliance. Rhonda Emerson, President of the Business Alliance asked for a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to gather ideas and to form an Economic Development Committee to work with Economic Developer. Lack of move-in ready retail office space is one concern. Business would like to see the return of the matching grant program if possible. Going about promoting the Town's "Business Friendly" status was also mentioned.
  3. Update on Mowing Contracts. Town Manager talked about getting our money back from Maine Property Services (\$3,500). Board suggested having him served. Forest Hills mowing – Dan McKenney will mow the cemetery for the remainder of the mowing season at a per mow rate. Bob Bishop will mow the rest of the cemeteries. Total cost will be approximately \$2,250/mow. Town Owned properties are now caught up. Mike Ricker, Cemetery Sexton will do a monthly inspection of all cemeteries. He expressed an interest in mowing cemeteries. Mike Ricker is quoting, section by section, to treat the grubs causing dead grass, put in new seed and sod and setting stones. Town Manager spoke with Chris LeBlanc about consolidating Town owned properties with the school, with a contribution, would the crew at the school include the Preble Avenue ball fields, Thomas Street field and other town properties.
  4. Update Police Transition. Developing a contract was discussed – Sheriff Lancaster provided a sample contract for review and discussion. The process for transitioning the employees has begun. Mentioning cruisers in the contract was suggested.
  5. Discuss Tax Acquired Property. 170 Old Point Avenue – the family is planning to pay back all the back taxes by June 29<sup>th</sup>. 400 Main Street has been secured by Highway – the family has abandoned the property. The property is in disrepair. RFP to purchase and rehab was discussed. Tearing the building down and selling the property was discussed. The Board agreed to have the Town Manager talk with some contractors, do a walk through, to see if any interest in rehab. If not, price to demo it.
  6. Review Assessing Contract. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the contract for assessing services as provided and direct the Town Manager to sign the contract with Shirley Bartlett of Bartlett Assessing Services. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
  7. Review and sign Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to sign the Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants Policy. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
  8. Discuss budget adjustments (Carry Forward Amounts). Town Manager proposed carrying forward some capital funds, admin, legal, mowing, cemetery maintenance, highway road painting and winter sand.
  9. Discuss meeting dates through end of year. The Board agreed with the schedule.
- I. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Edgerly had no concerns. Selectman Fortin asked about having a automated phone system. Selectman Johnson asked about property on the East Madison Road. Selectman Ducharme asked about a goal session at the next meeting. Putting a crosswalk on Main Street between Campbells and Reny's, eliminating the crosswalks by Camden National and One Madison Avenue.

- J. Citizen's Concerns. Kathleen Edgerly asked about complaints of banners on the fence in East Madison. A location for posting notices was discussed. Town Manager to investigate.
- K. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A). Selectman Fortin made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Edgerly seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:52 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m.
- L. Adjournment. Selectman Fortin made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.